Parental Engagement Conference, 9:15am – 1:15pm, Monday 5th December

Supporting schools in their approaches to parental engagement to address barriers to participation.

*Please note: This event is open to schools throughout the UK but part-funded for Hertfordshire schools HCC Coming Back Stronger support. The cost to Hertfordshire schools is £49 per school (rather than per delegate)

Conference outline

This event will provide the opportunity for school leaders to

- 1. explore the links between parental engagement and participation and pupil progress and attainment
- 1. explore the idea of effective parental engagement and the barriers to participation for some parents.
- 2. gain strategies and tools to support schools to reshape their approaches to parental engagement.

Event programme

Session 1

Dr Janet Goodall, Professor in the Department of Education and Childhood studies, Swansea University.

'Parental engagement beyond the pandemic'

This session will explore:

- 1. The research evidence on the impact of parental engagement
- 2. What gets in the way of effective parental engagement?
- 1. How schools can use the skills they already have to develop better parental engagement

Session 2

Selina Rice, Parentkind

Parentkind will be providing a workshop format session to explore:

- 1. Importance and impact of home-school partnerships
- 2. How to engage hard-to-reach parents
- 3. How to cultivate an environment which nurtures parental participation
- 4. Case studies and shared experiences from senior leaders and teachers in other schools.

It is suggested that school leaders invite a member of their parent community to attend the conference with them, which could be a Parent Governor, as well as another member of their senior leadership team.

To book, please visit the HFL CPD HUB: course code: CON/22/708/A

Free Parentkind training offer

HFL Education are offering up to 10 fully funded places on the Parentkind online "Masterclass: Whole School Approach to Parental Participation" to Hertfordshire schools taking take in this conference. Places will be available on a first come first served basis and limited to one participant per school. Those who take up this offer will be asked to form a support hub for Hertfordshire school leaders to effect ongoing parental engagement support.

For all conference booking enquiries, please contact the HFL Education events team at training@hfleducation.org