

FILTON AVENUE
PRIMARY SCHOOL

**Community
Partnership**



The Change

Parents and carers have a vital role to play, not only in their own child's achievement, but also in the life of the school and the well-being of its pupils.

Community Partnership is an established medium of communication between yourselves and the school, we believe this places a greater emphasis on the importance of our whole community (parents, carers, friends and family members).

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our meetings. The meetings are held every term and we will vary the times and days of future meetings and to give more parents and carers the chance to attend.

What is Community Partnership?

The Community Partnership is an open and informal opportunity for members of the school community to engage in discussion about the school and contribute to decision-making.

- As a parent/carer you automatically become part of our Community Partnership; this is an essential link to Filton Avenue's continuing success.
- You will be a 'listening ear' to Filton Avenue's Leadership Team, as well as providing advice to the school and Governors on how Filton Avenue should move forward.
- We will schedule termly meetings at a range of different times, and on different days of the week, so that as many people as possible can attend.
- The meetings will last about one hour and light refreshments will be provided.
- Unfortunately, we cannot provide crèche facilities, but parents/carers with children are welcome to attend.
- If you would like to attend then you simply come along to as many meetings as you can; there is no requirement to attend all the meetings.
- An agenda will be set for each meeting by the Leadership Team, taking in to consideration expressions of interest, as requested at previous meetings.
- Minutes of the meetings will be shared via the school's website and Facebook.

The Vision

As a member of the Community Partnership you will have the chance to:

- Be a part of a constructive process with which the school's leadership team can consult the wider school community.
- Learn more about what Filton Avenue is doing and what it intends to do in the future.
- Shape the agenda for each meeting.
- Bring your own ideas along to the meetings and help us improve on what we do at present.
- Meet different members of school staff and hear what they have to say about the areas they lead.
- Meet other members of the school community.
- Learn about ways in which you can further support your child(ren) and their learning.

My Role, My Background, My Vision

As an Assistant Headteacher, I want to make the school the 'Life Force of the Community'. I want it to be a place where parents can come to talk, discuss, evaluate, create opportunities and help drive and support the future for our school.

My role, Community Partnership Lead, is to build strong relationships with the parents, grandparents and carers within our community. To build links with outside agencies, so they are helping and having an impact on school life.

We want to create opportunities for experiences, not only for the children associated with Filton Avenue but also the adults.

We will be organizing and supporting of FFA with events, we will support outside agencies to build a stronger community, we want to encourage greater engagement to all events, we want parents to feel they have a voice and it can be shared with me.

Filton Avenue has been a part of my life, my nan was one of the first pupils through its door back in the 1930s, my mum, aunts have all attended this school and when I discuss the community with them they talk about Horfield and Lockleaze with pride and incredible amount of happy memories and now we want to create brand new and exciting memories for all

Inside and Outside School

Areas of impact and focus:

- Fundraising
- Year calendar of events
- Links and support FFA
- Enterprise Days
- Enquiry – our community will be part of all enquiry topics
- Parent Voice opportunities
- Termly Coffee Mornings
- Our Heritage
- Supporting The Vench
- Links with Love Horfield
- Links with Love Lockleaze
- Links with local businesses
- Links with sport clubs

Term 1 and 2 Events

Upcoming Events

- Macmillan Coffee Morning – Friday 27th September
- Horfield's Got Talent (Supporting Love Horfield Event) – Friday 27th September
- Community Partnership Meeting – 30th September (Lockleaze Road) and 3rd October (Orchard Campus)
- Our Heritage Event – Thursday 24th October
- November Coffee Morning – Friday 8th November
- Remembrance Day Event (Support Love Horfield Event) – Wednesday 13th November
- Children in Need – Friday 15th November
- December Coffee Morning – Date to be confirmed in December
- Food Bank Deposit – Date to be confirmed
- Filton Avenue Winter Fair – Date to be confirmed

FRIENDS OF FILTON AVENUE

Our parent/carer associations, the Friends of Filton Avenue (FFA) and Friends of Filton Avenue Orchard (FFAO) are a great way you can get involved in school life. They are run by parents and carers to raise money for the school and its pupils and to organise social events to which anyone from the school community is invited. Please look out for posters and flyers around the school advertising upcoming events and meetings.

The FFA is always grateful for volunteers. If you are interested in helping at an event or joining a committee please contact the FFA [via the form on our contact page](#), selecting Lockleaze Road or Orchard Campus for the message to be directed to the right place.

This is now a chance for you to share your thoughts and ideas.

If you don't feel confident to speak in front of people then please share your idea on the piece of paper provided.

- **How can we encourage more parents/carers to attend these meetings?**
- **What do you want to see happen in the community?**
- **How can the school help you?**
- **What events would you like to see the school run and organize?**

Questions?