



**To:** Parents and teachers of Grade 4 - 6 learners

**Topic:** Rebooting the system – the importance of parental involvement

**Message Objectives:**

- Promote parent involvement and support
- Help parents understand the impact of being involved in their children's education

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Parental involvement is the active and ongoing participation of a parent or primary caregiver in the education process of their child. When parents are engaged in their children's school lives, children have the home support they need to excel in their studies. Here are the critical aspects that are impacted positively when parents are involved in school activities:

- Increased academic achievement
- Improved classroom behaviour
- Decreases absenteeism
- Overall impact on a child's personality
- Progress in disadvantaged children
- Encourages children to be more involved in many activities
- Improved teacher morale
- Opportunity to ask questions and voice concerns

**How to increase parent involvement**

- Teachers must give parents their contact details. That way, when parent have questions, they'll feel comfortable reaching out.
- Parents must be provided opportunities to take part in activities and assist whenever they can.
- Teachers must share their classroom goals and expectations openly with parents.
- Common challenges that inhibit parent engagement must be addressed immediately.

There are several ways in which parents can contribute at home: reading with children, monitoring and assisting with homework, and discussing school day and events.

N.B Make use of Recovery Annual Teaching Plans and Planners and Trackers. They will help you track curriculum coverage and ensure all key concepts are covered. Here are links:

[PSRIP IP — National Education Collaboration Trust \(nect.org.za\)](https://nect.org.za)

[Recovery ATPs \(Trackers\) — National Education Collaboration Trust \(nect.org.za\)](https://nect.org.za)

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