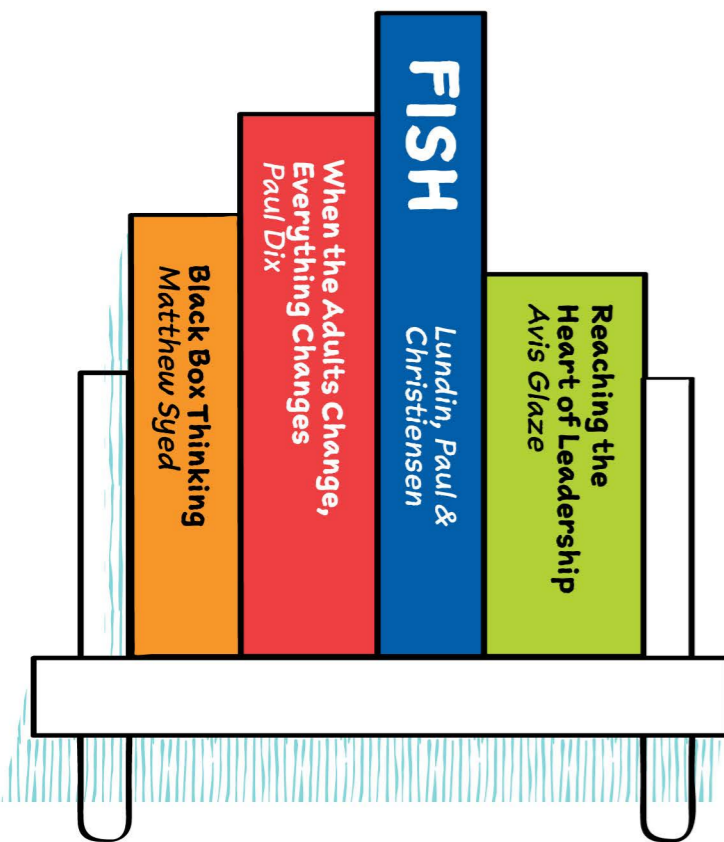


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" WE BUILD RELATIONSHIPS! At St David's we are extremely proud of the strong and trusting relationships that underpin the work of the school. Pupils, teachers, parents, carers and partners talk passionately about the opportunities and support available in the school and our **ASPIRE** school values along with restorative approaches and our 'first attention to best conduct' constantly challenge us to build and sustain positive relationships.



ST DAVID'S
Bookshelf of Reading and Research



Communication with home has long been a strength of the school, enhanced by our Pupil Support Assistants (PSAs) who act as first point of contact for parents and carers and embed the nurturing ethos of the school.



One size fits one! We set out to find out what might work for individual families. Using surveys, phone calls and parental discussions we identified a number of possible learning activities and crucially, what the barriers to attending might be.



Get Going! Parents and young people working together to look at healthy food choices and portion control, as well as joint fitness sessions in the gym.



Learning workshops. Parents identified numeracy, ICT, fitness & swimming and learning a new language as areas of interest.



Raising Teens with Confidence. Our Lifelong Learning and Employability colleagues shared experiences, strategies and research with parents on how best to support young people.



Nurture Base 'Drop ins'. Parents are invited in to meet with staff to discuss progress or homework, for support in accessing services or just for a cup of tea and a chat.



What were the barriers to attending?
Timing. We worked around parental commitments and provided alternatives



- * **Childcare.** Our Childcare N5 students provided crèche facilities on demand.
- * **Transport.** We offered a free pick-up and drop off service to avoid public transport difficulties
- * **Confidence.** For some parents a personal invitation to come and visit can make all the difference. A warm welcome, including tea and a biscuit is always on hand at St David's!

Where are we going next?

We will continue reviewing our learning workshops to make sure we are getting the offer right for all families, increasing opportunities for young people to work alongside their parents/carers and to investigate the skills, talents and experiences that parents could share with the school community.



We want to make sure the literacy, numeracy, health and wellbeing and family learning needs of all our community are being met and to embed family learning within our curriculum. We would like our ASPIRE values to promote a sense of achievement and success far beyond the school walls.

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