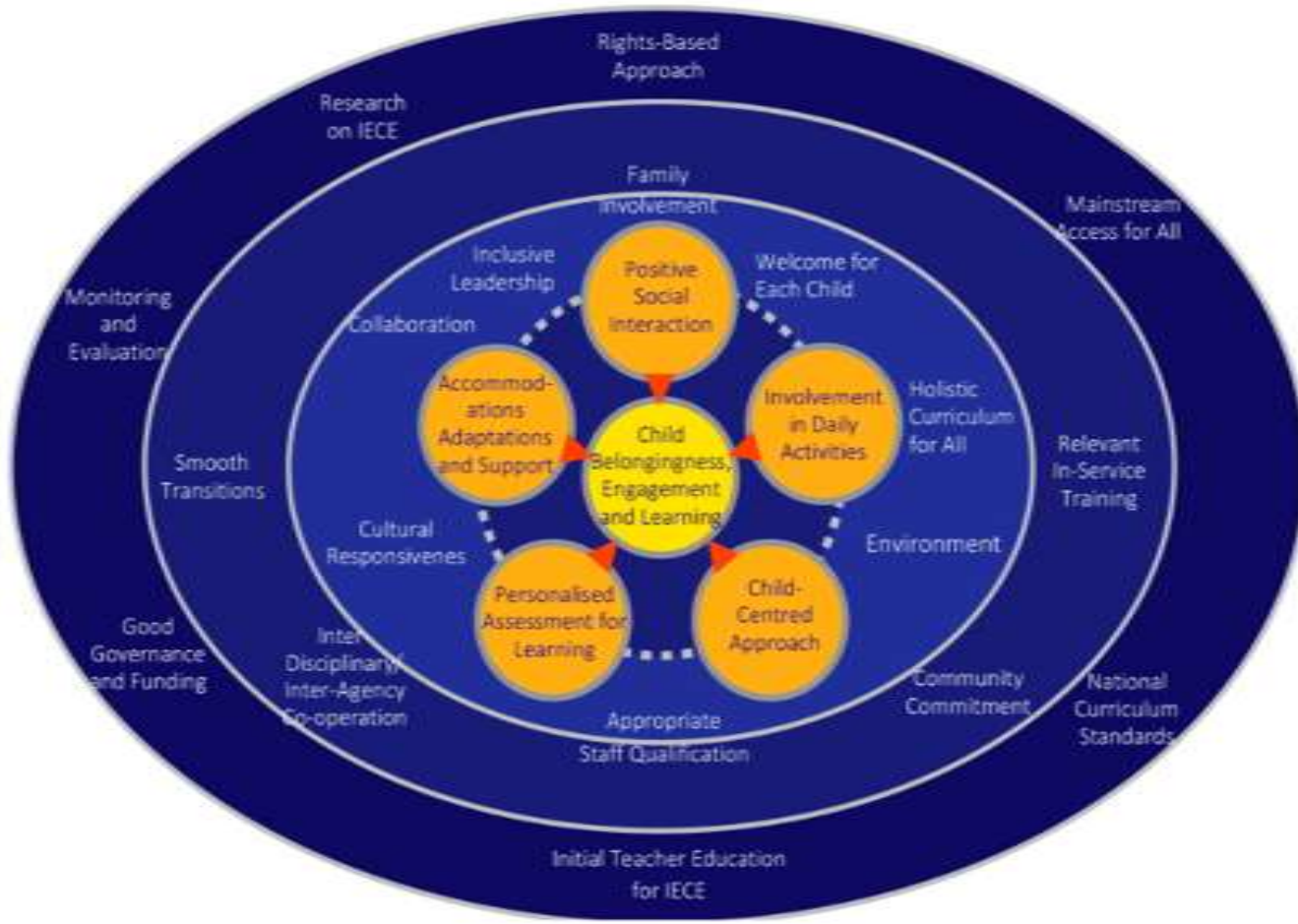

How to promote an inclusive school




Cooperation with parents

- Key component of inclusive education learning does not begin/end in the classroom
- Teachers need to be the **guiding lights** for both students and parents: they should provide information and ideas on **how parents can best assist their child's learning process**
- Make the parents understand that their child's education continues also at home complementary actions

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- Many parents may refuse to recognize the problem
- Even when they recognize the problem, they generally feel lost or confused  they don't know what to do or how they can help
- Some parents believe the school can/must solve all the problems

Family involvement



https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=170&v=C2XQsMNYJDs

Tips from the video

- Treat all parents - both of students with special needs and without - as **equal**.
- Make teachers-family-student meeting by focusing on the **child's abilities**.
- Don't speak about problems: use the term **improvements** instead!
- **Celebrate!**
- Make them understand that you're a team: the **teacher** has to work, the **student** has to work, the **family** has to work.

Examples of good cooperation

- Ask parents for suggestions about what works at home
- Think about the best place where to meet them: is the office the best location?
- Organize different networking moments at school
- Invite other positive family members
- Good communication and regular feedbacks

Suggestions for good cooperation with families

- **Families Liaison Team** → to help parents to gain the right support with everything happens outside the school, and to network and collect informations from people that have different experiences and point of views
- **Open House School**
- **Parent and Teacher meetings/Interactive meetings** → to help parents to collaborate with the teachers in building the educational activities and in reflecting on how to enhance the educational process

Suggestions for good cooperation with families

- **Home school book** → to help the communication between parents and teachers
- **Review meetings**
- **Development meetings** (mentor, student, parents) → to try to find together solutions for issues

Activity

- What can we do in our school to involve parents more?



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