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Maintaining a Home–School Relationship

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It is important to understand that maintaining that connection and building relationships is sometimes hard, but always necessary. The following are some general strategies families can use to establish and maintain a good relationship between home and school:

1. Create a plan for a **communication system** how teachers and family members will use to share information and how specific challenges will be handled.
2. **Get to know** your child’s program and teacher.
3. **Have regular informal meetings** with professionals (e.g., teachers, itinerant specialists, 1:1 aides and other staff).
4. **Be confident** in asking questions and expect answers.
5. Be knowledgeable on your **child’s goals** and how they are being worked on in school.
6. Create a **daily journal** for sharing written comments and concerns for ongoing communication. A binder with your child’s name is a simple tool to use for this communication.
7. Create a **parents’ board** in your child’s classroom to post important information.
8. Be available to **participate in and volunteer** for school activities.
9. Whenever possible, **make yourself available** by phone or text for any last-minute things.
10. **Check your child’s backpack** for important information.
11. **Network** with other family members to communicate and share important information.
12. Understand that it is **important to make the commitment** to follow through on any methods that are decided on to maintain the connection and a good relationship between home and school.