

St. Comgall's Primary School.



A Policy for Home School Liaison

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The general aim of the home / school liaison policy is to improve all aspects of the education of the child, through a positive partnership between parent and teacher.

In response to this general aim a number of objectives follow:

1. The need to foster a critical awareness in both teacher and parent of the importance of the home environment in successful child education.
2. An increase in awareness of the interdependence of the school and the home.
3. An attempt to clarify for parents the values and objectives of formal education at all stages and inform parents of changes and developments in education.
4. The encouragement of an active parental interest in the curriculum and the learning and teaching methods employed.

With mutual involvement and support, negative factors either at home or school may be mitigated and positive factors will be fostered. All contact, formal or otherwise between parent and teacher should provide valuable opportunity for the exchange of accurate information and constructive comment.

As the overall welfare of the child is paramount it is important that all communication should be candid, sincere and take into consideration all relevant aspects. The confidentiality of such exchanges must at all times be respected.

Communication with Parents

The following opportunities will be used to encourage and develop communication with parents

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| 1. Open day for the new intake. | 9. Sports Day. |
| 2. Curriculum meetings. | 10. School Outings. |
| 3. Individual parent / teacher meeting. | 11. School communication with welfare services. |
| 4. Pre-Sacramental meetings | 12. Catholic Schools' week in the school. |
| 5. Prayer services | 13. School website |
| 6. Home works. | 14. Texting/E-mail service |
| 7. Notes - informing the parents of school activities. | |
| 8. Newsletter & Parent Information Sheet | |

Contacts with External Agencies

Apart from the links, which exist between the parents and school, the school also communicates with many external agencies during the course of the year. We regard this as an important aspect of school life. These links are important for the education and welfare of the children in our care.

It is our policy to involve as many external agencies as possible in the running of our school.

Agencies with which the school liaises currently include:

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| Fire Brigade | Belfast International Airport |
| Nurse | E. A. |
| Doctors | Dentists |
| Social Workers | Police |
| Zoo | Banks |
| Road Safety | Shared Education - Schools |
| Nursery School | Secondary Schools |
| Trocaire | Book Club |
| Swimming | Other Schools through sports |
| Theatres | Library |
| Cultra | Farm |
| Newspapers | Peripatetic Service (E.A.) |
| Credit Union | Psychology Service (E.A.) |
| Arts Council | Residential Homes |
| Antrim Borough | Ulster Orchestra |
| Council Forum | Pioneer Total Abstinence Association |
| Antrim Library | R.I.S.E. |
| Empower | E.W.O |
| P.B.S. | Ulster Schools Council G.A.A. |
| M.F.T | Sport N.I. |
| Women's Aid | ECO Schools |
| NSPCC | I.C.E. |
| Barnardos | Time to Read |
| | Time to Code |