

## Home School Links Policy

### General Statement

The school is convinced of the value to all of good communication between school & home. which ensures the child can work in an environment of mutual trust & support and achieve his full potential.

The school believes that parents play a vital rôle in the education of their children and that the school acting as a support will assist parents with advice and encouragement.

The school believes that parents have a vital rôle in the development of policies.

The school believes that it has a rôle in the continued education and development of the community and can best achieve this in supporting initiatives with parents.

To achieve the above we will use:

- Parents' Meetings and Parent – Teacher Meetings
- Newsletters
- Correspondence
- Operate Parent Courses and advise on other agencies providing suitable courses.

### Strategy

- Parent Teacher Meeting in first term
- Other parent teacher meetings as requested by either.
- Prospectus and Other Documentation to stress to parents the value of :
  - Showing an interest in their son's work and what happens in school
  - Regular attendance
  - Homework
- Communication with teacher when pupil is anxious or upset
- Supporting School
- School policies
- Being involved and participating in Parent orientated courses
- Organised Parent Courses
  - By HSCL Team
  - Health Board and Others
- Home Visitation
  - By HSCL Team
  - By trained parents
- Parents' Room
  - Edmund Rice Room in CBS as resource
- Shared Reading Programme
- Newsletter / Website / Text a Parent Service

### Key Areas of Continuing Development in Home School Links

- Parent Visiting Team
- Educare Drug Awareness Project
- Local Committee
- Examining local issues which impinge on children's learning
- Prepare Program or Programme of Events to deal with the need e.g. After Schools Support Clubs
- Work annually in each of the three key identified areas for HSCL :
- Parents as Home Visitors [Newly designed Booklet for Parents of new Pupils]
- Local Committee

**DEIS:** As part of our DEIS Plan a number of Parent – Home elements were discussed and plans put in place to develop.