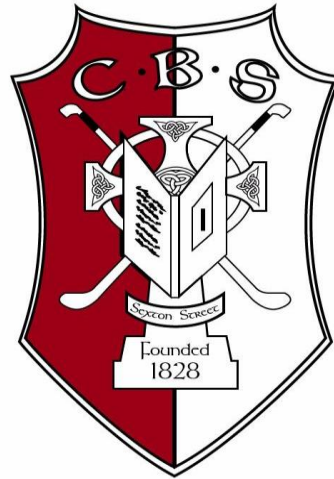


# *Scoil Íosagáin*



*Parental Involvement 2017-2020*

# Parental Involvement

**Aim:** To promote partnership with parents/guardians, with the view of enabling and enhancing better educational achievement in their children

**Objectives:**

1. To promote positive engagement between the home and school.
2. Integrate new migrant families into the school & community, especially enhancing their literacy skills, providing appropriate courses.
3. To promote Parental Wellbeing and a positive disposition towards school.
4. To improve and involve parents in literacy and numeracy initiatives, thus supporting parents in their role as primary educators of their children.
5. Contribute to ensuring a whole-school approach to improving attendance, punctuality, participation and retention, with SCP and in partnership with relevant community agencies.
6. To familiarise and engage parents/guardians in their child/children's education process, particular focus put on those with language barriers and those new to the Irish educational system.

7. Improve communication between the school and the parent body, including a broader range of mediums. This will include the creation of resources in a variety of languages to target parents with little or no English.
8. To increase the number of parents involved in school activities / courses year on year by 3%
9. Create Baseline data on the number of parents attending Parent Teacher meetings and improve by a suitable percentage over 3 years

		<b>Year 1-2017-2018</b>	<b>Years2-2018-2019</b>	<b>Year 3-2019-2020</b>
	<b>Actions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All parents/guardians of incoming 2<sup>nd</sup> class students will receive a transfer pack.</li> <li>• A targets approach to home visits. Criteria set out by the school plan.</li> <li>• 2<sup>nd</sup> class parents/guardians will be invited to an information morning/evening in the school in September</li> <li>• As part of our improvement plan regarding transfer of all students we will provide a meeting and individual meetings with parents/guardians</li> <li>• Survey Parents on Literacy and Numeracy especially</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue work &amp; Initiatives from Year 1</li> <li>• Link parental involvement to improvement in attendance as per attendance strategy.</li> <li>• Host coffee mornings targeting a variety of initiatives. (Planned so far Sports morning, Rainbows, Parent teacher class meetings etc.)</li> <li>• Host parent fundraising night.</li> <li>• HSCL &amp; All staff to capture the parent voice on a regular basis.</li> <li>• Ensure an open door policy for parental meetings</li> <li>• Provide ESOL classes based on the needs of the parent body.</li> </ul>	<p>Continue Work from Year 1-2</p> <p>New targets as identified in year 2</p> <p>Work with the Parents Association to create a vibrant Parents Association</p>

		<p>their perception of how they are thought in the school.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parents in 5<sup>th</sup> class will be invited to attend two sessions with the HSCL based on the 'Friends for Life' Programme in order to learn key skills in relation to the social and emotional well-being of their child.</li> <li>• Parents/guardians will be invited to attend a practical session on how to help their children in English and mathematics</li> <li>• All parents/guardians will be invited to attend parent teacher meetings for each of their children annually</li> <li>• All parents/guardians will be given the opportunity to participate in a range of courses/classes in the Sexton Street cluster of schools.</li> <li>• Parents/guardians will receive information letters and newsletters at regular intervals throughout the</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HSCL work with external agencies to address major issues of homelessness</li> <li>• An integrated plan of activities will be mapped for the year based on current needs.</li> <li>• Pupils identified as requiring intervention will be targeted for support of parents and children</li> <li>• Liaise with the local Mosques to aid integration in the school</li> <li>• Host Interfaith workshop</li> <li>• Ensure all home visits are based on referrals, welfare or identified targets.</li> <li>• Host Coffee Morning for Sports Clubs where parents are introduced to a variety of sports that their children can participate in.</li> <li>• 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class parents/guardians will be invited to attend sessions based on the 'My Child My Vision' programme with the HSCL. 5<sup>th</sup> class parents will visit a third level institution in the Summer Term. 6<sup>th</sup> class parent will be invited to attend an information session in the Autumn term in relation to secondary transfer.</li> </ul>	
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		<p>school year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All new 2<sup>nd</sup> class parents will be provided with the contact details of our HSCL co-ordinator. Parents can request a home visit or can phone the HSCL co-ordinator with any concerns. One to one support will be provided for parents including linking them and the child with in-school and outside agencies.</li> <li>• A new Facebook page will be set up to show the work that is going on in school</li> <li>• A new Facebook page will be set up to promote the and services offered by the HSCL</li> <li>• The HSCL Co-ordinator and SCP co-ordinator will make targeted home visits throughout the school year to promote a positive relationship with the school.</li> <li>• Parents/guardians will be invited attend the Parents' Council meetings and become a member of the</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Survey parents on attitudes towards the school and possible areas of improvement.</li> <li>• Parents to be included in the preparation for Sacraments</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Targeted Parent &amp; Child initiatives for 2018/19</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parent &amp; Child Baking</li> <li>• Rainbows</li> <li>• Maths for Fun</li> <li>• Dads &amp; Lads</li> <li>• Grandparents Event</li> <li>• Winter Wonderland</li> <li>• Parent &amp; Toddler Group</li> <li>• Parental Knitting</li> <li>• Family Integration days and immersion trips</li> <li>• STEM for Fun</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Parental Communication</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Principal will be on the yard from 8.45 and from 2.40 every morning and afternoon to greet children and parents</li> <li>• HSCL &amp; School Completion will be at the gate to meet parents on a daily basis.</li> </ul>	
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		<p>committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parents/guardians will be consulted regarding school review and development through the Parents' Council.</li> <li>• International parents will be encouraged to take part in initiatives and avail of the supports provided by the 'Embracing Diversity' project in our school.</li> <li>• Parents/guardians will be strongly encouraged to attend events involved their children such as intercultural day, Grandparents' Day, liturgical celebrations, school assemblies and choir concerts.</li> <li>• All parent will be included in the 'text message' service using the Aladdin software to ensure that parents are informed about key events in the school.</li> <li>• Create targeted classes where parents and identified children to work in partnership (pilot this in</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HSCL Visits targeted based on a target list ( Priority based on referral, attendance or welfare)</li> <li>• Set up the SeeSaw app for Parents of Suaimhneas communicate with the teacher.</li> <li>• Develop a new website to enhance the school's profile</li> <li>• Create a Twitter Feed to make parents more aware of the activities that take place in the school.</li> <li>• Delegate responsibility for the school newsletter to ensure it is sent out with greater regularity.</li> <li>• Hold an EAL coffee morning &amp; Teacher meet for those who have not been to parent teacher meetings</li> <li>• Produce school brochures in a variety of languages for parents.</li> <li>• Create Focus Group to identify integration needs of parental needs</li> </ul>	
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		<p>Year)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Host sports café to introduce parents to sports clubs in Limerick</li> <li>• 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class parents/guardians will be invited to attend sessions based on the 'My Child My Vision' programme with the HSCL. 5<sup>th</sup> class parents will visit a third level institution in the Summer Term. 6<sup>th</sup> class parent will be invited to attend an information session in the Autumn term in relation to secondary transfer.</li> <li>• As part of our improvement plan regarding transfer of all students we will provide a meeting and individual meetings with parents/guardians</li> <li>• Parents/guardians will be invited to attend a practical session on how to help their children in English and mathematics</li> <li>• Parents/guardians will receive information letters and newsletters at regular intervals throughout the school year</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>New Parent Initiatives</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New SEN pupils Parents will be invited to individual school meetings</li> <li>• Provide targeted parents classes based on needs identified by the parents.</li> <li>• Develop a pathway to higher education through ESOL classes and a progression in courses</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Parental Self Improvement</u></b></p> <p>Parental Classes for 2018/19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Cookery</li> <li>○ Health &amp; Beauty</li> <li>○ Art &amp; Craft</li> <li>○ Basic Computers/ Literacy</li> <li>○ Photography</li> <li>○ Walking Club</li> <li>○ ESOL (Beginners, Improvers and Advanced)</li> <li>○ Time for me</li> <li>○ Hairdressing</li> <li>○ Crochet &amp; Knitting Circle</li> <li>○ Mosaics</li> <li>○ Fitness class</li> <li>○ Incredible Years parents course</li> <li>○ Zumba</li> <li>○</li> <li>• Parents in 5<sup>th</sup> class will be invited to attend</li> </ul>	
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<p><b>Monitoring</b></p> <p>Monthly formal meetings between the HSCL and Principal.  Incidental meetings between Principal and HSCL Teacher every week  HSCL meetings with class teachers  HSCL tracking of participation in Parental courses  HSCL engagement with Parents who have not engaged with Parent Teacher meetings  Parental Survey  EDNIP committee meetings  Meetings with Course Providers</p>				
<p><b>Evaluation</b></p> <p>Overall participation of parents/guardians in each activity  Overall performance and attitude of pupils  Compare class figures to previous year</p>				