



## Parental Involvement Policy

### Background

St. Patrick's N. S. enjoys and continually fosters positive parent - school interactions and involvement. Excellent Parents' Association co-operate and work with teaching staff & Board of Management. Listed below are a variety of formal and informal methods and situations that promote parental involvement in the school. At any one time, a wide variety from the list are operational.

#### A. Formal Home – School Links.

- (i) New junior infants induction meeting.
- (ii) Meeting for junior infant parents in October of first year.
- (iii) Regular pre-planned and incidental communication between teachers and parents.
- (iv) School reports sent to parents annually.
- (v) Annual Parent – Teacher meetings during which child's development is discussed.
- (vi) Bi-annual parent- teacher meetings for children who receive Learning Support.
- (vii) Meetings arranged in preparation for Sacraments of 1<sup>st</sup> Confession, 1<sup>st</sup> Communion, Confirmation.
- (viii) Prayer services, Christmas Plays.
- (ix) Homework Journal – allows for regular written communication between parents and teachers. Parents sign the journal each evening.
- (x) Newsletters
- (xi) Letters/website updates sent to parents keeping them informed about their children's education and school activities.

#### B. Informal / Additional Home – School Links.

- (i) Fund raising events eg. quiz, bring and buy, cake sales, cookery demonstration etc.
- (ii) Book Fair.
- (iii) Sports day.
- (iv) Sports related activities – football, rounders, swimming, athletics.
- (v) Paired reading scheme to promote reading literacy.
- (vi) Grandparent Day
- (vii) School garden open day.
- (viii) A number of parents with particular skills are encouraged to assist in the school
- (ix) Green Flag ceremonies
- (x) Text service
- (xi) School website, Facebook and Twitter accounts.

Parents who assist with school activities such as school tours and swimming bus supervision are required to be garda vetted in advance of such activities.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Management:

Chairperson: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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