



Ballinahinch National School

Scoil Náisiúnta Baile na hÍnse

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The development of positive Home/School relations is very important for the whole school community in Ballinahinch National School. Parents are encouraged to get involved in school activities such as matches, concerts, book fairs, sports days, fund-raising events and other similar activities at formal and informal levels. There can be no doubt that the goodwill of parents and teachers is of the utmost importance to the success of the school and to the creation of the best possible environment and atmosphere for learning and teaching. When the pupils are aware of the close co-operation between parents and teachers their attitude to school/ learning will be much more positive.

Positive Opportunities for Co-operation and Development of sound Home/ School Communications

- Teachers will invite the parents of each of their pupils to attend at a formal meeting at least once every school year. These meetings will take place during the second term of the year, generally in late January. These meetings will take place outside of school hours.
- Parents/guardians will receive a written report on their children at the end of each academic school year.
- Arrangements for the accommodation of separated parents will be made so that neither is neglected in discussions of the child's progress.
- There is an "open door" policy (within reason) with respect to parents calling to meet teachers. Prior notice is very much appreciated, so that arrangements can be made to have classes supervised.
- Where teachers have concerns about a child's progress, communication will be made with parents to inform and to help in correcting any problem that may exist.
- The Junior infants and senior infants teacher meets the parents on an on-going basis, so a formal meeting is not required, however wherever parents or teachers feel that such meetings would be helpful, they will be arranged
- Representatives of the Parents' Association meet with the Principal teacher regularly to discuss relevant matters
- The Principal attends as many of the meetings organized by the parents' Association during the school year.

- Relevant mail and school policy documents are presented to officers of the parents' Association for discussion at their meetings. Feedback from the Parents' Association on these and all matters is always welcome.
- Parents with expertise in particular areas are welcome to share this expertise with pupils and teachers
- Parents pursuing further studies/qualifications are accommodated, where possible, with work experience placements. However the Board of Management retains the right to refuse any parent without having to provide a reason for doing so. The same situation also pertains to past pupils.
- Parents are involved in the school's Green Flag Committee at a formal level.