

Home school links policy

**The following policy was formulated by the staff of St. Brigid's B.N.S.
We have always been aware of the important role of parents in the education of their children.**

The purpose of this statement is to facilitate effective communication between school and home.

Mission Statement

St. Brigid's promotes habits of mutual respect, courtesy and an awareness of the interdependence of people within the school and larger community.

The school management recognises the rights of parents to share in the task of making the school a pleasant and safe environment for all children.

The aims of this policy are:

- 1. To foster communication between home and school.**
- 2. To encourage the involvement of parents in their sons education.**
- 3. To avoid misunderstanding.**
- 4. To foster trust and co-operation.**
- 5. To resolve any difficulties which may arise.**

Content of policy

Informal communication

- 1. Morning time:- From September 2004, all classes from Junior Infants to sixth class will be collected from the school yard (in line) by the class teacher.**
- 2. Parents should note that if they wish to see a teacher during class time an appointment should be made, so that the teacher can make suitable arrangements for the class to be supervised.**

Formal communication

1. Parent-teacher meetings.

Every parent will have the opportunity to meet with the class teacher, to discuss the child's progress and resolve any difficulties.

2. Circulars.

Children receive regular circulars informing parents of upcoming events, for example, school closures.

3. Homework Journal.

Pupils from 1st to 6th classes will have a homework journal. This may be used as a method of informal communication between school and home. In the event of boys being absent from school a letter of explanation must be sent to his teacher. These must be kept on file and if a child is absent for 20 days the school attendance officer must be informed.

4. Information meetings e.g. for parents of new pupils.

5. In the event of a teacher having a complaint against a pupil, a record of misdemeanors should be kept by the teacher and may also be written into the homework journal/record card to be signed by the parents.

6. All complaints between parents and staff will be handled in accordance with the I.N.T.O/C.P.S.M.A. agreement of 1993.

There is a communication process between officers of the Parents' Association and the principal. This provides an opportunity to consult with the staff regarding events, tours, talks etc. We encourage parents to support the school with regard to the above.