

Home-School Links

Policy

Kill o the Grange operates an open door policy where parents are welcome to discuss progress and make suggestions regarding their children's education.

Policy Objectives:

1. To facilitate a communicative relationship between teachers and parents to the benefit of our pupils.
2. To establish procedures for the sharing of information in relation to pupils' progress.
3. To create a school environment where parents and guardians feel welcome and free to discuss their child's progress with the teachers.
4. To encourage all parents to become involved with the Parents' Association.

It is recognised that good home-school links contribute greatly to the quality of education received by children. To establish these links an open, cordial relationship exists between parents and teachers which recognises and values the respective roles of each. The following measures endeavour to develop and ensure dynamic and supportive links between school and home.

- (a) Regular emails and text messages
- (b) Homework notebook and notes to parents
- (c) Parent-Teacher Meetings
- (d) End of year reports
- (e) Appointment procedure for meeting parents where necessary
- (f) Phone calls where necessary
- (g) Meetings involving parents
- (h) School concerts, socials,
- (i) Sports day
- (j) Book Fair
- (k) Parents' Association activities

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Communications:

Formal Parent-Teacher meetings will be held every year in November where each parent may have a private meeting with their child's teacher. The meetings will be held after school over 2 afternoons. Where parents are unable to attend at this time, they are encouraged to make an alternative appointment with the teacher at a mutually suitable time.

The school also encourages periodical informal meetings between teachers and parents which may be initiated by either party as they see fit at a mutually suitable time.

Parents will be encouraged to be familiar with the work being done by their child in school and to be aware of what homework is being done. A formal school report will be issued at the end of each school year.

Information on school activities will be communicated to parents through periodic letters and bulletins during the year.

In accordance with the Educational Welfare Act (2000), explanatory notes on pupil absences must be sent to the class teacher after each absence.

At the teacher's discretion, and subject to the principal's approval, parents may be invited to use their expertise in a particular area to assist the teacher in some classroom-based or extra-curricular activities.

Ratification and Review

This policy was last reviewed (and updated as required) and approved by the Board in May 2019 and will be reviewed regularly.