





Home School Community Liaison and Your School

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Purpose

- **Address educational disadvantage**
- **Promote partnership between parents and teachers**
- **Retain pupils in educational system**
- **Collaboration with local community**
- **Preventative strategy**
- **Targeted**



Vision

- **Equal, inclusive and caring society**
- **All children will achieve their full potential**
- **Contribute fully to the development of strong cohesive communities**
- **Engaged citizenship**



Achieving the vision

- **Belief in the power of parents**
- **Enhanced environment of partnership and collaboration**
- **Building trust and respect**
- **Developing and affirming parents**
- **Integration, cooperation and trust between agencies**
- **Open, caring and happy school environment**
- **Leadership and hope**



Mission

HSCCL aims to enhance the life chances of marginalised children by supporting and empowering parents and building trusting, open and cooperative relationships between the home, school and community in order to foster positive engagement with the educational system and in life long learning.



Organisation

- **Coordination/schools**
- **Funding**
- **Management**
- **Cluster groups**



Role of the Coordinator

- **Promoting parents' education, growth, development and involvement**
- **Providing parents' room**
- **Developing school and teacher attitudes towards partnership and whole-school approach**
- **Sharing complementary skills**



Process and outcomes

- **Leisure time activities - non threatening way to start**
- **Curricular activities enable parents to come closer to their children's learning**
- **Personal development courses - parenting, leadership skills, involvement in formal learning**
- **Parent support and become a resource to their own child/children, school**



Home Visitation

- **Support parents in the education of their children**
- **Establish rapport**
- **Offer information**
- **Encourage parents to become involved**
- **Welcoming, hopeful, human face of the school**
- **Potential parent leaders**
- **Direct parents towards relevant training**
- **Break down negative attitudes**



Initiatives

- **Maths for Fun**
- **Science for Fun**
- **Reading for Fun**
- **Parents as Home Visitors**
- **Local committee**
- **Parents and teachers working on Policy Formation**
- **Integration and networking**



Local Committee

- **To identify school related issues at community level**
- **Issues that impinge on learning**
- **Address these issues by working collaboratively with other interest groups**



Topics for Local Committee

- **School attendance**
- **Substance misuse**
- **Anti-bullying**
- **Transfer programmes**
- **Homework support**
- **Self-image programmes**
- **Health and environmental issues**
- **Literacy - school and community**



Membership

- **Parents**
- **Teachers/principals**
- **Students**
- **Statutory/voluntary bodies**
- **HSE**
- **JLO**
- **Local agencies**



Literacy initiatives

- **Early language - pre Infant, Infant**
- **Storybook reading**
- **Language development**
- **literacy materials into the home**
- **Paired reading**
- **Literacy through computers**
- **Class novels**
- **Storysacks**



Literacy Initiatives

- **Writing initiatives**
- **One Book project**
- **CAPER**
- **Reading Challenge**
- **Make/write a book**
- **100 most used words(Dolch List)**
- **Speech and Language Therapist working with parents**



Numeracy Initiatives

- **Maths for Fun**
- **Science for Fun**
- **Numbersacks**
- **Green Schools**



Agenda



