

Steelstown Nursery Unit

Parents as Partners Policy

Vision

The involvement of parents and significant adults is believed by the staff to be an integral part of the educational experience of the pupils.

Mission

Parents are the first and main educators of their child. It is important to the school therefore that good relationships exist between home and school, as the ultimate benefit will be to the child.

Procedures

Much enjoyment can arise through shared learning opportunities between the Nursery team and parents. To this end, staff endeavour to positively develop links between home and school by the following means:

- Parents should at all times feel welcome in the school. They play an important part of the life of the school
- Staff values the support and interest of the parents in the educational progress of the children.
- Parents are actively encouraged to be involved in school life by the following means –
 - ❖ Home Visits –August
 - ❖ Newsletters
 - ❖ Parents Board
 - ❖ Parent involvement programme running within the school –“Friends Of Steelstown” “Families Connect”programme.
 - ❖ An annual planned programme of events and liaison opportunities. (Social events and educational activities)
 - ❖ Regular contact arrangements, eg parent and teacher interviews
 - ❖ Involvement in visits out of school and also events within the school
 - ❖ Participation and responsibility in curricular events such as Getting Ready to Learn programme and active participation in Sharing from The Start and Forest Schools Visits.
- Staff believe that when planning parent events, parents should be consulted in the planning process so as much benefit can be gained as possible. (Questionnaires and evaluation strategies)
- Parents have an important role to play in fundraising events, both for charity and school equipment.
- It is also hoped to encourage with parents, opportunities for educational, social and hospitality events.
- A copy of school policies can be made available to parents on request.

- Parents are encouraged to play an important role in the educational development of their child, therefore, teacher parent meetings are held regularly. The Teacher is available to talk to individual parents about concerns if requested by the parent.
- Parents are welcome to participate in classroom life and encouraged to come on school trips with their child.