

- School *Links* to be circulated regularly.
- School Year Calendar to be decided upon at an early date.

MONITORING/EVALUATION/REVIEW

- This policy to be reviewed at intervals to assess its effectiveness.

This policy was first drawn up on 29/09/00

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AIMS / PURPOSES

- a) To strengthen home/school links.
- b) To make parents more aware of the importance of having strong home/school links.
- c) To involve the parent(s) / guardians in the child's education.
- d) As a result of this involvement to improve the education for the child.

PROCEDURES/GUIDELINES

The school has an informal open door policy and parents are encouraged to call and visit to the school.

If a child has a problem or a difficulty in school, the parent of the child is encouraged to contact the school immediately. To ensure adequate supervision of the pupils in the classroom it is important that parents first ring the school and arrange an appointment with the teacher at a time that is convenient for both.

- A **Website**, updated on a regular basis will inform parents of activities, openings and closures, display children's work, publish past and present *Links* etc - address:
www.snbclonakilty.com
- A **Brochure** will be provided for new and prospective parents outlining the aims of the school, activities and services provided and opening and closing times etc of the school.

- An **information night** for new parents/parents of Junior Infants which is addressed by the Principal, Junior Infant Class Teacher, The Learning Support Teacher and the Chairperson of the Parents' Association.
- An **information night** for parents of children in Rang 6. This meeting is addressed by the Principal and the sixth class teacher.
- A bulletin called *Links* will be given out to all parents regularly. This bulletin will contain items such as - the school year calendar, school closures, policy decisions, school news, school activities etc.
- **Parent/Teacher Meetings** are held annually in the first week of March - usually the first Thursday..
- The **Learning Support Teacher** and **Resource Teachers** formally meet the parents of all children who attend their classes.
- **Relevant Policy documents** are circulated to parents - e.g. Code of Discipline, Healthy Lunch Policy, Homework Policy, Safety Statement, RSE Policy, Substance Use Policy etc.
- Parents are encouraged to **assist** in the running of extra-curricular activities e.g. - Orienteering, Chess, Basketball, Sports Day etc.
- **The Parents' Association** meet in the school regularly and representatives meet with the principal on a monthly basis.
- Staff members and parents work together on **fundraising events**.
- Parents along with staff members and Board of Management Members will have an active part in devising the **RSE Policy** for the school.

RESOURCES/IMPLICATIONS

- The school **Website** will have to be updated regularly.
- The school **Brochure** will have to be updated regularly.