

## Title – Communications Policy/Ballinure National School

We believe that parents are the primary educators of their children and two way communication between the home/school is essential. We foster positive home/school relations through the following procedures.

- Incidental chats – eg meeting/greeting parents on a daily basis.
- Formal parent/teacher meeting – outside of school hours once a year.
- End of year – Micra T & Sigma T: results sent home as part of Pupil’s Report card ,explanatory note re. Sten scores included. – Parents also invited to speak to teachers about the report if they wish to do so..
- Reports – Continuous assessment– Halloween, Christmas, Easter, Summer – outlining pupil’s progress to date and offering suggestions for improvements.
- Parents notice board – Display area in hallway to highlight relevant topics to parents.eg educational websites, meetings, P.A activities
- Pupil notice board – Display area in hallway to highlight areas to pupils – notices of matches, school related activities etc...
- Green schools notice board – Display area in hallway to highlight our involvement in the Green Schools – display of “litter picking rota”, certs etc. – all relevant to our green school.
- School News Notice Board – Display area in hall recounting school news/events and including photos from these events .display will change during the year .
- Home school link – To enhance communication between the school and home we have developed a home school link programme. Parents will be informed each month of the focus point/link area eg Homework in September, Reading in October – Communication will be written via report/letter – we believe if the home and school share a ‘common focus’ then we can achieve better results in that area
- S.I.P – Parents will be notified via newsletter as to what area of the curriculum we are hoping to improve on and our strategy for improvement will be outlined.
- Parents are always welcome in the school and are informed re.Policies , Child Safeguarding Measures, policies are available on request.All parents receive a copy of the C.S.S , Code of behaviour, Anti- Bullying Policies ..S.P.H,E/R.S.E in summarised form. Parents are invited to review revised policies through P.A . A folder containing all policies is available in the school for viewing ,
- Communication with parents is also achieved through the school Facebook page where reminders and updates of school activities are placed.

Signed- Margaret Gleeson  
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