



# Golden National School

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## Home-School links

### **General**

The following measures endeavour to develop and ensure dynamic and supportive links between school and home.

- (a) Regular newsletters
- (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) Religious ceremonies
- (h) Meetings involving parents
- (i) School concerts, socials, prizegivings etc.
- (j) Sports day
- (k) Book Fair
- (l) Parents' Association activities

### **Policy**

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.

### **Aims**

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.

### **Communications**

Formal Parent-Teacher meetings will be held every year in Late November / Early December where each parent may have a private meeting with their child's teacher. The meetings will be held during the hours laid down by the DES. 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. Parents must arrange such a meeting through the school office.

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 newsletters 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. Students from 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> classes' absence notes may be recorded in the relevant section of the homework diary.

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.

### **Parents' Association**

The school recognises the benefits of an active parents' association. The association may communicate with the school through meetings between the chairperson/secretary and the principal, particularly after a Parents' Association general or committee meetings. The parents' association are invited to submit requests/proposals to the Board at any stage for consideration. Parent Association support in the provision of resources, financial support and assistance in extra-curricular areas is welcome and appreciated.

### **Roles and Responsibilities**

It is important that all partners in the school community be aware of the parameters of their own and others' respective roles and responsibilities. The school ethos must be upheld at all times. The ethos is defined by the patron. The school is Catholic, child-centred, non-discriminatory and democratic. Consequently, respect for the partners – children, parents, staff and management – must be shown at all times.

### **Implementation date**

This policy will be implemented from November, 2017

### **Timetable for review**

The policy will be reviewed in 3 years or if necessary, amended in line with changes in Policies or Guidelines from the relevant authorities.

### **Ratification and Communication**

The BoM officially ratified the policy on 30th November, 2017.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Michael Ormond (Chairperson Board of Management)

