

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School



Our Mission Statement

We grow together in God's Love as we Pray, Learn and Play

"Dym ni'n tyfu gyda'n gilydd mewn cariad Duw wrth i ni weddio, dysgu a chwarae"

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT POLICY

Article 13: Everyone who works with children should always do what is best for each child

Article 12: The right to say what should happen and be listened to

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Rationale

Parents are the child's first educator. At St Joseph's it is our responsibility to try and ensure that all parents have the opportunity to feel that they are regarded as partners in their child's education.

Core Aims

WELSH ASSEMBLY GOVERNMENT: SEVEN CORE AIMS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD IS AN INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT THAT PROTECTS THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 18.

The Welsh Assembly Governments seven core aims for children and young people summarise the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) and form the basis for decisions on priorities and objectives nationally. They should also form the basis for decisions on strategy and service provision locally.

The seven core aims state that all children and young people:

- Have a flying start in life Show Activities
- Have a comprehensive range of education and learning opportunities Show Activities
- Enjoy the best possible health and are free from abuse, victimisation and exploitation Show Activities
- Have access to play, leisure, sporting and cultural activities Show Activities
- Are listened to, treated with respect, and have their race and cultural identity recognised Show Activities
- Have a safe home and a community which supports physical and emotional wellbeing Show Activities
- Are not disadvantaged by poverty Show Activities

Objectives

- To develop parents' interest in their own child's education.
- To raise awareness of the types of activity going on in school.
- To encourage teachers to show a positive attitude to parents, making them feel welcome and valued.
- To encourage parents to contribute to their child's education by sharing achievements and events at home.
- To provide opportunities for parents to be involved in their child's learning.
- To foster and develop home/school partnerships.
- To increase parents understanding of their child's education.
- To encourage parents to transmit positive attitudes to children about school.
- To present a set of consistent attitudes/standards of work and behaviour between home and school.
- To encourage parental involvement in classrooms and around school.
- To improve the quality of help given by parents at home and in school.

Guidelines

We aim to encourage parents to become involved by:

- Holding regular parent's evenings.
- The Teaching staff to make themselves available for informal discussions with parents in the playground, before and after school.
- Have a current newsletter to disseminate the most recent information and news on the school and each class.

- Inviting parents to assemblies and celebrations.
- Involving parents in helping with the life of school.
- Holding parent's workshops in conjunction with Family Learning.
- Encouraging parents to support fund raising initiatives.
- Involving parents in home/school reading and encouraging them to comment in the child's reading diary.
- Communicating our expectations through a Home School Agreement.
- Providing parents with information about the behaviour management system in school.
- Encouraging Parents to be Governors and participate in the life of the school.
- Help parents for whom English is an Additional Language.
- Keeping the school website/Twitter account up to date.
- Inviting parents to curriculum meetings.
- Inviting prospective parents to visit school.
- Providing parents with an interesting and accessible website and prospectus containing up to date information.
- Providing questionnaires for feedback around school activities.
- To have an active Parents Association.
- To work in partnership with parents and outside agencies. E.g. Health care, School Nurse, Toothbrushing, Additional Learning Needs Support.
- To ensure parents are aware and receive support when entitled to Free School Meals.

Planning and Co-ordination

The coordinator will be responsible for the organisation and management of parental help in school.

The coordinator will:

- Ensure the suitability of parents to help in the classroom.
- Ensure that parents are aware of the need for confidentiality.
- Ensure that parents are aware of Health and Safety regulations.

Whole School Initiatives

The following events are held on an annual basis, or throughout the year. All closely involve the school and local community:

- Fairtrade Fortnight
- St. David's Day
- Class Assemblies
- Masses
- School Visits
- International Day
- Christmas/Summer Concerts

Links with other related policies:

- Teaching and Learning
- Religious Education
- Wellbeing
- Curriculum areas
- Prospectus

The headteacher is responsible for monitoring the policy to ensure that it is applied

The policy applies equally to all pupils in the school community regardless of gender, ethnicity, social circumstances and prior attainment