

## **Parents as partners policy 2019**

At Linn Dara school, we value the excellent partnership we have with our parents/ guardians. Developing this close relationship with parents will support and encourage all students to achieve their best while they are in our care. We aim to work and talk together to nurture the children to develop their self-confidence, independence, self-esteem and their desire to learn as well as facilitating their re-engagement with education where applicable.

### **Our aims of our Parent Partnership Policy**

We aim to **communicate, involve and support** parents.

We currently **communicate** with parents by

- Immediate telephone call with parents when their child is admitted to Linn Dara for the purpose of introduction, explanation of the role of key teacher, discussion on their child's individual support plan and to seek permission to contact their child's main school for the purpose of sharing relevant school information (such as work to be completed or supports provided by the main school) with the main school.
- Initial meeting with parents to discuss and sign the Individual support plan for their child.
- Giving prompt oral / written feedback to parents on any educational assessment carried out such as the Wrat 4 etc.
- Providing parental access to the evidence for learning website to see their child's educational progress.

We currently **involve** parents by

- Giving parents a voice in formulating their child's individual support plan by discussing and inviting them to contribute to their child's Individual support plan.
- Inviting parents to school meetings, activity workshops and other social events such as Christmas gatherings, graduations.


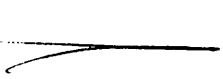
We currently **support** parents by

- Attending PPM (progress planning meetings) during their child's enrolment in Linn Dara school.
- Attending meetings where possible in their child's main school prior to transition back to their main school.
- Informing and explaining educational assessments and feedback on their child's academic performance while in Linn Dara.
- Home visits where applicable to discuss and encourage their child's return to school/ day programme / Transition programme.
- Meeting with parents prior to their child's enrolment in Linn Dara (for Transition and day programme) to discuss programme.
- Research and contact with parents regarding future educational placements/ options.

We hope to strengthen our partnership with parents by

- Providing input and feedback on students' academic performance / progress.
- Parent/ teacher meetings.
- Information nights.
- Engagement with parents through our social media accounts.
- Questionnaires sent to parents seeking feedback.
- Setting up a parents as partners group in Linn Dara school.

This policy was agreed and adopted by Linn Dara School  
Date 12/9/19

Signed by   (B DOODY) 12.9.19  
on behalf of management. CHAIRPERSON

This policy will be reviewed on September 2020  
in collaboration with staff in Linn Dara School and parents.