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HOME SCHOOL COMMUNITY LIAISON

O'FIAICH COLLEGE

HELPING YOUR CHILD:

ATTENDANCE

PUNCTUALITY

REGULAR BEDTIME

DIET

EXERCISE

ENCOURAGE INDEPENDENCE

ENCOURAGE RESPONSIBILITY

SUPPORT

PRAISE

PROVIDE THE MATERIALS THEY NEED

GET TO KNOW THEIR FRIENDS

HAVE FUN TOGETHER

Welcome

A very special welcome to the new pupils (and their parents) starting secondary school in O'Fiaich College.

My name is Siobhán Sheerin, Home School Community Liaison Coordinator.

My job is to link parents, teachers and students together for the benefit of all. I work with the Home, School and Community to ensure that parents and students alike are encouraged and supported in order to help their own and their children's learning

I also work to help foster positive relationships between parents and the school.

Now that your child is transferring from primary to secondary school you may have lots of questions. You may like to discuss your child's development or particular education issues. Please do not hesitate to contact me at O'Fiaich College. Ph. 042 9331398



Parents and teachers working together.

Home Visits

During the coming year I will visit many of you in your own home. This visit is simply a way of giving parents a chance to speak about their child and to raise their hopes and concerns for their child at O'Fiaich College. Parents will also be invited to attend parent classes and courses and will be encouraged to attend many events that will take place in the school.

Parental Involvement

Our children spend a few short years progressing through secondary school during which they gradually leave childhood behind and become more confident, knowledgeable young adults. All young people are different, they learn differently, have different skills, different personalities, interests and talents. Education is about nurturing, developing and enhancing this raw talent and seeking to encourage and assist them in reaching their full potential as a student,

Parents can, and should play an important role in the education of their own children. Getting involved shows you care. If education is valued in the home in an encouraging and supportive way then children will look at their time at school in a positive way. Here at **O’Fiaich College** we encourage parents to participate in the education of their child, to provide an environment and atmosphere conducive to learning and personal achievement.



**Working together
to create
confident
students**

How Can I Become Involved?

The most important thing that you can do is to take a real interest in your child’s education. Throughout the year different events will be organized and parents will be invited. Examples of these are Maths For Fun, English For Fun, Junior Cert Schools Programme Christmas Party, First Year Parent Teacher Meeting and many more events like these. It is really important that you attend events like these to show an interest in what your child is doing at school. Evidence shows that pupils of parents who show this interest have a more positive attitude to school and have a better chance of benefitting from their education. Encourage your child to get involved in school activities. Ask them how they are getting on, maintain an interest even if the answer is brief as is often the case with teenagers.

Join the Parent’s Association - Your help will be appreciated !

Successful students :

Have parental encouragement

Attend school regularly

Know their timetable

Pay attention

Ask questions

Do their homework to the best of their ability

Have positive attitudes

Are respectful of property, others and themselves

Take responsibility for their actions

Lead a healthy lifestyle

Get involved in activities

Are enthusiastic.



**When parents and teachers
don’t work together the
child is confused and loses
out !**