



## Derryooper National School Policies

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# Parental Involvement Policy

## 1. Introduction

Derryooper National School recognises that **parents are the primary educators** of their children. We believe that strong **parent-school partnerships** contribute to students' academic success and overall development. The school has an **active Parents' Association** that plays a vital role in fostering collaboration between parents, teachers, and management.

## 2. Aims of this Policy

This policy aims to:

- Promote **positive relationships** between parents, teachers, and the school community.
- Encourage **open communication and parental involvement** in school life.
- Support the **active participation of parents** in their children's learning and well-being.
- Strengthen the role of the **Parents' Association** in school development and decision-making.

## 3. Scope of the Policy

This policy applies to:

- **All parents and guardians** of students enrolled in the school.
- **Teachers, school management, and support staff.**
- **The Parents' Association and Board of Management.**

## 4. Communication Between Home and School

- **Regular notices and updates** will be sent via **Aladdin Connect** and **WhatsApp**.
- **Important letters and announcements** will also be sent home in school bags.
- The school website ([www.derryooberschool.ie](http://www.derryooberschool.ie)) will be updated with relevant information.
- **Parent-Teacher Meetings** will be held annually, usually in **October**.
- Additional meetings may be scheduled as required, upon request.

## 5. Role of the Parents' Association

The **Parents' Association** at Derryoobers National School actively supports the school through:

- Organising **fundraising events** to support school projects.
- Assisting with **school events, outings, and celebrations**.
- Providing feedback on school policies and initiatives.
- Supporting parents through **information sessions and workshops**.
- Acting as a liaison between parents and the **Board of Management**.

## 6. Parental Involvement in Learning

Parents are encouraged to:

- Support **homework routines and study habits**.
- Participate in **school events, activities, and volunteering opportunities**.
- Reinforce **positive behaviour and school values** at home.
- Engage in workshops or talks organised by the school or Parents' Association.
- Share their **skills and expertise** in areas such as sports, arts, and STEM activities.

## 7. Supporting Parents

The school provides **support structures** for parents through:

- **Workshops and seminars** on child development, wellbeing, and academic support.
- Encouraging parental participation in **wellbeing initiatives**.
- **Individual meetings** with teachers or the principal to address concerns.
- Collaboration with **NEPS, TUSLA, and local support services** when necessary.

## 8. Policy Implementation & Review

- This policy will be **reviewed annually** to ensure it remains relevant and effective.
- Feedback from **parents, teachers, and the Parents' Association** will be considered in each review.

## 9. Policy Approval

This **Parental Involvement Policy** has been prepared by the **Principal** and approved by the **Board of Management**.

**Signed:**

**Chairperson, Board of Management:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Principal, Derryoover National School:**



**Date:**

*19 February 2025*

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