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Parents are an essential element in the structure of the school and as such it is policy to involve them in as many aspects of the school life as is possible. Their opinions both formal and informal will be given due consideration and their offers of help will always be welcome. It is the intention of the school management that parents feel that they are an integral part of the school, that their opinions are always welcome and that their children are receiving the type of education that they are happy with. It is also policy that parents feel comfortable about being part of the school, meeting teachers and being concerned about their children's welfare and development.

1. For parents of new pupils enrolling, a brochure detailing the School mission Statement, R.S.E. policy and school rules, together with a Handy Hints and Tips for infants sheet is sent prior to the child's first day at school. The relevant booklist is also included. 5th and 6th class parents are informed about the RSE content before the programme is delivered. This gives them an opportunity to talk to their child re any sensitive issues.
2. An Induction day for parents of new entrants is held annually in June. Due to covid this has been suspended since 2020. A video produced by the school outlining the classroom and school grounds along with an introduction to the principal and junior infant teacher has been sent to parents instead.
3. A newsletter is sent home at the end of each month highlighting important dates and events coming up, along with news of interest from each class. Art work, activities, dates of interest, sporting achievements and competitions are all highlighted.
4. Our website is regularly updated with news, policies, newsletter and upcoming events www.newinngirlsschool.ie.
5. Parents are regularly contacted via Textparent.

6. Further communication takes place via the many notices/reminders sent throughout the school year informing parents of the school's activities.
7. Individual notes may be sent home from the teacher through the child's homework journal. The Seesaw app was introduced since 2020 during the Pandemic to assist teaching on line and to be used as a communication link between parents and teachers.
8. Written communication is kept to a minimum. Notes from parents are advised to be sent by Seesaw. Absence notes are filled in online at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScRHvcX9heYo0ntPaX6B2LvsCPd8TzExUZqu0IXyNTLWrjnlQ/viewform>
9. Parents of Holy Communion and Confirmation children attend an enrolment mass and are supported by "Do this in Memory" & Confirmation teams. Since Covid19, certain ceremonies have been cancelled while others kept to a small gathering. This is subject to change depending on HSE advice.
10. All parents are invited to live streaming of masses held during the year.
11. Great support is given by parents on the Parents Association throughout the year, at events such as, Christmas Concert and Fundraising events, eg raffles & Split the Pot.
12. From time to time parents are invited in to school to speak to pupils about different topics eg occupations, places of interest, health & safety issues. This has been suspended due to covid19.

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Signed: *Breda Hickey*

Chairperson, Board of Management