

Parents as Partners.

In Saint Patrick's NS there is an active and vibrant Parents' Association (PA) which is affiliated to the National Parents' Council (NPC). The PA raises considerable funding for school resources, initiatives and events. Aside from fundraising, the PA is involved in policy development and review, hosting school receptions and organising school photographs talks for parents and social events for parents and pupils. The PA has a section in the school Newsletter and on the school website. The Deputy Principal liaises with the PA and attends monthly committee meetings.

Parents Teacher meetings are held over two afternoons in November each year. The meetings are organised in such a way that children from the same family are offered meetings on the same day. If parents are unable to attend, an alternative arrangement is made which is mutually agreed by the teacher(s) and parents. Parents are also invited to contact the school at any time regarding queries or concerns.

In September/ October each year, parents are invited to 'Meet and Greet' mornings. They are introduced to the class teachers who provide an overview of the year ahead.

Parents help with supervision on school tours, sporting events and visits to the church. They also participate in school initiatives such as 'Literacy Liftoff', Secret Reader, Art Projects baking and preparation of resources. Parents are also invited to the school from time to time to talk to classes about their jobs

There is a 'Helping Hands' list for parents in the foyer. Available parents put their names and contact details on this list and are contacted by teachers as the need arises. .