

How Well Do You Know Your School?

Parents Working in Partnership with the School

Using Self-Evaluation to Improve the Working Partnership between the School, the Parent Council and the Parent Forum



Supports and Links to:

- The 5 broad Improvement Areas of The Journey to Excellence
- HGIOS 3 QI's
- Curriculum for Excellence
- Health & Wellbeing Policies

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Parental involvement in the life of school and in children's learning has a positive influence on all. Partnerships are at their most effective when parents and staff are committed to working together, have a clear understanding of their respective roles, and where contributions are based on mutual respect, equality and trust.

The activities within the resource will support Parent Councils in evaluating and developing:

1. Their current status, membership, role and responsibilities
2. Relationships and partnerships with the school and the community
3. Parental involvement
4. Parents' awareness of the Curriculum for Excellence including health and wellbeing, literacy and numeracy
5. Community issues and health behaviours
6. The views and opinions of the Parent Forum

The activities provide:

- Practical, jargon-free, self-evaluation questions
- Opportunities for open, honest conversations
- Opportunities for parents to identify and share skills and experiences
- Opportunities to identify actions for improvement and to inform School Improvement Planning
- Opportunities to discuss how to improve links within the whole school community and make best use of resources

Outcomes:

- Strong supportive links between parents, children, the school and community
- Evidence of the work of the Parent Council and future priorities
- Improved partnership working between the Parent Council, the school and the wider Parent Forum
- Everyone working together to benefit all children
- Strengthened links between home and school
- Shared ideas to enhance children's learning
- A shared vision to benefit all children
- Improved planning and practice
- Support for the School Improvement Plan