

All Saints C of E Infant School & Nursery Unit

HOME-SCHOOL POLICY

Parents are essential elements of our educational philosophy.

We firmly believe that a child will progress much more readily if parents and teachers are seen to be working together.

Open Door Policy

Our school tries to maintain a warm caring atmosphere. Parents are welcome visitors at any time. They are encouraged to come into classrooms to help with groups or to work away from children if they so prefer.

The Headteacher's door is never shut (unless quite deliberately to show that no disturbance is wanted - this happens on rare occasions such as interviews, etc).

We like to share joys - and sorrows - with our families. Parents are always assured of a welcome and usually a cup of tea whenever they call into school.

We pride ourselves on being a big caring Christian family and we work consciously towards maintaining this.

Parents in school, for whatever reason, over a break-time, will be offered tea or coffee in the staffroom along with other staff members.

Mornings

Parents are encouraged to come into school with their children each morning. The staff are in their rooms from 8.45am. This gives a nice opportunity for people to chat together and helps for good staff-parent relationships. When the bell goes at 8.55am this is a signal for the parents to leave and the children to gather on the carpet for the register.

Home Times

Parents collect their children from the back doors of the classrooms at the end of the day. Children know that if parents are not there - they have to stay with the teacher. No child is ever allowed to go home without a parent. Very occasionally, with prior permission, an older child may be allowed to walk home alone. Parents who make arrangements with other adults to collect their children are asked to let the staff know beforehand.

Parents Evenings

Each term we hold a Parents Evening. These give parents and teachers the opportunity to talk to each other regarding the children.

The Autumn Term meeting tends to be more an "information gathering" exercise.

The Spring Term meeting is geared very much to reporting progress, whilst the Summer evening is given over to discussion of the End of Year Report.

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Problems

We try to solve most problems before they become too big. If parents have any worries about their children, they normally talk to the class teacher or to the Head. Similarly any problems which may develop in school will be discussed with parents. Sometimes quite small incidents may be magnified in the mind of a child and cause distress. Any information which is given will remain strictly confidential.

Parent-Governor

Our Parent Governor is always willing to help with any queries which parents may have.

Nursery Unit

We are very fortunate in having the unit attached to our school. The children attend this for either a morning or an afternoon session. Family days are held during the term before the children start - when the whole family is welcomed into the unit to get accustomed to the atmosphere, play with the toys and meet with the staff. During the first two weeks of the Autumn Term the nursery staff visit each child in his/her own home. This provides another major link and strengthens the staff-parent-child relationship.

It is these relationships, made right at the beginning of a child's school life, which colour many of the attitudes of parents and children later in their educational careers.