

Effective reporting to parents should:

- support and improve learning
- provide clear, positive and constructive feedback about children's strengths and areas for development
- identify what needs to be done by staff, children and carers to ensure continued progress and achievement

Reporting in Skelmorlie Primary School

- Sharing the Learning events
- Annual written report in June
- Parent meetings twice a year in November and April
- Review meetings
- Pupil reflections in Achievement folders
- Pupil learning blogs
- Homework diaries
- School displays
- Assemblies and concerts
- School website and Twitter
- Parent Council meetings
- School newsletters

Skelmorlie Primary School & Early Years Class



Parent strategy

Parental and family engagement has a greater influence on children's and young people's attainment than their socio-economic background, parents' educational attainment, family structure or ethnicity." (Desforges and Abouchar 2003)

At Skelmorlie Primary School we understand the huge impact parents and families have on our children's ambition and achievement.

Our Parent Strategy has three aims so that we work together in partnerships to improve outcomes for our children.

- *To involve parents and families*
- *To engage parents and families*
- *To report to parents and families*
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Parental involvement leads to parental engagement which will then have a positive influence on children's attainment

Parental involvement is about supporting pupils and their learning - parents and teachers working together to help children become more confident learners.

Parental Involvement in Skelmorlie Primary:

- Helping on trips
- Parents evenings
- Open evenings/days – *Sharing the Learning*
- Volunteering/ gardening
- Stay and play days
- Parents in class events
- Curricular showcase events
- Assemblies/ shows
- Fundraising activities
- Consultation – focus groups/ questionnaires
- Parent Council
- Social media (Twitter/website)
- Welcome meetings (all stages)

Parental engagement should be seen as active involvement in learning. This can take place in school, at home, in the community etc.

Parental engagement in Skelmorlie Primary School:

- Read, Write, Count
- Moral support
- Guidance and advice
- Questioning children about learning/ strengths/ needs
- Discussing and commenting on pupil targets
- Feedback
- Helping with homework
- Family learning group
- EY Literacy and Numeracy Workshops