St Mun's Primary

Parental Engagement Policy

To be reviewed Jan-April 2028

Our Vision

At St Mun's Primary School, we are:

A FAMILY in Faith, Ambition, Motivation, Inclusion, Love and Yearning to Learn

We believe that children achieve their very best when school, home, parish and wider community work together in partnership.

Inspired by our school values of:

Faith • Respect • Honesty • Kindness

and our Gospel values of:

Integrity • Justice • Wisdom • Compassion

we strive to build positive, trusting and supportive relationships with all families.

We recognise parents, carers and families as children's first and most important educators. Through meaningful parental engagement and family learning, we work together to ensure that every child is supported to flourish spiritually, emotionally, socially and academically.

Rights-Based Approach

Children's Rights at the Heart

At St Mun's Primary School, our approach to parental engagement and family learning is firmly rooted in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC).

We are committed to ensuring that all children:

- Feel safe, respected and included
- Have their views listened to and acted upon
- Experience equality of opportunity
- Receive support to achieve their full potential
- Develop positive relationships within their school and community

The following rights underpin all aspects of our partnership working with families.

- Article 2: Non-discrimination
- Article 3: Best interests of the child
- Article 12: Respect for children's views
- Article 18: Parental responsibilities
- Article 28: Right to education
- Article 29: Goals of education

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Our Aims

At St Mun's Primary School we aim to:

Faith

- Strengthen relationships between home, school and parish.
- Promote our Catholic values through partnership working.

Respect

- Ensure all families feel welcomed, valued and listened to.
- Recognise and celebrate diversity within our school community.

Honesty

- Communicate openly and transparently.
- Seek and act upon feedback from children, parents and carers.

Kindness

- Foster nurturing relationships where families feel supported.
- Remove barriers which may prevent engagement.

Our Family Learning Commitment

In line with current Education Scotland guidance, we recognise three interconnected elements:

Family Learning

Families learning together to improve outcomes for children and adults.

Learning at Home

Supporting parents and carers to engage with children's learning beyond the school day.

Parental Engagement

Parents and carers actively participating in school life, decision-making and improvement.

Together these approaches contribute to raising attainment, improving wellbeing and reducing inequity.

What Partnership Looks Like at St Mun's

Families will:

- Be welcomed as valued members of our school family.
- Be involved in shaping school improvement priorities.
- Have opportunities to contribute their skills, experiences and ideas.
- Be supported to understand Curriculum for Excellence and children's progress.
- Have access to family learning opportunities throughout the year.

Children will:

- Be active participants in discussions about learning.
- Share their achievements with families regularly.
- Have opportunities to contribute their views about school improvement.

Staff will:

- Promote positive relationships with families.
- Communicate regularly using a variety of accessible methods.
- Provide guidance to support learning at home.
- Remove barriers to participation wherever possible.

Family Learning at St Mun's

Examples include:

- Literacy, numeracy and health and wellbeing workshops
- Family learning events
- Shared reading initiatives
- Digital learning workshops
- Curriculum information sessions
- Homework support sessions
- Transition events
- Faith celebrations and sacramental preparation activities
- Community and intergenerational learning opportunities

Communication

We will communicate through:

- School website
- School newsletters
- Email
- Parent consultations
- Learning conversations
- Parent Council meetings
- School social media platforms
- Surveys and consultations

Communication will be clear, accessible and responsive to family needs.

Inclusion and Equity

Consistent with St Mun's vision of **Inclusion and Love**, we will:

- Remove barriers to participation.
- Support families experiencing disadvantage.
- Ensure all voices are represented.
- Offer flexible opportunities for engagement.
- Promote equity and equality.
- Celebrate diversity and encourage belonging.

Measuring Impact

We will evaluate the effectiveness of this strategy through:

- Parent and carer surveys
- Learner voice activities
- Attendance at family learning events
- Parental participation data
- Parent Council feedback
- School improvement consultations
- HGIOS 4 self-evaluation
- National Improvement Framework measures

Success will be evidenced through:

- Increased parental participation
- Improved learner wellbeing
- Strong home-school partnerships
- Increased family confidence in supporting learning
- Improved attainment and achievement
- Positive feedback from children and families

St Mun's Family Learning Charter

Together we Thrive

As a community of **Faith, Ambition, Motivation, Inclusion, Love and Yearning to Learn**, we work in partnership to nurture every child.

Through **Faith, Respect, Honesty and Kindness**, and guided by the Gospel values of **Integrity, Justice, Wisdom and Compassion**, we create a learning community where every child is known, valued, loved and empowered to achieve their God-given potential.