

Parent/Teacher Communication Policy

From time to time any school parents may have a concern or an issue about school life which they need to resolve. The following steps outline the appropriate process to follow if you find yourself in this position.

Step One

Communicate your concern to the class teacher or specialist teacher. It is important to arrange a convenient time for both parties to meet so that teachers are not interrupted during valuable class time. Simple matters can usually be sorted out at this level by having open communication. Staff are never to be spoken to in an aggressive manner.

Step Two

If you are unable to find a satisfactory solution to your problem make an appointment to see the Principal to discuss the matter further.

Parent Code of Conduct Policy

Parents are very welcomed at St. Mary's and are encouraged to work in partnership with the teachers. Parents of St. Mary's are expected to uphold and support the policies and programs of the School. All actions and words should reflect our Catholic Ethos. Our school is a place that reflects the Gospel values that guide our teaching. Adults are role models and their behaviour does impacts upon the children in our care. Parents are not to approach another child. We believe that all members of our community must embrace the Catholic ethos that exists. The atmosphere should be both caring and friendly. Therefore each person of the school community has a right to feel safe and secure. St. Mary's School values this basic right.

The following are guidelines when a parent/adult chooses to break the harmony of the School by either word or actions.

- The person will meet with the Principal.
- They may be barred from entering the school for a period of time.
- After the designated time, they will need to meet with the Principal to discuss their access to the School. This will be only given if they agree to the following conditions.
- They will be expected to minimize the risk of their behaviour impacting upon others.
- They must give assurances that this behaviour will never happen again.
- Restrictions may be placed upon them i.e. restricting access to individual rooms or contact with individual people, visiting the School only in the afternoon.
- Failure to comply will result in that parent being denied access to the School and may also include any functions associated with it.

The school community must also show forgiveness, understanding and compassion. It must work together to resolve conflict. If issues can not be resolved and support can not be assured, parents must reassess their involvement with St. Mary's School.

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