

Réalt na Mara School



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Dear parents / guardians

Réalt na Mara is delighted to announce that our school has been appointed a Home School Community Liaison Coordinator (HSCL). This is a shared post between our school and Coláiste Rís Secondary School. Our HSCL coordinator is Mrs. Adrienne Callan. Adrienne taught 6th class for several years before moving to our Centre for Autism, where she taught for the past eleven years.

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What is the Home School Community Liaison Scheme (HSCL)?

The Home School Community Liaison Scheme (HSCL) seeks to promote partnership between parents, teachers and community family support services. A HSCL Coordinator is a teacher from your children's school who is released from teaching duties, for a maximum of five years, in order to work intensively with and support parents / guardians. The overarching goal of the HSCL Coordinator is to improve educational outcomes for children through the work with the key adults in the child's life

The HSCL coordinator also works in an integrated way with the other two strands of TESS; School Completion Programme (SCP) and Educational Welfare Service Statutory (EWS), in order to provide initiatives and interventions for families.

Home visits are the primary point of contact for HSCL Coordinators, as this is where strong relationships are built with parents/guardians with regard to accessing community-based programmes and supports. The scheme also supports families as their children transition from early education to primary school, from primary school to post-primary school and finally from post-primary school to further and higher education, training or employment.

What does the HSCL Coordinator do?

In our school, the HSCL Coordinator Adrienne, works in partnership with parents, teachers and local community organisations to support positive educational outcomes for pupils. Adrienne will also work with the Educational Welfare Officer (EWO) to improve educational outcomes for children. As part of her work, Adrienne will meet parents during home visits, at courses for parents in the school and at other school and community events.

Please feel free to contact Adrienne for advice, information or support.

Parents are responsible for their children outside official school hours.

What is a home visit?

The HSCL Coordinator visits parents in their home to build strong relationships between home and school and to bring information about the school and services available in the community. The HSCL Coordinator will offer support around attendance and your child's learning. The HSCL Coordinator may visit to introduce themselves when your child starts in the school or to update you about your child's progress.

What courses might be available for parents?

The HSCL Coordinator will offer a variety of courses or programmes for parents based on the interests of parents in the school. They may include leisure (e.g. cookery or fitness classes), education and learning (e.g. Maths for Fun), transition to a new school (e.g. My Child My Vision) and parenting skills (e.g. Parents Plus and Positive Parenting). These courses may take place in the Parents' Room in school or in the local community.

Can the HSCL Coordinator give me information about the school, such as school costs and uniform?

Yes, the HSCL Coordinator can give any information required. For example, provide details for the uniform shop suppliers and give you contact details for local supports.

Can the HSCL Coordinator offer support around my child's transition?

Yes, the HSCL Coordinator can assist with applications and can provide information and support in relation to your child's transition from early years to primary and primary to post primary school.

Can the HSCL Coordinator give me information about after school activities and supports available for my child?

Yes, the HSCL Coordinator will be able to give you all the information about any after-school support provided by the school. The HSCL Coordinator will also be able to advise you of other ways of accessing other supports for your child in the local community and give you contact details for the relevant organisations.

Adrienne is looking forward to getting to know you all and working alongside you in the years ahead. Together, we can continue to create a warm, welcoming and supportive school community, where your child can thrive.

Phil McCaul
Principal

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