



12 Basic Principles of the Home School Community Liaison Scheme

The scheme consists of a partnership and collaboration of the complementary skills of parents and teachers.

The scheme is unified and integrated at both the primary and the post-primary levels.

The thrust of the scheme is preventive rather than curative.

The focus of the scheme is on the adults whose attitudes and behaviour impinge on the lives of children, namely, parents and teachers.

The basis of activities in the scheme is the identification of needs and having those needs met.

The scheme develops teacher and staff attitudes in the areas of partnership and the whole-school approach.

The scheme promotes the fostering of self-help and independence.

Home visitation is a crucial element in establishing bonds of trust with families.

Networking with and promoting the coordination of the work of voluntary and statutory agencies increases effectiveness, obviates duplication, and leads to an integrated delivery of service to marginalised children and their families.

Home, School, Community Liaison is a full-time undertaking.

The liaison coordinator is an agent of change.

Community “ownership” of the scheme is promoted through the development of the Local Education Committee.

