

# SCHOOL SUPPORTS (Title on main home page)

## School Completion Programme

The School Completion Programme (SCP) works closely with the Home School Community Liaison (HSCL) Teacher and the Education Welfare Officer (EWO) to promote improved attendance, participation and retention in school. The team works with targeted students in a "young person centered" approach as everyone's needs are different. Working closely with school staff and other statutory and voluntary agencies, they identify the needs of these students and put a plan in place so that they can fully engage in all aspects of school life. SCP liaises with the Care Team and School Management on a regular basis and offers support to families in times of crisis. Working in partnership with the school to provide the best outcomes for students at risk of early school leaving is the overall aim.

These supports include one-to-one work, small group work, personal development, lunchtime clubs and summer holiday activity provision.

## Home School Liaison Officer:

The Home School Community Liaison (HSCL) teacher is the link between home and school, with the aim of supporting parents and sharing information between home and school. The HSCL encourages parents to be part of the school community and play an active part in their child's education. Working closely with form tutors, year heads and the School Completion Programme to monitor attendance the HSCL visits homes for various reasons. All contact is positive and supportive. Parents can contact the HSCL if they, or their child, are experiencing any difficulty that is affecting their child's ability to do well in school. Students can also meet with the HSCL in school if they are experiencing difficulties and require further support.

### **Parents Association:**

The Parent's Association plays a very active part in the promotion and development of the school. All parents of children attending the school are automatically members of the Association. It provides for the formal involvement of parents in the affairs of the school. It is through the Association that the parents' nominees of the Board of Management are elected and can consult with parents and bring forward their views at Board level.

## SEN – Learning Support

Ó Fiaich College has a well-resourced and experienced Special Educational Needs (SEN) Department. While our mainstream teachers hold responsibility for the learning and teaching within the classroom, the SEN Coordinator and the SEN team have additional resources available to offer more specialised support where needed. This support can be offered on an individual, small group or whole-class basis. This comprehensive support provided by teachers and SNAs, is offered to pupils who have identified learning needs. Parents/guardians receive reports on their child's progress and

participation in this support as well as being offered parent's classes to help best support their students at home.