

Parents Association Committee

Welcome to St. Oliver Post Primary Parents Association Committee

Who are we?

The St. Oliver Post Primary Parents Association Committee is a volunteer group made up of parents and guardians of students attending St. Oliver Post Primary. Our purpose is to:

- Promote the active involvement of parents and guardians of students attending St. Oliver Post Primary in the day-to-day running of the school
- Act as a voice for parents, guardians and students and advocate their interests on education and school related matters
- Provide a forum for parents, guardians and students to raise questions, express opinions and exchange relevant information
- Foster and enhance the school's relationship with parents, guardians and students through regular social events
- Assist in raising funds in support of the committee
- Offer input into school policies and support the school management and teaching staff

What we do:

- The Parents Association holds 5-6 meetings during the school year. Meetings are attended by the School Principal and School Parent Partnership Coordinator and typically involve exchange of information relating to school matters in addition to planning the various social events and educational talks that we organise throughout the year.
- The Parents Association is the structure through which parents/guardians in our school can work together for the best possible education for their children.
- The Education Act, 1998 sets down the role of the parent association.
- The Parents Association works with the principal, staff and the board of management to build effective partnership of home and school.
- Educational research on the involvement of parents in schools shows that children achieve higher levels when parents and teachers work together.
- The Parents Association can advise the principal and Board of Management on policy issues and incidents that may require a review of school policy, e.g. Bullying, Safety, Homework, Enrolment, Behaviour problems etc.
- The Parents Association can suggest and/or organise extra-curricular activities.
- The Parents Association is a support for parents in the school.
- The Parents Association can invite speakers to address the parents on issues which are topical or relevant.

- The Parents Association is not a forum for complaint against either an individual teacher or parent. The Complaints Procedure is the mechanism for this.

We need your support!

St. Oliver Post Primary Parents Association Committee invites all parents and guardians to become involved by joining the committee and/or by helping with some of the social events and activities we organise throughout the year.

This is **your** Parents Association Committee, so any assistance you can offer, no matter how small, is most welcome and will be a valuable contribution to your son's or daughter's development at St. Oliver PP.

If you would like to join us and/or help with any of our events throughout the year, please email nkenny.sto@lmetb.ie or alternatively please telephone the school at (049) 854 1180 to register your interest. We look forward to seeing you soon at one of our upcoming events!

Parent Association Events

<i>Event Description</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Venue</i>
TY Parents Evening	September	St. Oliver PP
1st Year Parents Evening	September	St. Oliver PP
Open Night	September	St. Oliver PP
CAO Information Evening	November	St. Oliver PP
Senior Cycle Options Evening	February	St. Oliver PP
Transition Year Presentation	May	St. Oliver PP
6th Year Graduation	May	St. Oliver PP

To contact the Parents Association Committee:

All parents and guardians of pupils at St. Oliver PP are invited to contact the Parents Association Committee at any time, for example to raise concerns or topics for discussion, suggest ideas for improvement and/or to get involved with our activities.

You can contact us directly via email at nkenny.sto@lmetb.ie or via the school by telephoning (049) 854 1180

Please note that the Parents Association Committee cannot deal with queries or issues of an individual nature. Such matters should be dealt with through the normal channels offered by St. Oliver PP, i.e. by contacting the Year Head of the pupil or through appointment with the principal, as appropriate.

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Lesley Gleeson	Chairperson & BOM nominee
Imelda Murray	Secretary
Mairead Reilly	Treasurer
Paula Beardmore	Member
Fiona Brunton	Member
Regina Caldwell	Member
Catherine Callaghan	Member
Gem Carew	Member
Orla Farrelly	Member
Ruth Farrelly	Member
Kathy Flood	Member
Olive Flynn	Member
Jenni Gaughan	Member
Elaine Halpin	Member
Jill Hand	Member
Michael Lennard	Member & BOM nominee
Bernie Rafferty	Member
Kevin Sheridan	Member
Aoife Smith Finnegan	Member
Ciara Yore	Member
Nicky Kenny	NPC Link

Useful links:

The following websites may be helpful as additional sources of information for parents and guardians. Please feel free to send on details of other resources you have found helpful, so we can add to our list.

<http://www.npcpp.ie/>

National Parents Council (Post Primary)

<http://www.education.ie/>

Department of Education and Skills

<http://www.scoilnet.ie/post-primary>

Useful educational resource for teachers, parents and students

<http://www.schoolsdays.ie/>

Helpful educational resource for parents

<https://www.hse.ie/eng/about/who/healthwellbeing/>

Useful educational resource for teachers, parents and students

<https://www.webwise.ie/parents/>

Online internet safety initiative