OVERVIEW
In St Monica’s we aim to provide an ethos in which teachers and parents are encouraged to support each other in the education of the young people in our care. Our intention will be to welcome parents and involve them in the work and life of the school. We believe that where parents are partners in the process of education the learners thrive and do well.

OBJECTIVES
1. To welcome parents to join in the work and life of the school as partners helping us to promote the school’s aims.
2. To create clear and effective channels of communication with parents.
3. To build on the work that parents have done with their children and to enable them to continue to support the learning process both in and out of school.
4. To share with parents a clear and accurate picture of their child’s progress and achievement.
5. To work with parents in identifying learning goals for children and in finding and implementing agreed solutions when problems arise.
6. To work in collaboration with parents to promote the school’s policies.
7. To involve parents in meeting learners’ individual and special needs.
8. To offer parent/carer and family learning courses in school as part of our extended services core offer to allow them the opportunity to develop themselves as active learners.
9. To support family learning through our Sefton Startright group and our Family and Schools Together (FAST) programmes.
10. To involve parents in the social and extra-curricular life of the school.

STRATEGY
1. Parents will be welcomed in school as partners in the learning process.
2. Their concerns and issues will be dealt with in a professional, friendly, sensitive and prompt manner.
3. Parents will be encouraged to build supportive relationships with class teachers by calling at school for a brief word or if more time is necessary, by making appointments at mutually convenient times.
4. Important information from the school will be sent to parents by letter.
5. Where a child has an individual need parents will be contacted and invited into school to help resolve it.
6. Parents will be given regular feedback on their child’s learning, progress and achievement through parents’ evenings and written reports.
7. Parents will be encouraged to be involved in the life and work of the school in many ways including:
   ♦ working in classrooms with children or in support of teachers;
   ♦ helping with extra-curricular activities and school visits; and
   ♦ being involved in social and fund-raising activities through the work of The Friends of St Monica’s.

OUTCOME
The ethos of our school aims to be one in which parents and staff are mutually supportive. As a result, our children will benefit in their development, progress and achievement. This partnership will give pupils and parents/carers the best opportunity to benefit from school. Our links with parents and the community will be used to help promote community cohesion.