



**“It takes a
community to
educate a
child”**



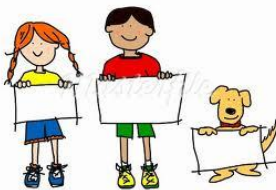
**Bushmills
Education Project**

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Q: What is the project about?

A: It's about understanding why some young people from Bushmills do really well at school and others don't. The project is led by Bushmills Residents Environmental Forum (BREF) with the support of the Children & Young People's Strategic Partnership (CYPSP) and the Community Foundation for NI (CFNI).



Q: What have we done up to now?

A: We've carried out a survey to get people's views on education in Bushmills.

Q. What did people say?

- ✚ People are positive about their local schools.
- ✚ There was recognition of the difficulties faced by parents getting involved in their children's education.
- ✚ There were lots of ideas shared about how parents, schools and the wider community might work together in the future and develop a shared vision for good education.





Q. What are we doing now?

Six key issues came up in the survey that seemed to be of interest to parents and carers:

1. Pre-School Education in Bushmills – what's available; what's working well?
2. Life-Skills / Personal Development for parents and carers;
3. Relationship between parents/carers and their schools – experiences & hopes;
4. How do I know my child is doing well at school?
5. Homework – how can we support our children?
6. Supporting children with additional/special needs;



We are organising conversations over April/May in Bushmills around each of these issues which are open to all those who would like to find out more and have their say. We are also talking with children and young people about their experiences and hopes. A community conference is planned for Friday 21st June in the Dunluce Parish Centre, Bushmills, at which parents, carers and all those with an interest in education in Bushmills are invited.

CONVERSATIONS
(Children welcome)

THEME	WHEN	WHERE
Life Skills / Personal Development	Tues 23 rd April @10.00 – 11.30 am	7 Castlecatt Rd, Bushmills
Relationship between parents & schools	Mon 29 th April @7.00 – 8.30 pm	Bushmills Primary School
'Doing well at school' – what does it mean?	Thurs 9 th May @7.00 – 8.30 pm	French Rooms, Bushmills
Homework – how can we support our children	Wed 15 th May @12.30 – 2.00 pm	Community House, Dundarave Pk, Bushmills
Children with additional/ special needs	Wed 29 th May @10.00 – 11.30 am	Mill Rest, Bushmills
Pre-School Education	Tues 4 th June @9.30 -11.00 am	Dalriada Sure Start, Bushmills

Please confirm attendance for catering purposes for one or more of these sessions with Leanne Abernethy on 07747 077945.

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