



A One Day Conference for Parents

**Parents and Schools –
*a Two-Way
Partnership***

**Carnoustie Hotel
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in association with



Presentation by Mrs Leila Martin, Headteacher, Colliston Primary School, Angus – At ABN/SSEN/Angus Conference ‘Parents and Schools – A Two-Way Partnership’, October 2003

- **Development of school ethos, foundation of trust, communication, consultation & commitment. Transparency of approach everything black or white – no grey areas. Strong identity, pride, expectations high but achievable agreed as a result of discussion**
 - **School aims – need to be lived not just written**
 - **School behaviour plan reviewed annually – each class producing own interpretation during first week of first term – clear agenda established – rewards, consequences agreed**
 - **With rights come responsibilities**
 - **School policies known, understood, delivered consistently**
 - **Pupil Council**
 - **Consulted on priorities for school development plan – children see evidence of valued consultation, tokenism would be detrimental to process, do not enter into this unless with true sincerity**
 - **Better Behaviour/Better Learning**
 - **Artist in residence experience – consultation nursery to P7 lead by the children, supported by the staff & information shared with the parents & wider community**
 - **Sports Council**
 - **Daily Physical Activity**
 - **Sports Day**
 - **Health Promoting Team**
 - **Membership includes staff, children, parents**
 - **Know your staff event**
 - **Enterprise Company – Colliston Simple Solutions**
 - **Success determined by team work & commitment**
 - **Serves school & wider community**
 - **Termly meetings held with HT & school secretary**

- **Involvement of staff, children, parents & wider community**
 - **Invitations to express interest**
 - **Follow up**
 - **Timetables – (shows organisation, value & appreciation)**
 - **Time made to discuss experiences with staff, children parents – How could they be enhanced?**
 - **Assemblies**
 - **PTA/School Board**
- **Out of school activities – football, netball, NOF - cluster festivals of sport**
- **Newsletters – to congratulate, to celebrate, to inform & to warn**
- **HGIOS, QI 5.4**
- **Process of citizenship, development of core skills permeating all curricular areas**
- **Methods of consultation**
 - **discussion groups - for response to National Debate**
 - **questionnaires – health education**
 - **open afternoons, evenings – curriculum development, celebration of children’s work**
- **Golden Rule never offer what you can’t deliver & if you say you’ll do something make sure you do.**