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Your child's school report

You will receive a written report from your child's school at the end of the school year. This report will give you information on your child's progress and achievement in school in four key areas:

A. Your child as a learner

C. Your child's learning across the curriculum

B. Your child's social and personal development

D. Your key role in supporting your child's learning

The report may include information on:

Your child as a learner

- how your child likes learning in school
- how your child works with other children, or on his/her own
- how your child keeps trying at work, even when it is hard
- how well your child works in school or at home

Your child's social and personal development

- if your child appears happy in school
- how he/she behaves
- how he/she gets on with other children in the classroom and in the playground

Your child's learning across the curriculum

- how he/she is getting on in English, Gaelge, mathematics, and in the other subject areas
- whether he/she needs a little or a lot of help with school work
- whether your child needs a little or a lot of help with homework



You can watch a DVD on children's learning in primary schools at www.ncca.ie

How you can further support your child's learning

- how you might be able to help your child to do better in school
- things you can do at home to help with your child's learning

For tip sheets on ways you can help your child to learn, visit www.ncca.ie

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Standardised test results

- the result of a standardised test which will appear as a number. Schools must share the standardised test result with you when your child is in 2nd, 4th and 6th class.
- your child's teacher should provide you with a leaflet explaining standardised testing and test scores

For leaflets for parents on standardised testing, visit www.ncca.ie

Comments

- how your child is doing from his/her teachers point of view
- a comment on some aspect of the report or perhaps drawing your attention to something (s)he would like to talk to you about
- specific praise for your child on a special achievement or quality

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Explanation of terms that may be used in your child's school report

English and Gaeilge

Listening comprehension – the ability to understand what is said by others.

Oral Expression – the ability to talk to others in a clear and effective way.

Pre-writing – the skills required before writing on his/her own. For example, pencil grip, forming and naming the letters of the alphabet, learning that letters represent sounds etc.

Pre-reading – the skills required before reading on his/her own. For example, developing an awareness of letter sounds, understanding that words and sentences go from left to right, understanding that pictures in a text add to the meaning etc.

Written expression – the ability to write with meaning and for a purpose.

Mathematics

Understanding and recalling – the ability to show understanding of a maths idea and remember important facts.

Using procedures – the ability to use clear and appropriate steps to answer a sum or solve a maths problem.

Reasoning and problem solving – the ability to use knowledge of maths to work out problems.

Explaining and communicating – the ability to share thinking about why a problem was approached in a particular way.