



Sun Valley
Group of Schools

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ONE STUDENT ONE PARENT GROUP

1. Background

1.1 Developed at the Policy Conference November 2008

2. Legislation

2.1 The Constitution of Sun Valley Group of Schools.

2.2 The Sun Valley Group of Schools is perceived as a family school. Family structures in this Group are, however, varied. Currently we have:

- a) Married (2 parents)
- b) Married, but one partner working off-shore,
- c) Single as a result of Bereavement,
- d) Bereaved and now remarried.
- e) Bereaved, remarried and now divorced - with non-biological partner deeply connected to the child, who has remarried,
- f) Both re-married (now 4 parents),
- g) One remarried (now 3 parents),
- h) Divorced amicably with shared 'custody',
- i) Divorced disagreeably with issues about being together at school functions,
- j) Separated,
- k) Separated- but pending court settlement with evidence of vindictive behavior ,
- l) Relationship in conflict,
- m) Single parent,
- n) Single parent with live-in lover,
- o) Same sex parents,
- p) Separated same sex partners with new partners,
- q) Grandparents raising children,
- r) Guardians (adopted children),
- s) Foster parents,
- t) Foster parent (single).

2.3 By Grade 7, 52% of our students no longer live in a traditional family.

2.4 In order to manage the **communication process**, the School has agreed on the following policy. On enrolment, parents must decide on a primary communicator who will be responsible and accountable to share all information with the entire Parent Group. This person will be loaded onto the system as the Primary Communicator.

2.5 The **Primary Communicator** will represent the **Parent Group** and will receive all Newsletters, SMS notification, Class Excursion notifications, Sport Notification, Outdoor Education information and Parentline information. It is the responsibility of the **Primary Communicator** of the Parent Group to disseminate all information with members of the Group. Should this not be the case, the adults in the Parent Group must seek consensus and/or legal intervention to make the necessary arrangements.

2.6 The School is sympathetic to those students whose parents are in conflict and cannot amicably share information. However, the school cannot be held accountable to manage the communication to all members of the **Parent Group**.