

ALLIR MEÐ

tölum saman um skólamenningu á Íslandi



**We, our children and school
Interest – responsibility – influence**

SAMFOK and Home and School

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Icelandic school system

- The school in Iceland is not only an educational institution
- The school is a community where everyone can influence how it is shaped
 - Children, parents and employees/staff
- The quality of the society builds on an active participation of everyone





Cooperation with parents

- Heimili og skóli (Eng. Home and School) is the national association of parents
- SAMFOK is the association of parents of school children in Reykjavík
- These associations support the cooperation with parents, and parents can get counselling there
- The service is free of charge





Cooperation with parents

- According to the Icelandic law, all schools are obliged to have an active parents association
- All parents who have children in the school are automatically members of a parent association
- Most parent associations charge an annual fee but the payment is optional



Organisation of the cooperation with parents

Parents

The board of the parent union

Class representatives

School council

- The board of the parent society is responsible for the cooperation and sharing of projects with class representatives
- Class representatives are responsible for organisation and sharing of projects with parents in the class
- Parent society and all parents are the backup of the representatives of parents in school councils



Annual projects



• School

- Annual general meeting of the parent society
- Christmas decorations
- Easter bingo
- Spring festival / multicultural festival
- Parent walk
- Lectures

• Class

- Parent meeting twice a year
- Parental agreement
- Class evenings twice a year
- Parent walk
- Fundraising





School and class atmosphere

How can parents aim at a good school and class atmosphere?

- Show interest in school attendance of your child
 - Ask how the day was – what was done at school – what was for lunch?
- Get acquainted with other parents in the class and know other children in the class by name



School and class atmosphere



- Attend parent meetings in the class
 - Outdoor hours – birthday invitations – parties – usage of phones in the schools – social media – use of computers
- Attend class evenings
- Volunteer for parental work or individual projects within parental work



What is good to bear in mind?



- Birthdays in the class
 - Invitations – presents - attendance
- Fundraising for school trips of older children
- Information flow – Mentor – Facebook-groups
- Ask for help





After the talks we would like to hear from you. How can we do this together? We cannot do this without you – we are better together!

Thank you 😊
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What is a parent society?

