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# HSCL

A guide by Bernadine

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# 1. What does DEIS stand for?!

- ❑ Delivering equality of opportunity in schools
- ❑ Allocated a HSCL
- ❑ Extra teachers
- ❑ Breakfast/lunch club
- ❑ Given access to literacy, numeracy resources
- ❑ JCSP co-ordinator



## 1. What does the title mean?!

- Home, school, community liaison officer
- I act as a bridge between home and school and visiting parents in their own homes is a core part of the HSCL scheme.
- “Parents as partners” is a fundamental value of HSCL and indeed, within the Irish Education system





## 1. What does the title mean?!

- I am also the link with outside agencies

Foroige

Simon

Garda youthdiversion project

West Lim Youth & comm workers  
project

Cypsc

Traveller initiative group

Barnardos

ISPCC

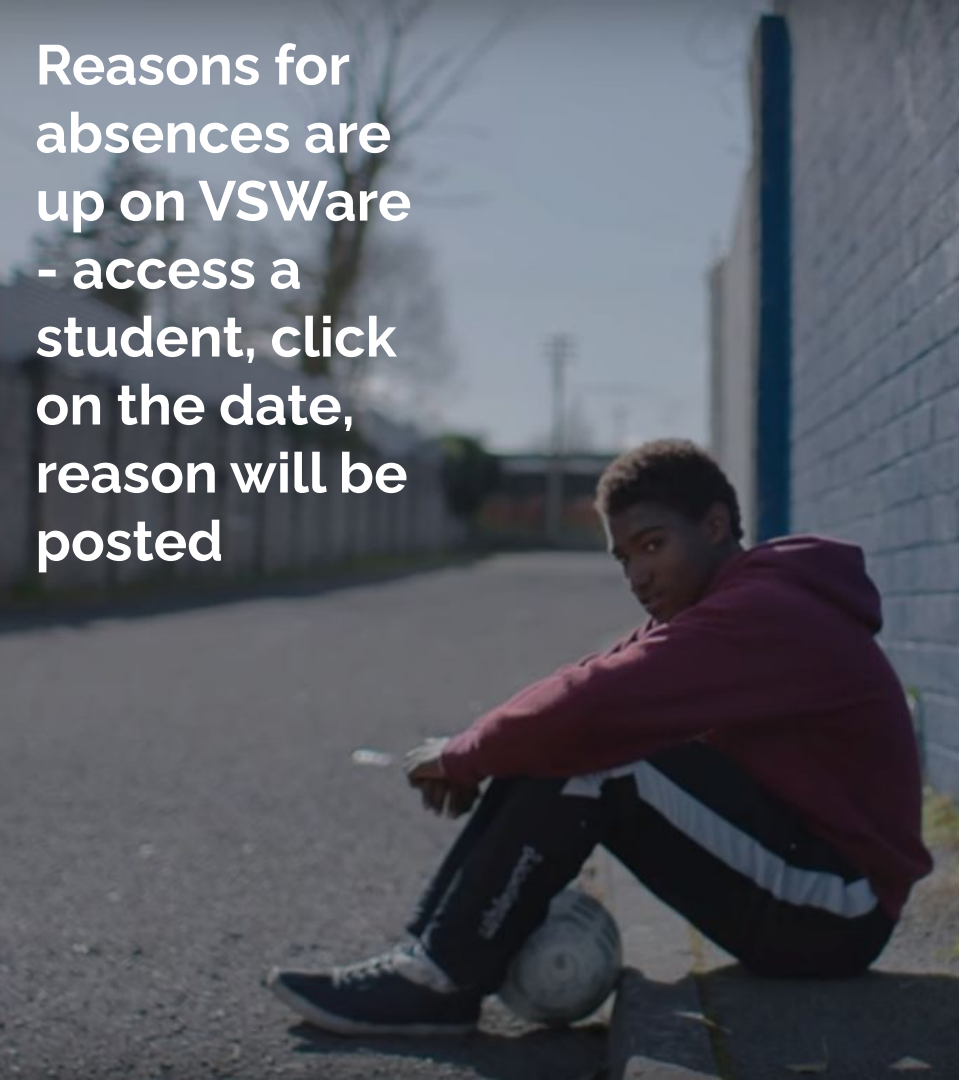
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**Targets children at risk of not reaching their potential in the educational system because of family-based issues, which adversely affect pupil attainment and school retention.**

**Becomes familiar with attendance patterns, in order to maximize student attendance, participation and retention. Works in a supportive and purposeful way with parents and facilitates communication with class teacher, tutor, year-head, and school management, when required. Promotes positive teacher and staff attitudes towards partnership-working and adopting whole-school approach to attendance participation and retention.**



**Reasons for  
absences are  
up on VSWare  
- access a  
student, click  
on the date,  
reason will be  
posted**

**Create a list of vulnerable students - some come off new students get added**

**Monitor the attendance of these**

**Ring the homes for all absent ASN students every day then I make a call to others as time allows or when I see a pattern emerging (missing every Tues for ex)**

**Complete an attendance toolkit with parents and students after 5 consecutive absences**

**Explain timetable, EWS system, importance of routine, do roleplays around behaviour, school meetings, etc etc**

**Assess what they need to try to keep them in the system**



- Visit homes -25% of my day
- Organise parent courses, parenting, self-esteem, cookery, iPad, wellbeing, healthy eating, day trips to colleges
- Given ESL classes for those with little English
- Given reading classes to those who can't read
- Provide school materials where necessary
- Referrals to outside agencies TUSLA, Barnardos Foroige and ISPCC

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# What we can do to help

Some students don't know how to act in some situations and they need to be shown more than being told

The more we as teachers care, are strong and positive, the better the foundations for any interventions

In short, when students have less hope and if they think they aren't smart enough and can't succeed they'll make less of an effort

We can teach them brains can grow and they can raise their IQs

We must always focus on reinforcing effort

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# What you as a parent can do...

- Attend **Parent-Teacher Meeting**. ...
  - Visit the School and Its **Website**. ...
  - **Support** Homework Expectations. ...
  - Send Your Child to School **Ready to Learn**. ...
  - Teach **Organisational** Skills. ...
  - Teach **Study** Skills. ...
  - Use the school journal, keep in **contact** with us, with me!
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Once you have an education  
no one can take it away

**One good adult**



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**Finally...**

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