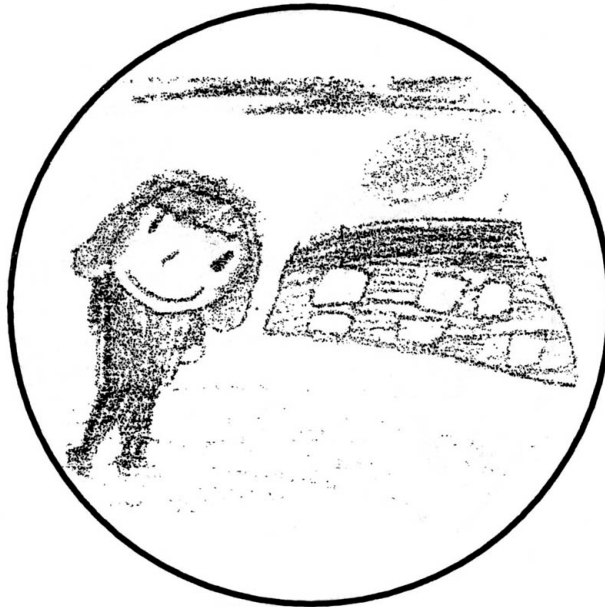




# My Mum Likes School



**Evaluation of the effectiveness of Home  
School Liaison work in increasing  
parental involvement in 4 core schools**

## The Home School Liaison Officers

The evolution of the HSLOs' [Home School Liaison Officers'] job role is reflected to some extent in the responses each gave to the question on how they saw their role. Whilst three of the four still focus on the work with parents, one is currently almost entirely school based and finding little time to develop this area of the work. All still carry out a role within the classroom, although the percentage of time allocated to this part of the job varies from school to school. Two of the four schools have been very successful in attracting parents in as helpers and to join groups whilst the other two have seen scope for development work with parents in other areas, e.g. After School Clubs. Essentially the roles have evolved according to:

- the nature of the individual communities
- facilities available within the school (e.g. parents' room, integrated Nursery class, etc.)
- demands of the school.

Eighteen months into the project they see their roles as follows.

*'To support and encourage children in the Early Years.'*

*'To convey what is going on in the classroom to parents so that they can help their children.'*

*'To help set up courses in conjunction with LALIC and groups of parents.'*

*'Encouragement of parental involvement in the school.'*

*'Linking with Nursery Schools so that there is a familiar face on entering school.'*

*'To support the class teacher.'*

*'Building up good relationships between parents, staff and children.'*

*'Promoting parents groups.'*

*'Guidance for parents on further self development – college, etc.'*

*'Bringing parents into courses.'*

*'Supporting numeracy and literacy teaching in P1 and P2.'*

*'Promoting parents' evenings and encouraging attendance.'*

*'To make parents feel welcome.'*

*'To carry out any home visits required.'*

