



Raysfield Schools

Parental Involvement

Rationale

We enjoy and value the involvement of parent/carers and other family members in school life to promote and forge the partnership approach to the education of the young children in our care.

Purposes

Parents/carers and other family members are welcomed into school in order to:-

- enhance the learning environment
- share social skills
- forge home/school links
- promote understanding of school life
- boost the self esteem of the children
- engage in workshops led by teachers or other agencies

Guidelines

1) Adult involvement could include 1:1 support or group support in any of the following activity:

- literacy/numeracy activities
 - Handwriting
 - Spelling
 - Playing games
 - Sharing books
- Art
- Sewing
- D&T activities
- Helping in the wildlife gardens
- Food activities
- Working with groups/individuals

- 2) Parents should inform the teacher of when they would like to come in so that they can be planned for
- 3) Activities should be carefully explained so the learning outcomes are explicit.
- 4) On outings where there are specific investigations, a list of questions and/or ideas should be provided.
- 5) Some parents/adults may not wish to be involved in the classroom but may enjoy helping in other ways ie in the library, making equipment in school or at home and fundraising
- 6) Information should be given to parents about activities carried out as homework as this maximises the benefits for children.

DBS Checks

Adults planning to make a regular commitment to helping in school will need to be DBS checked. Please ask at the office.

Conclusion

We acknowledge and appreciate the time given to us by parents and other adults. Their involvement is vital for the ethos of the school, the self esteem of the children and the working of our partnership approach.

We take opportunities to maximize positive impacts for sexuality, disabled and non-disabled people, people of different ethnic, cultural and religious backgrounds, girls, boys, men and women.

Links to :

- School Trips Policy**
- Confidentiality Policy**
- Parents Helping in School Guidelines Policy**
- Child Protection**
- Security**
- Safeguarding**

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