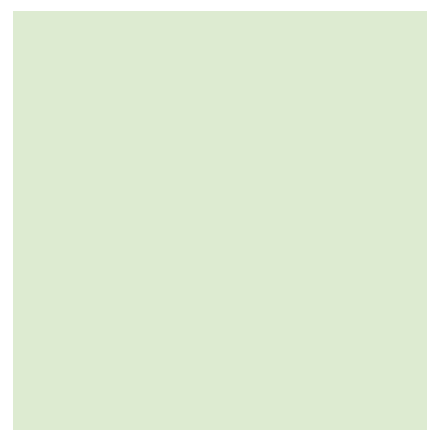




You are welcome at school

We welcome your involvement in your child's education at home and at school



Everyone benefits from your involvement. Children love to see the people that are important to them at their school. Schools benefit from the skills and knowledge parents, grandparents and other carers bring and parents get to make friends and feel more connected to their child's education.

Get to know your child's teacher

You do not have to wait until parent-teacher interviews to discuss your child's progress. It is important to introduce yourself early in the first semester. You can ask your child's teacher how they will communicate with you and the best way to communicate with him or her.

If you are worried about any aspect of your child's education or behaviour talk to your child's teacher as early as possible. Teachers will make themselves available but they may need you to make an appointment. If you want to help in the classroom, ask the teacher how you could do this.

Join a school committee

School committees often involve parent and school staff together working on common goals, such as developing policies on student welfare, school uniform, use of school funds and facilities.

Parents often also get involved in raising funds for the school. These activities are fun and funds help the school to provide enhanced learning opportunities for students. Check the school newsletter for meeting times.

Ideas for helping at school

Whatever your lifestyle, time commitments, level of English, skills, or education there is a job for you at your child's school.

Below are some ideas:

- Listening to children read
- Helping with excursions
- Coaching a school sport team
- Covering books in the library
- Working in the canteen
- Planting a school garden
- Sewing costumes for a performance
- Promoting school activities.

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