



Kinellar Nursery

Use of Parents/Volunteers Policy

It is good practice to encourage parent involvement in nursery. Relationships between staff/parents/children can be enhanced and a climate of trust developed. Parents gain a better understanding of the work of the nursery and how this benefits their child. Staff can develop an understanding of the needs of the family as well as the child.

Where parents are involved in activities during sessions, staff should ensure that adequate induction procedures are in place so that parents are sure of their role and clear about the aims of the group.

How can we involve parents/volunteers?

- Outings
- Practical help in preparation of paint/paper/materials
- Special skills (e.g. piano playing/languages)
- Give talks (e.g. dentist/vet/police officer/ lollipop person etc.)
- Gardening

Risk Assessments

It is important that parents/volunteers are not left in sole charge of the group and that they are not asked to undertake tasks that would put them or the children at risk. Staff will complete a risk assessment that ensures:

- Volunteer or parent helper is never alone with a child or group of children.
- Parent helper/volunteer is known to the nursery or nursery staff.
- Parent helpers/volunteers do not take children to the toilet, change them if they are soiled or carry out First Aid.

Students

- Volunteers and students would be expected to abide by the Nursery/School Confidentiality Policy/Statement.

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