

## **A Guide For Parent Helpers and Volunteers**

**Recreation Road Infant school is committed to the safeguarding of all our pupils**

Thank you for showing an interest in helping at our school. We hope that the information in this leaflet will help you. Please do ask if there is something you do not understand.

Partnership with parents and the community is very important for us at Recreation Road Infant School. Having parents and members of the community in to help is one way that this partnership is fostered. All volunteers will need to complete a Criminal Record Bureau check. All volunteers are under the supervision of the class teacher and will normally work with small groups in the classroom or immediate environment. We hope you find volunteering a valuable and enjoyable experience.



### **Some FAQs:**

**I want to help in school but I think that my child is not going to cope with me in the classroom.**

Some children don't cope well at first but do get used to having a parent or carer in school. However, there are many other tasks to do in school or you could work in a different class.

**I want to help but can't offer regular times.**

We are always pleased to have extra parents to help on occasions. Please don't let this put you off.

**What do I do if a child is cheeky or doesn't do as I ask?**

We do not accept cheekiness or inappropriate behaviour. We use positive behaviour strategies to try to minimise any incidents and so encouragement, praise and a chance for children to make decisions for themselves can help avoid this situation. Please do talk to the classteacher if there is a problem and please read our Behaviour Policy (available on our website- [www.recreationroad.com](http://www.recreationroad.com)).

### **Confidentiality**

Making judgements about children and their ability or behaviour and discussing this with others (apart from the classteacher or teaching assistant) is not appropriate and can cause a great deal of distress. If other parents ask about the class please always refer them to the classteacher.

### **Child Protection**

You have a duty to tell the classteacher about any concern you have regarding child protection. Please familiarise yourself with our Child Protection Policy (available on our website- [www.recreationroad.com](http://www.recreationroad.com)).

### **Procedures:**

Please always sign in at the office and collect and wear a Visitor Badge whilst on site. Please sign out on departure.

Please contact us and let us know if you are unable to attend a planned session: 01603 457120