

How will my child benefit?

When children see their parents or other family members getting involved in the school, it:

- ☺ Shows them that you are interested in what the school is doing,
- ☺ Lets them see that you value what they are learning,
- ☺ Gives them a sense of security,
- ☺ Helps them learn about good citizenship from your example.

How will I benefit?

- ☺ You will get to know the teachers and other parents.
- ☺ You will gain a better understanding of how the school works.
- ☺ You will see how your child relates to other children and teachers.
- ☺ You will be setting a good example to young people.
- ☺ You will have the satisfaction of knowing that you are making a contribution to the school and to your, and other children's, learning.

How will the school benefit?

- ☺ It gives the school a wider range of experience and skills to draw on.
- ☺ The school will develop a better understanding of parents and the community.
- ☺ Teachers will be grateful for the extra help.

Our Mission is for our children to be the...



Believe, Endeavour, Succeed Together!

We want the children at Whitwell Primary School to be the best they can be in all areas and aspects of life both in and out of school.

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We truly value your contribution.

Parent Helpers & Volunteers



Thank you for thinking about becoming a volunteer at Whitwell Primary School.

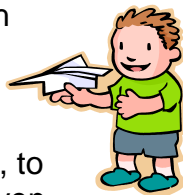
Your generosity is appreciated by both staff and children.

"Tell me and I'll forget; show me and I may remember; involve me and I'll understand."
Chinese proverb

We have produced this leaflet as a basic guide for those parents and volunteers who are interested in helping the children and staff at Whitwell Primary School.

It may be that you feel unsure about how you can help, so hopefully this will help to allay any doubts or worries.

We welcome your help with many different aspects of the life of the school, from reading with children and supporting group work, to preparing resources and even gardening!



Some parent helpers and volunteers are able to help regularly and others can only spare time now and then. Although we have a timetable to work to, we like to think that we are flexible and will try to find a time that suits both of us.

How do I volunteer?

If you are interested please approach the class teacher, Headteacher or school office with your offers of help.

You will be given a copy of the full Guidelines for Parent Helpers and Volunteers and asked to sign a Parent and Volunteer Confidentiality Agreement.

Ways you may be asked to help in school

If there are things you particularly like or don't like doing please let us know.

Activities which will take place with one child at a time

- Hearing children read
- Helping children learn their key words

Activities which involve working with a small group of children

- Reading in a group (guided reading)
- Painting and craft work
- Working on the computers
- Cooking
- Gardening
- Playing in the role play area
- Supporting work in various subjects by talking with children about what they are doing



Practical jobs that need doing

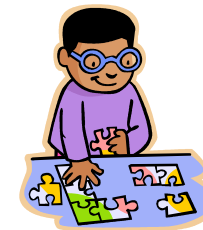
- Changing reading books and recording in both the child's record book and the teacher's file
- Keeping reading books and library books in good repair and put away correctly
- Photocopying & Laminating
- Cutting things out (sometimes before and after laminating them)
- Sharpening pencils and crayons
- Filing children's work
- Keeping computers dusted and clean in classrooms

Occasional activities

- Helping on trips in the local area or further afield
- Helping at times like Christmas plays and parties and special weeks such as Science or Creative Arts week

You could arrange to come in just for one day.

There are also jobs such as cutting out, making games etc which can be done at home.



You may wish to talk to a class or even the whole school about something special or worth while that you have been involved with.

Likewise if you have a particular talent or skill, please don't keep it to yourself. We want our children to have the richest learning experience that they can possibly have.

