

Statement on the role and importance of Parents in the life of the school

Policy Statement:

Our parents are key partners in the education and welfare of the children who attend Walsgrave CE Academy. They have a key role to play in everything we do and their opinions, participation and perceptions need to be encouraged and listened to.

Parental involvement in school life

Parents should be encouraged to participate in a range of activities which may include such areas as:-

- hearing children read,
- supporting us on trips,
- general support in the classroom,
- help with small group work i.e. cooking, art day, etc.

All such activities and involvement is to be encouraged.

HOWEVER:-

For all such events parents need to be:-

- prepared appropriately,
- have been appropriately risk assessed for the activity.

Preparation

When asking parents to be involved in an activity, the member of staff concerned should ensure that the parents involved have been given sufficient time and are appropriately prepared.

Risk assessment

Safeguarding guidance on the participation of parents in school is clear. If they;

- have regular and/or unsupervised access to children they **MUST** be DSB checked,
- have one off or infrequent contact with children which is supervised by a member of staff, then there should be a **risk assessment** undertaken and written up prior to them beginning the activity. The risk assessment should be handed into the office where it will be stored with the central record,
- Parental involvement in school is to be encouraged but NOT at the cost of compromising child safety.