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Parent Volunteer Workshop

ESF International
Kindergarten Wu Kai Sha

What's it all about?

- Opportunity to participate in the life of the kindergarten
- Good opportunity to support children in their learning in the kindergarten setting
- You can help with a wide variety of activities
- Parent volunteers will be supervised by the class teacher

Responsibilities

- Interacting, talking, listening with all children.
- Supporting routine times, including; transitions, assisting children to look after their environment throughout the day and to tidy-up at the end of the session.
- Encouraging children to remember the safety aspects and particular rules.
- Supporting group activities.

Talking and Listening to Children



- Chatting in English - social exchanges are very important for developing children's language acquisition and thinking skills.
- For the purpose of developing children's ability to describe in their own words what they have seen; made; touched; felt; heard; imagined; discovered; solved.

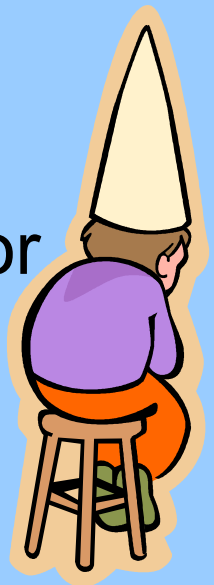
Questioning Techniques

- I wonder what will happen if...
- What do you think happens when...
- I wonder why that happened...
- Tell me about this.....



Managing Behaviour

- Recognise poor behaviour – disrupt play and learning of others or damage self esteem.
- Intervene and hear both sides.
- Encourage children to empathise and solve the problem themselves with support.
- Offer alternative choices rather than punishments. “Play with that spade safely or do you need to play somewhere else?”
- Phrase things positively eg: ‘Walking Feet’ instead of ‘Don’t Run’



Supporting Activities



- Scaffold.
- Remember each child is an individual – ability, creativity and preferences.
- Process not product.
- Model skills where appropriate.
- Don't do it for them ! – Develop independence and creativity.

How it works

- Let us know which day suits you. We will organise a rota if we have lots of helpers
- If you can not come on the assigned day, please let us know as soon as possible so that we can ask someone else.
- Whilst we do schedule parent volunteers, there are times when you might like to come in more spontaneously. Please check with the office first, if there is no parent in that day, it may be possible.
- Alternatively, you might want to come in and share a particular interest with the children.

Important Points To Note

- Try and arrive early for explanation.
- You are in school to support **all** children in the class.
- Confidentiality vital - Talk to class teacher or the Principal if you have concerns about a child or an activity you have seen.
- No answering phones in school please.
- Please don't take photos whilst you are here to help.

You may take your break in the pantry.



Questions ?

- Are there any concerns or worries that you have about being a Parent Helper?
- What are the things that you feel would be most useful to know before you begin?

