



Volunteering in School

Following a very successful parent working in school meeting recently, these are some of the words that parents used about what being a parent volunteer might be like in school.



They also generated the following list. I would like to.....

- Help my child at home get better at Classwork but also help them get along with Classmates
- Gain a better understanding of what my child is experiencing in school
- Learn better ways to communicate with my child
- Get to know different strategies that I might use to support my child at home
- Get to know some of my children's friends
- Get to know more about the school and the culture at KJS
- Learn how to help students who have different needs
- Get to know the different environments within school
- Understand the curriculum more

They thought about what the perfect parent helper experience might feel like?

- Parents feel they are contributing to the learning of the children

- Children are happy and proud to see parents supporting in school
- Feels like a community, feeling connected to the school
- Feeling proud of what we do
- I feel great when the children in the class all know me and feel appreciated
- Support the school community
- Connecting with teachers and other parents

These are activities that you might like to get involved with (I'm sure there are more!):

Mother Tongue activities such as reading books, helping with UOI language etc. (contact: lisa.kaye@kjs.edu.hk)

Working in the classrooms (please contact your child's class teacher)

Working in the library (contact: jane.parker@kjs.edu.hk)

Helping on school trips (through your child's class teacher)

If you wish to help please see the Parents Charter for helping in school, which was completed in consultation with groups of parents and teachers.

If there is anything else that you can think of to support Kowloon Junior School, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Many thanks to all of the parents who attended the meeting last week and thank you for all of your support.

Jane Parker – Vice Principal



Charter for Parents Helping in School

We value having parents support us within school and during school activities and consider this an integral part of our guiding statements. The purpose of parent helpers is to work with all children in the classroom and support them in their learning.

- Please do not use phones during your time with the children
- Images should not be taken of the children and shared with other parents. School will distribute pictures where and when appropriate
- Confidentiality is vital. Concerns about a child's ability, progress or behaviour are to be directed back to school either via the teacher or one of the vice principals. The school operates an open door policy. Please arrange to speak to a class teacher or vice principal at a mutually convenient time, within the working school day
- Parent helpers will work mainly with other children but may, on occasions, work with their own child
- Parent helpers should contact school if they are unable to support at the time that they have agreed

Parents who volunteer to work in the library or other areas of the school may not be working with children but will be actively engaged in activities that will ultimately support the learning of the children.

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(By agreeing to this charter and working as a volunteer in school you are indicating that there is no reason why you should not be working with children and that you understand this is a volunteer position only. Volunteers should have a HK ID number).