

# **Parent Class Representative**

The parent representative at our school helps to maintain good communication between families and staff. The parent representative can also encourage interaction among families in the school community. A parent representative is invited to attend half termly meetings with the Senior Leadership team to discuss and support plans for the school and any issues arising. We aim to have one parent representative for every class including nursery. Anyone with parental responsibility for a child at our school, can be a parent representative. Usually this is a parent who is around at drop off and pick up time.

## What is a parent representative?

- The parent representative can help to remind parents in the class, about activities and events that have been arranged.
- The parent representative can help staff with requests for resources eg collection of boxes for junk modelling, natural resources such as conkers for an autumn display etc.

### What specifically does a parent representative do for the parents?

- The parent representative can encourage families to support activities/events when extra help is needed eg. to help walk children to the library
- The parent representative can pass on ideas/requests from the parents to the class teacher or teaching assistant.

#### What specifically does a parent representative do for the teachers?

 The parent representative can share ideas or requests with the teacher and help them share messages and reminders that the class teacher has sent out eg please bring in xxxx for Tuesday

#### What specifically does a parent representative not do?

 Parent representatives are not to be used to help other parents express concerns about their own children. This should be done directly between the parents themselves and the teacher. **Suggestions for ways to support the class and the teacher:** (this isn't an exhaustive list) (not always being actively involved, but providing the link to other families who may be able to help)

- Communication with class parents
- General in -class support as requested by the class teacher
- Encouraging families to support school and class events
- Finding out what talents other parents have which could be beneficial in school- eg
  parents with particular skills e.g. sewing, flower arranging, speaking a another
  language

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