



COUNTESS GYTHA
PRESCHOOL

Deployment of volunteers and parent helpers

Volunteers and parent helpers are always under the supervision of a permanent member of staff. They are not included in staff rations, or as the two members of staff needed on the premises before children are admitted in the morning or at the end of the day.

- The setting manager ensures that volunteers and parent helpers are deployed to assist permanent staff.
- Volunteers and parent helpers give additional support for busy areas.
- Volunteers and parent helpers inform colleagues where they are going if they leave the room at any time.
- Volunteers and parent helpers do not have unsupervised access to children; they do not take them into a separate room for an activity and do not take them off the premises.
- Volunteers and parent helpers focus their attention to children at all times.
- Volunteers and parent helpers do not spend time in social conversation with colleagues while they are with children.
- Volunteers and parent helpers allow time for colleagues to engage in 'sustained shared interaction' with children and do not interrupt activities led by colleagues.
- Sufficient volunteers and parent helpers are available to support staff at story times.