



## Parent Helper/ Volunteer Information

Dandelions is very pleased to invite parents and volunteers to join us in delivering outstanding care and education to the children in our setting.

Parent helpers/Volunteers are invited in for an introductory session. If a volunteer would like to return on a regular basis they are offered an induction, which familiarises them with the setting and our routines, policies and procedures. After a probationary period of one month the volunteer will complete a full and enhanced DBS check. All volunteers are required to provide two references. At no time will a volunteer ever be left unsupervised with children or be allowed to enter the toilet facilities. Volunteers can be identified by the lanyards they wear.

### How Can You Help?

There are many situations that another adult in the room can be most valuable to develop a child's learning such as: -

- Playing a board game or helping with a jigsaw with a small group of two or three children.
- Talking to a child or group of children in any of the areas to develop language vocabulary.
- Asking questions in the water/sand area that makes the play purposeful.
- Sharing a story book in the quiet area.
- Helping a child to develop computer skills.
- Assist with a small group in a cooking activity with a member of staff.

If you can offer any time with the above suggestions, please see the staff in the setting.

### How Much Time is Involved?

You can give as much or as little time as you are able.

If you can only come for an hour this would be most welcome. It does not have to be every day/week but when you feel you can spare some time to support our Keyworkers.

Your contribution is most valued however small, so please come into Dandelions. All parents helping with children will have to have police clearance through the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS)

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