

Role of Parent Helper

Parent Helpers support the Family Centre team during sessions. You can bring your children with you to sessions. You do not require a DBS check, references or fluent use of English.

These are the things that you can help with:-

- Setting up and tidying away activities and resources
 - Support the work of the Family Centre staff
 - Wear a '**Parent Helper badge**'
 - Meeting and Greeting
 - You need to have a friendly approach and good communication
 - You will be welcoming new families
 - Explain the running of the session to new parents
 - Spend time with new parents until they settle in
 - Familiarise yourself with the programme to help new parents
 - Singing and participating in sessions
 - Role modelling
 - Join in with activities
 - Know the focus of the session
 - Encourage feedback from other parents about what their child/ren have learned – report back to the staff.
 - Help with surveys
 - You will be given opportunities for appropriate training e.g. safeguarding / food & hygiene
 - We need you to be reliable and able to commit to attending regularly
-

There are certain things you will not be able to do:-

- Give advice
- Make judgements regarding children's behaviour
- Tell children they are naughty
- Discuss children or families outside the session
- Be paid expenses for attending sessions
- Qualify for free Leisure facilities
- Use a mobile phones when helping at a session (it needs to be turned off or kept on silent/vibrate).

This will be a valuable opportunity to work towards becoming a Volunteer with our organisation and help with your chances of finding paid work or further education.