

# VOLUNTEERS POLICY

**Rationale:**

The School has developed this policy to provide clarity around voluntary involvement within the school.

**Aim:**

To identify when voluntary involvement at the school is appropriate or encouraged and the procedures necessary to facilitate this.

**Implementation:**

**Assisting with children**

Parent involvement is essential in a community based school. Not only does it enable costs to be kept down and the school kept viable, but also parents are more closely involved with their child's school environment and thus more aware of the needs and features of the school.

Parents may be part of the School Board or Parents and Friends Association. Either parent may become involved in these activities.

Parents with special skills in areas such as craft, drama, music, foreign language or culture may also become directly involved with the children by contributing these skills in the class. Apart from their possible use in specialist areas or helping out on excursions, parents do not generally take an active role in the classroom.

Where volunteers are sought for school camp or other excursions, a Working With Vulnerable People card is required.

**Parents and Friends Association**

CMS encourages fundraising and social events to meet both on-going and developmental needs of the school and also to build our community spirit. Over the years, fundraising has been used to finance the purchase of indoor and outdoor equipment for the classes, building and equipment maintenance, classroom extensions and library acquisitions. While the extent of a family's involvement in fundraising may vary over time, a basic level of support is encouraged on an on going basis.

Approved by:	Date:	Next Review Date:
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