

Chalcot Lodge Primary School

Parent Helpers' Obligations

Thankyou for your generosity in assisting our students with their learning by being a parent helper. At Chalcot Lodge Primary School, we believe that a strong parent / school partnership is vital to enable us to provide the best possible education for our children.

We welcome and encourage parents in supporting our students and school programs and appreciate the skills and experience you bring.

Chalcot Lodge Primary School has a zero tolerance to child abuse. Child abuse includes physical violence, sexual offences, serious emotional or psychological abuse and serious neglect. Chalcot Lodge Primary School promotes child safety within the school environment and ensures that our students are protected from abuse and neglect.

To ensure that the rights, safety and confidentiality of students, teachers and parents are maintained, it is important that you read and abide by the obligations as set out below.

- The following principles will guide all adult's behaviour when undertaking child-connected work at Chalcot Lodge PS. These include:
 - the adult/child relationship should be professional at all times;
 - an adult's response to a child's behaviour or circumstance should be commensurate with the child's age and vulnerability and the adult's responsibility for the care, safety and welfare of the child;
 - an adult should not be alone with a child unless there is line of sight to other adults; and
 - an adult should not initiate or seek physical contact or contact with children outside school.
- Parent helpers have no right to discuss any child's behaviour or academic achievement with anyone one.
- Parent helpers can only discuss any other issues or concerns about a child with the child's teacher, Principal or Assistant Principal.
- It is inappropriate for parent helpers to discuss matters relating to any staff member with anyone other than the staff member, the Principal or the Assistant Principal.
- Parent helpers have no legal right to approach students that may be exhibiting inappropriate behaviour in the classroom or in the playground. Parent helpers must refer these matters to the supervising teacher immediately.
- Parent helpers must treat all children, staff members and parents with respect, courtesy and understanding.
- Due to Occupational Health and Safety reasons and Duty of Care obligations, younger siblings or other children of parent helpers are not permitted in the classrooms during learning sessions or permitted to attend excursions or in-visits.
- Parent Helper's must abide by and follow the school's Statement of Values and Visitors policy.

Paul Poliviou
Principal