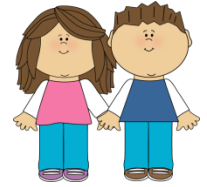




Role of P1 Buddy

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What is involved in being a P1 buddy?

- You will have the opportunity to meet your buddy for the first time when they start school, hopefully in August (unfortunately, due to school closures as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, it is unlikely that you will be able to meet them before that). You will then take part in a short play session with them where you will find out a bit about them.
- You will meet up with your buddy at playtime during their first week of school to help them become familiar with the routines and expectations of the playground (e.g. which areas they are able to play in).
- You will meet up with your buddy once a week to engage in a shared activity (previous activities have included: reading, number games, board games, book study, orienteering, outdoor learning).
- You may be required for additional support during busy times in P1, such as the Nativity.
- Overall, you will be a familiar face in the school for your buddy to turn to in times of need.

What is expected of me as a P1 buddy?

- You will make the commitment to support your buddy on a regular basis, as outlined above.
- You will consistently model good behaviour for your buddy (adhering to the school vision and values) and encourage the same from them.
- You will always use appropriate language with and in front of your buddy.
- You will support your buddy in becoming independent (e.g. helping them learn how to tie their jacket rather than doing it for them).
- You will not lift/carry your buddy or treat them like a baby! The occasional cuddle is allowed, if it is mutually agreed.
- You will not buy your buddy extravagant gifts (small gifts are allowed but not expected).

How will I benefit from being a P1 buddy?

- You will learn how to develop a new relationship from scratch (this is a life skill and will stand you in good stead when you make your own transition to secondary education at the end of P7).
- You will have the opportunity to develop your ability to be a role model and support a younger pupil.
- You will develop a range of different skills (e.g. patience).
- You will be able to include this responsibility on your CV when applying for other responsibilities or jobs later in your life.
- You will have the opportunity to take part in some fun shared activities on a regular basis.
- You will hopefully make a friend for life!

Will I be able to choose my P1 buddy?

- In a word - No! We want everyone to start at the same point with someone new so that everyone is learning to develop a new relationship.

When will I find out who my P1 buddy is?

- Buddy lists will be prepared as soon as possible, and we will try to let you know who your P1 buddy will be before the end of term.

What do I do if I have a problem with my P1 buddy?

- Speak to Mrs Grimson (room 1) as soon as possible and she will work with you and your buddy to find a suitable solution.

How do I apply to become a P1 buddy?

- Complete a P1 buddy application form, showing 5 qualities you have that would make you a good P1 buddy. Return the completed application to your current P6 teacher(s), through Teams, Glow email or private message on Twitter, by the agreed date. (As this document contains names, please do not post publicly on Twitter).

Any questions?

- If you think of anything else you would like to ask, please don't hesitate to send a message to Mrs Grimson (via your teacher(s)).