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Sharing From The Start

Promoting Educational Outcomes

Equality of Opportunity • Partnership with Parents

Community Cohesion

Equality of Identity • Respect For Diversity

Strong Relationships

What is the Sharing from the Start programme?

'Sharing from the Start' is a new project supported by the European Union Peace IV Programme, managed by the Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB) and offers preschool settings the opportunities to engage in a Shared Education initiative. The programme aims to improve educational outcomes for young children; and build good relations between children and adults from different backgrounds, in early years settings in Northern Ireland (NI) and the Southern Border Counties (SBC).

What will my child gain from participating in the Sharing from the Start programme?

Shared Education brings children, parents / carers, volunteers and early years providers together from a wide range of backgrounds. Working in partnerships, preschool settings collaboratively provide opportunities to engage children in curriculum based shared sessions which are fun, inclusive and respectful of difference. Your child will learn to live and participate in and adapt to a constantly changing world where they value and respect difference and engage positively in new opportunities.

Will I be involved in Sharing from the Start?

The Sharing from the Start programme values the involvement of parents, carers and the wider community. This project presents many opportunities for you to become involved in your child's learning and development and to share your skills and knowledge for the benefit of your preschool and the local community.

There are many ways to become involved including;

1. Positively supporting the Sharing from the Start programme at home with your child.
2. Attending parent's workshops to share and develop knowledge and experiences.
3. Volunteer on a regular basis or occasionally if you can to assist in Shared Education activities.
4. Providing links with the community; for example you may be a member of an organisation that could support a shared activity such as tidy town, choir, fitness club, band, dance, drama, historic society etc.
5. Sharing your skills for an activity such as cookery, carpentry, horticultural, music, dance, drama, culture.
6. Participate in the evaluation process.

Your Support will:

Help your child to learn about themselves and others, to develop tolerance, respect and open-mindedness through understanding similarities and respecting differences between people in local communities and beyond.

Help your child address challenges and opportunities they may encounter in society.

Improve Educational Outcomes for your child.

What are the next steps if I want to get involved?

Speak to the leader in charge or someone from the management team. We look forward to working with you.