

Participation: the early years

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SCHOOL → **Haddington Infant School, East Lothian**

FOCUS → **Talking, listening and doing: an ethos of respect for all**

What initiatives are in place to encourage active pupil participation in decision-making?

- A range of activities designed to raise self-esteem
- Playground improvements
- Charity Work
- School Rules
- Awards – class/individual/group for various activities, effort etc.
- Decisions about content for displays such as for the CBI 'Celebration Bus'
- Assembly for Pupils

How are these initiatives being monitored and evaluated?

By –

- Class teachers
- Pupil feedback
- Playground supervisors
- Pupil questionnaires
- Pupil assemblies

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What are some of the biggest challenges faced by teachers and young people in implementing these initiatives?

- The weather (playground buddies)
- Not being able to include all of the children immediately in the buddying initiative
- Incorporating all suggestions for playground improvements with a limited budget

Future plans?

To formalise pupil "decision making" bodies

Any materials the school is willing to share?

Policies formulated by school
Games ideas for the playground