YOUNG PEOPLE MATTER CHARITY’S

BUDDY SYSTEM

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YPM Buddy System

We operate a buddy system at all of our Out of School Services and Provisions.

Older buddies are also encouraged to:

- Help children find others to play with
- Model good behaviour
- Play and introduce new games to children

The buddies are rotated termly so each child in ks2 will get to be a buddy throughout the school year.

Why did we introduce the Buddy System?

We introduced a buddy system to give the oldest children in the club a sense of responsibility towards other children in the club. We wanted to minimise any chance of bullying in the club as all children have the right to be healthy, stay safe, enjoy and achieve and make a positive contribution, all without fear or intimidation.

Our buddy system is also used to help settle new children into after school club by;

- Helping children to have a welcoming experience from the beginning
- Allows the younger children to know they have a fellow student they can turn to support
- Promotes friendship and support between older and younger children
- Increases positive behaviour
- Eliminates the feeling of isolation