



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