



# Child Rights & Protection

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# **CHILD FRIENDLY SCHOOLS AND ROLE OF TEACHERS**

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## **Child friendly schools and Learning Environment – Concept and importance**

A child-friendly school and learning environment refers to an educational setting that prioritizes the well-being, safety, and holistic development of children. It encompasses various elements, including physical infrastructure, teaching methods, curriculum design, and supportive policies. The concept emphasizes creating a positive, inclusive, and engaging atmosphere where children feel valued, respected, and motivated to learn.

- **Holistic development**
- **Inclusivity and diversity**
- **Safe and secure environment**
- **Engaging and participatory learning**
- **Supportive relationships**
- **Health and well-being**
- **Child participation and empowerment**
- **Parent and community involvement**







## **Checklist to consider when designing a child-friendly classroom**

- **Safety**
- **Comfort**
- **Organization**
- **Flexibility**
- **Engagement**
- **Technology**
- **Sensory Considerations**
- **Inclusivity**
- **Classroom Management**
- **Personalization**

A photograph of a classroom where a teacher and several children are engaged in a hands-on learning activity. The teacher, a woman with long brown hair, is standing and assisting a group of children. One girl in a blue jacket is looking towards the camera, while another boy is focused on a tablet. On the desk, there is a small wooden car model and various craft supplies. The background shows shelves with books and educational posters on the wall.

# Indicators to assess if a school is child-friendly

- **Safe and Secure Environment**
- **Inclusive and Accessible Education**
- **Health and Well-being**
- **Child Participation**
- **Positive and Supportive Relationships**
- **Quality Teaching and Learning**
- **Child Protection**
- **Emotional and Social Support**
- **Community Engagement**
- **Continuous Improvement**



# **Roles and Responsibilities of Teachers in safeguarding the rights of children in schools**

- **Creating a safe and inclusive environment**
- **Identifying and reporting concerns**
- **Building positive relationships**
- **Teaching personal safety skills**
- **Providing emotional support**
- **Implementing preventive measures**
- **Collaborating with colleagues and stakeholders**
- **Continuing professional development**



# Importance of Child Safeguarding Policy in schools

- Child safeguarding policies are essential in schools to ensure the safety, well-being, and protection of children. A child safeguarding policy establishes clear guidelines and procedures to prevent and respond to incidents of abuse, neglect, or any form of harm towards children. It outlines the school's commitment to providing a safe and secure environment for all students. Many countries have laws and regulations in place that require schools to have child safeguarding policies. Adhering to these legal obligations helps schools avoid legal repercussions and demonstrates their commitment to upholding children's rights.



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- Preventing and addressing abuse
- Creating a culture of safety
- Supporting staff training and awareness:
- Building trust with parents and the community
- Promoting a child-centered approach:
- Continual improvement and accountability



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# Pedagogy and Evaluation: Rights respecting pedagogy and evaluation

**Child Rights-Respecting Pedagogy:** Child Rights-Respecting Pedagogy refers to an approach to teaching and learning that integrates the principles and values of child rights into the educational process. It recognizes children as active participants in their education and respects their rights to participation, non-discrimination, protection, and provision. Here are some key elements of Child Rights-Respecting Pedagogy:

- **Child participation**
- **Inclusive and equitable practices**
- **Holistic development**
- **Child-Centered learning**
- **Rights-based curriculum**





# Evaluation for Children in Schools:

When evaluating children in schools, it is essential to adopt an approach that aligns with child rights and promotes their overall well-being and development. Here are some considerations for evaluation in line with child rights:

- **Holistic assessment**
- **Formative assessment**
- **Child participation**
- **Authentic assessment**
- **Non-discriminatory practices**
- **Growth mindset approach**



# Creating spaces and opportunities for children to participate and express their voices/opinions.

## ❑ Importance of Child Rights Clubs in Schools

- Awareness and Education
- Empowerment and Participation
- Advocacy and Social Change
- Peer Support and Solidarity
- Learning and Skill Development
- Community Engagement
- Long-lasting Impact
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# Role of School Management Committees (SMCs)

School Management Committees (SMCs) play a vital role in the effective governance and management of schools. SMCs are representative bodies consisting of various stakeholders, including parents, teachers, community members, and school administrators. Here are some key roles and responsibilities of School Management Committees:

- **Participatory Decision-Making**
- **School Development Planning**
- **Resource Mobilization and Management**
- **Monitoring and Evaluation**
- **Community Engagement and Communication**
- **Advocacy for Quality Education**
- **Conflict Resolution and Grievance Handling**
- **Oversight and Accountability**



# Challenges of teachers as child rights practitioners

As child rights practitioners, teachers face various challenges in ensuring the protection and promotion of children's rights within the educational context. Some of these challenges include:

- **Limited awareness and understanding**
- **Balancing competing priorities**
- **Inadequate training and professional development**
- **Lack of supportive policies and resources**
- **Resistance to change and traditional practices**
- **Lack of collaboration and coordination**
- **Limited parental and community involvement**





1. Explain the concept of Child Friendly School?
2. Why it is important to have a Child Friendly Environment in Schools?
3. What is the checklist to consider when designing a child-friendly classroom.
4. Explain the roles and responsibilities of teachers in safeguarding the rights of the children in Schools.
5. Why it is important to have a child safeguarding policy in schools?
6. What is right based pedagogy?
7. Explain the different types of evaluations in Schools.
8. What is Child Rights club? Why is it important to have a Child Rights Club in Schools?
9. Explain the role of School Management Committee?
10. What are the challenges of teachers as child rights practitioners?