

Terms of Reference: It takes a village...

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Potential Plus UK's strategic objectives relating to high learning potential young people, their parents and carers, and their schools

- *Improving provision*
- *Raising awareness*
- *Creating a community*
- *Empowering young people*
- *Strengthening our sustainability and effectiveness*

Aims

The aims of 'It takes a village...' are to:

- Create a community which supports parents and carers, so their children thrive
- Share parenting experiences, tips, and ideas from parents to parents
- Provide a space to talk openly and in confidence about their children without fear of being judged
- Replicate the 'school gate' chats, which are often not appropriate for this group of parents/carers

Structure

- A monthly online forum (Zoom) for parent members to meet informally
- Hosted by a Potential Plus UK Trustee, who has experience of parenting a high potential learner
- Steered by parents as a means of supporting each other, and celebrating successes
- Promoting discussion between parents and carers, without giving advice
- Not recorded
- Providing an opportunity to signpost to Potential Plus UK's services and events where appropriate, to aid parents' support for their children

Ground rules: reminders for the start of each chat

- All attendees must be treated and listened to with respect
- There should be no judgements of others' parenting decisions
- The discussion is confidential, and issues covered limited to attendees
- Any safeguarding issues will be reported to the Designated Safeguarding Lead as a child's safety overrules the need for confidentiality

Contact

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