

OXFORD AREA SCHOOL

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Welcome to our students and parents! This year we are proud to introduce the new **Give Me Five** program at our school. The aim of **Give Me Five** is to help all families take a more active role in their child's education - a key factor for success at school. We encourage every parent, caregiver, grandparent, and any adult who is involved in a child's life, to participate in the **Give Me Five** programme.

It starts with a promise – to give just **five hours per year** of your time for your child and their school. Once you have decided to make the promise, please complete and return your **Give Me Five Volunteer Sign-Up Form** so you can tell us how you would like to be involved. We understand that your time is valuable, and we want to make sure that the hours that you give are rewarding, both for you and for the school. When you keep the promise to '**GIVE ME FIVE**', you give your child and the whole school community your most precious gift – your time. Whether it is spent making resources for a teacher, reading to children, helping at a parent group event, or at dozens of other opportunities at home or at school, it's all important and it all counts. This applies across the **WHOLE** school – there are many ways the Senior School also requires help with resources and school based activities.

Our parent group will track the time donated by every **Give Me Five** volunteer - that means mums, dads, grandparents, aunts, uncles, older brothers or sisters, foster parents, or any adult who has promised to be involved in the child's school life. Once you reach your five hours of volunteering at our school, we will mark your achievement by presenting you with a **Give Me Five** Certificate with your name and the total hours that you volunteered. When we add up everyone's volunteer hours at the end of the year, you might be surprised to see how far a little volunteering can go!

Make this simple promise for your child to "**Give Me Five**" volunteer hours, follow through, and show them how much you care about their education. Open the door to your child's school today.

What Counts?

- Attending a parent's meeting
- Reading to children at school
- Helping at a Parent Group Event
- Baking for school functions or fundraisers
- Volunteering for a working bee
- Helping in the lunchroom
- Doing things for a teacher from home
- Sharing your skill or talent at school
- Helping to plan a school fundraiser
- Gardening / Painting

- Completing school survey forms
- Assisting at sport's events
- Chaperoning school trips
- Helping teachers prepare resources
- Attending a BOT / PTA meeting
- Helping in the library
- Building or repairing furniture
- Helping at a school function
- ... Anything of benefit to the school community!

Return the completed volunteer sign-up form to school with your child, and we'll contact you as soon as possible to coordinate your volunteering. Thanks for making a difference!

Let's see how far a little volunteering can go!