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DOWNSHALL INTERGENERATIONAL PROJECT

Bringing together, Learning Together, Growing Together

How will participants for the project be selected?

All participants will be part of our local community. This is a community project for local people.

The pupils will all be Downshall pupils and the groups targeted will be decided by the projects team. As the activity centre is based on our school site, older adult participants will be referred to us through the local health and social services team to ensure that our safeguarding procedures remain robust and that the centre is appropriate for the attendees.





The school, together with the local health and social services team for older adults are setting up an Intergenerational Project based at our school.



Why is the school setting up an Intergenerational Activity Centre?

Some very exciting international research demonstrates that projects that bring together young children and older adults can have multiple benefits for both generations and also the wider community. Whilst this has been demonstrated in the USA and Japan, there are a few examples of this effective practice in the UK other than short term projects.

How will the Centre be organised?

From November 2017, an activity centre for up to 15 older adults will be established on site at Downshall Primary School. The activity centre will run on three mornings per week. The participants will have their own space on site but will be invited to take part in a number of joint activities during the morning with our pupils.



How will the Intergenerational activities be organised?



Each term a programme of activities will be arranged with a team comprising school teachers and both volunteers from Age UK and leaders of the local Health and Social Services team. These joint activities will enrich the programme of learning for both our pupils and for the activity centre participants. The programme design team will look across the school curriculum, at the creative arts, language and communication, music and other elements of the curriculum to design projects and activities that will reinforce the learning and development of all those involved.