



Being a Parent Rep

(What's it really like?)

Frequently Asked Questions



Will I be put on the spot?



We know it can be daunting to attend meetings at first. However, you can listen and observe until you feel comfortable to join in.

Will I be given information to take to the meeting?

Where possible PACA will prepare some parental views for you to feedback and will send you any papers that you need.

How will I know what to say?

You are already an excellent advocate for your child and will probably have some knowledge of the subject. Most reps find that once they get involved in meetings, they find their voice is very important and relevant.

Will I be listened to?

PACA will have been invited because the parties there want to hear what we think. We find that most people are really interested in what we have to say.

Can I talk about my own personal situation?

Not generally unless you have been specifically asked to. Parent reps are asked to attend meetings to represent all parental views and views from PACA. You should try to remain neutral at all times and not get into a debate about your own personal situation.

Will I receive training?

Yes. PACA will provide training and there are always other members willing to help and advise you. Someone from PACA will accompany you to your first meetings. PACA will also pay for your time and expenses.

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