

Roles and responsibilities of parents

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A mother or father of a person, or someone who looks after a person in the same way that a biological parent does.

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Connect

We have considered relationships and the signs of a good relationship as well as the signs of a harmful relationship.

We have also considered different types of families, long-term relationships and their legal status.

This week we are going to consider the role of parenting and how relationships can support those who take on a parenting role.

Safe Space

- It's okay to get things wrong.
- You don't have to contribute if you don't feel comfortable.
- There is a non-judgemental approach – we challenge the opinion not the person.
- Conversations stay in this classroom – unless adults deem there to be a safeguarding issue.

Show Mutual Respect

- Follow our three ground rules.
- STAR and Track to show respect to the speaker.
- Adhere to the Brook Best Pledge.

Challenge Yourself

- Enjoy the lessons, challenge your perceptions, and learn how to seek further knowledge, understanding and support.

Parenting



The legal roles and responsibilities of a parent:

Parents with parental responsibility have legal responsibilities towards their children. The UK government says they are:

- Providing a home for the child
- Protecting and maintaining (caring for) the child
- Disciplining the child
- Choosing and providing for the child's education
- Agreeing to the child's medical treatment
- Naming the child and agreeing to any change of name
- Looking after the child's property
- Supporting the child financially (whether they have parental responsibility or not.)

What else would you add to this list?

Important responsibilities of parents

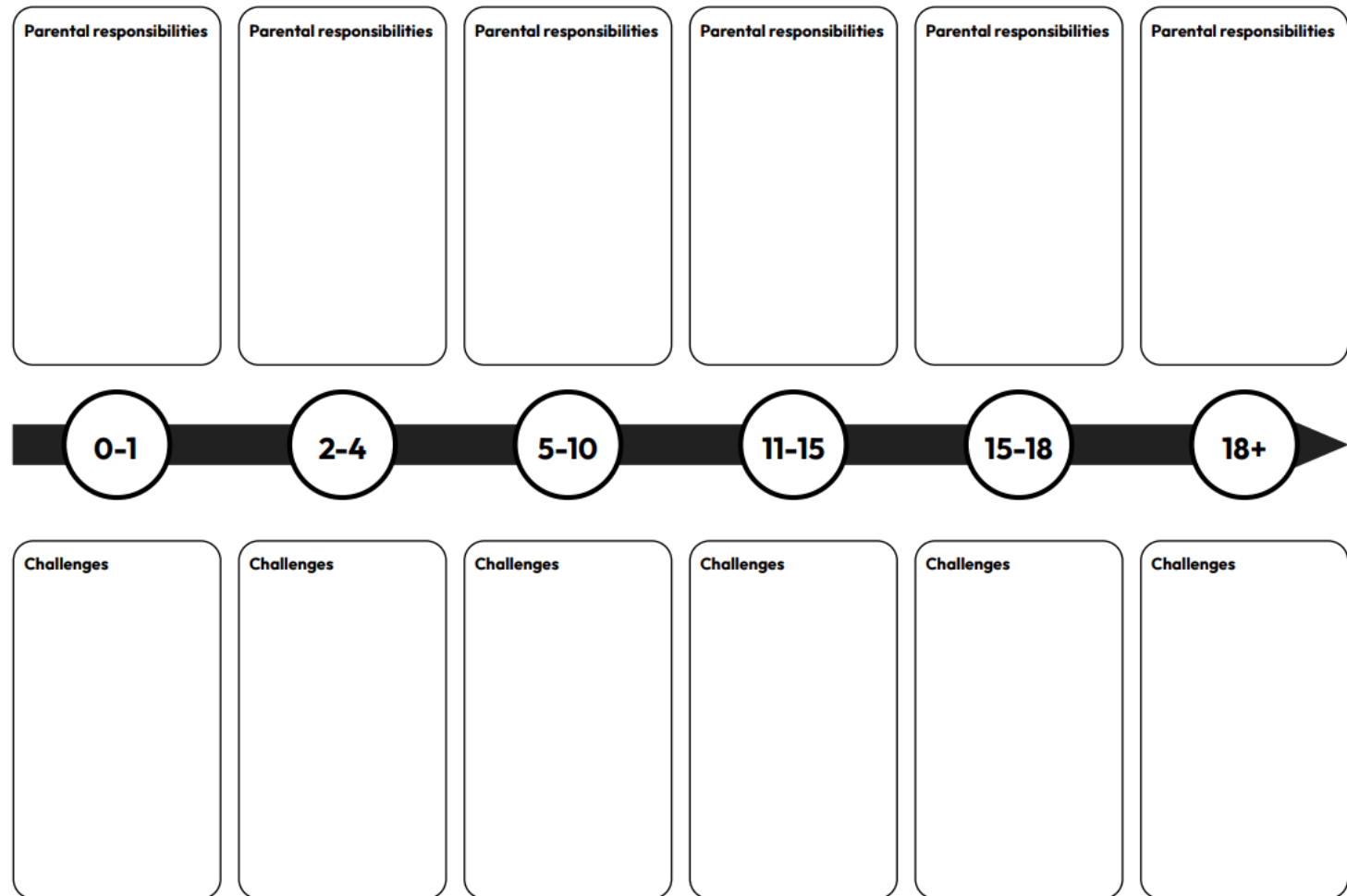
Task (page 27)

Read each statement and indicate if each is either **Most** Important, **Fairly** Important or **Less** important. **Why do you think this?**

- Encourage their child to participate in hobbies/ develop new skills
- Talk to their child regularly
- Have high expectations of their child
- Support their child in developing positive relationships with family and friends
- Take an interest in their child's school life
- Have meals together
- Get their child to do chores
- Take their child on day trips and holidays
- Have strict rules at home

Important responsibilities of parents

Task (page 27)



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0-1

Parental responsibilities

- feeding, clothing, providing a home
- keeping baby clean
- changing nappies
- keeping baby safe (holding, carrying, sleeping)
- soothing
- constant supervision
- vaccinations

Challenges

- loss of independence for parents
- lack of sleep
- hormone changes
- getting baby to feed
- financial responsibilities
- pressures from family/ friends/other influences to 'parent' in a certain way
- doing everything for the first time (e.g. going out alone with baby, handling sickness and worry etc.)
- cost of raising child



2-4

Parental responsibilities

- feeding, clothing, providing a home, keeping clean/ monitoring hygiene
- changing nappies and toilet training
- keeping them safe (toddler-proofing house, crossing roads etc.)
- soothing them
- finding childcare, if necessary
- selecting and applying for a school
- helping them complete activities, start to read etc.
- discipline

Challenges

- lack of sleep
- fussy eating
- toilet training
- selecting nurseries/ playgroups/ schools
- 'baby proofing' the house to ensure it is safe
- socialising child
- encouraging child to walk and talk
- child's tantrums/ mood changes
- teething
- illnesses
- cost of raising child



5-10

Parental responsibilities

- feeding, clothing, providing a home, keeping clean/ monitoring hygiene
- ensuring child goes to school
- keeping them safe (e.g. road safety)
- helping them complete activities, read, do homework etc.
- helping them manage relationships (friends, other parents, teachers etc.)
- selecting secondary school
- discipline

Challenges

- mood changes
- navigating friendships
- peer pressure
- school work and homework
- external influences – social media, tv, films, music
- planning schedules – after school clubs, activities, meeting friends etc.
- cost of raising child



11-15

Parental responsibilities

- feeding, clothing, providing a home, monitoring hygiene
- ensuring child goes to school
- keeping them safe
- providing support through periods of change
- helping them manage relationships
- helping them make choices about education, e.g. when to complete homework, what GCSE options to take
- discipline

Challenges

- transition to secondary school
- puberty/hormones
- increasing independence
- school work
- friendships
- relationships
- peer pressure
- external influences – social media, tv, films, music
- cost of raising child

15-18

Parental responsibilities

- feeding, clothing, providing a home, monitoring hygiene
- ensuring child goes to school
- keeping them safe
- offering support during exams, driving test etc.
- helping them make choices about the future (careers, university, college etc.)
- discipline

Challenges

- hormones
- exams
- planning for the future
- learning to drive/ driving
- legally allowed to drink alcohol
- increasing independence
- friendships
- relationships
- peer pressure
- external influences — social media, tv, films, music
- cost of raising child



18+

Parental responsibilities

While there are no legal obligations to provide for children over 18, many will still:

- provide a home and financial support
- provide emotional support
- help them as they make choices about jobs and careers

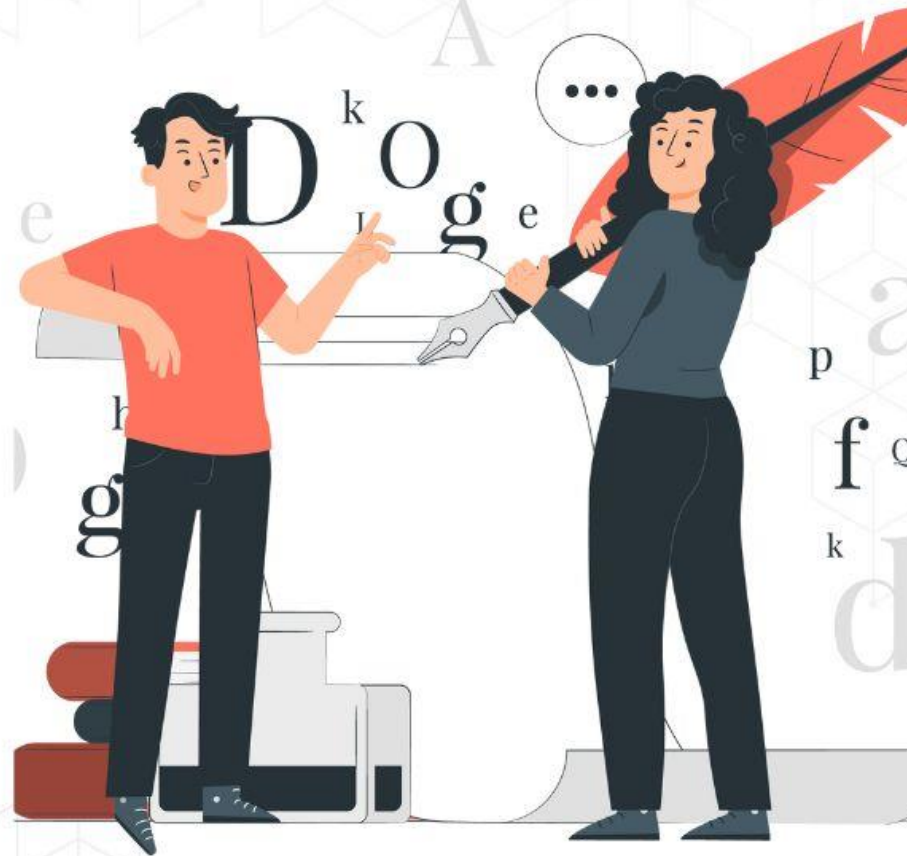
Challenges

- independence of child – less reliance on parent and less influenced by parent
- accepting that child can make own decisions
- seeing child less
- child moving away

Class discussion: Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?



**PTE DAILY ESSAY-
PARENTS SHOULD
BE HELD LEGALLY
RESPONSIBLE FOR
THEIR CHILDREN'S
ACTS.**



NHS website or your GP

www.nhs.uk

Childline

www.childline.org.uk

0800 1111

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You can also:

- Speak to a member of staff at school – your Form Tutor, Head of Year or Assistant Head of Year. Any member of staff is here to help!
- Send an email to safe@brook-tmet.uk.
- Speak to an adult that you trust – this might be a sibling, a parent or grandparent. As long as this person is trustworthy then it's a good idea!