

# Parent Participation at De Blijberg

## **Blijberg's MR (School Board)**

The medezeggenschapsraad (MR) is a legal obligation of each school. It consists of four parents and four members of staff from the International and Bilingual Departments. Parents are elected onto the board by the other parents. The MR advises the Gemeente Rotterdam on various matters concerning the primary school (including the International Department) and helps define and formulate school policy.

The MR meets once a month on a Wednesday after school. There is an open discussion for the first half hour and any parent is free to attend this part of the meeting. The meetings are conducted in English.

## **Parents Helpers**

Parents are an essential part of the school. They are regularly asked to help out and our teachers appreciate it very much. Parents are required for each school trip according to the class size and age of the children. At all times, the safety and well-being of the children is of the utmost importance.

Each group has a contact parent whose job it is to help new parents and the classroom teacher.

## **Parents' Support Group (PSG)**

The Parents' Support Group supports the school in fundraising activities and assists in encouraging parents to help out with special events within the school. Each group has two representatives in the PSG and these parents assist in organizing events within the school and within their own groups.

The PSG meets once a month. The PSG must have a chairperson, a secretary and a treasurer. This is an ideal opportunity to participate and become a member of our special community.