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Creating resilient, emotionally mature and independent adults.

Helicopter parenting is a term which refers to parents who are over-involved in their children's lives - waiting in the corridors to "pick up the pieces". They always have an explanation for their child's mistakes, and often find another reason/person to blame.

There is, of course, a difference between "hovering" and normal concerned parenting. Some children have separation anxiety which necessitates a certain amount of expected "hovering". We live in a society where crime is everywhere so our children's safety is a real concern.

Hyper-parenting is damaging to a child's development because it is the failures, challenges and discomforts of childhood that create resilient, emotionally mature and independent adults (this after all is the key goal of parenting!) Children who are not allowed to experience the normal 'knocks' in life do not learn to take responsibility or develop initiative. They do not learn how to make decisions independently or develop essential skills so necessary in later life.

Ask the question, "Is he/she is able to do this by him/herself?", and if he is, don't do it for him. Don't carry your 4 or 5 year old into or out of school; don't carry his bag; don't dress him if he is capable of doing so himself (even if he puts clothing on back to front). By doing these things for your child you are ultimately damaging his self-esteem, you are sending the message that he cannot complete simple tasks well enough on his own. Encourage responsibility by giving your child small chores to do around the house. They need to feel important and 'valued' and by giving them special responsibilities you will give them a great sense of being needed.

"The most important thing that parents can teach their children is how to get along without them". Frank Clark (Educator) ... from the desk of M. Caforio



Important dates for the week:

- Catch up Photos—7th October
- Dog Town Show—11th October

Themes for next week

Grade 0000 and 000

Water Transport



Grade 00

Opposites



Grade 0

Birds



Rainbow Run 2019



All clean and eager to start!



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Comment of the day by a Grade 000 child - "That was the best day in my whole life!!"





Our first ever Rainbow Run was very successful! Thanks to all the parents who joined in the fun - their children loved it!



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