

## Developing the Young Workforce Take Your Child to Work Day



**Thursday 26 April 2018**

Take Your Child to Work Day involves pupils from P6-S2. Across the country, boys and girls will go to work for a day, joining their parents, carers, relatives and friends in exploring many different aspects of adults' working lives. They will be going in to workplaces to see what goes on, and perhaps to identify new areas that may interest them in the future. We will be encouraging them to widen their choices, to be confident in themselves and to believe that they can be whatever they want to be.

It is important that children have a better understanding of areas of work that they may be interested in pursuing when they leave school. Employers regularly say that young people arrive in the workplace unprepared for the world of work. For children often the first time they see a workplace will be when they visit with a parent or family friend for the day. Children should be given the opportunity to experience different workplaces every year and as such they should try to avoid returning to the same experience year after year.

This is an educational visit and in preparation for the day, teachers may be talking with them about the world of work and what to do when they come into your workplace. They may have done some preparation for interviewing and / or observation. Most schools will expect the pupils to report back to their peers and to write up their experiences.

We recognise that not every young person has someone with whom they can go to work on the day, so ask a relative, friend or colleague if they would be willing to mentor your child on that day.

Exposing children & young people to what a parent or mentor in their lives do during the workday is important. Showing them the value of their education, providing them an opportunity to share how they see the future and begin steps toward their end goals in a hands-on and interactive environment is key to their achieving success.

Take Your Child to Work day is just one of the ways you can support your child's Career Education. You can find out more from [Career Education in a Nutshell](#)