

ABOUT PARENT'S ROLE

Why is it so important that both parents are behind the school philosophy? This school is not as “simple” as it appears. The decision to send your child to a democratic school should be in line with your own values. We offer parents close support in the form of discussions and information material. We support parents of our students in the process of finding out whether the Waldkinder school matches their own values. Most families go through periods of doubt and difficulty in school. If a parent does not feel comfortable with the school philosophy, this can lead to great uncertainty for a child. **How can parents support their child?** By dealing with the school model as much as possible, be it through relevant literature, online videos or discussions with employees. In this way, the parents can better stand by their child through difficulties (e.g. boredom, problems with others). It is important that parents are sensitive to the challenges and frustrations that the child is experiencing. It is equally important to trust the child that they can solve their own problems. When parents often provide the solution to the problem, it is like doing homework for their child. Listening, asking questions, giving advice (when asked) is always helpful. Children need time and space to solve their own problems. Some parents find it difficult to endure when their children have negative experiences. Many believe that failure leads to a lack of self-confidence. From our point of view, failure is not a “failure”. It is an experience from which one can grow and an opportunity to get to know oneself and one’s abilities better. When a child regards themselves as valuable irrespective of their achievements, they can deal with failure without losing confidence in themselves.