

## More PAL – More Parents Associated for Learning

### Project Evaluation Form – Parents (Romania)

**Nine parents have filled in the questionnaires. Their responses are synthesised below the questions.**

#### *1. What did you like/enjoy about the project?*

- I have enjoyed very much the meetings, when parents, teachers and children have built up teams and worked together in different projects;
- The way the project was organised;
- There were involved more members of the family;
- A practical approach of the topics that have been discussed; practical suggestions for each problem;
- The honest relationship between parents-children-trainers/teachers;
- Getting familiar with the school environment in other countries;
- The diversity and the utility of the ideas;
- I liked very much how were presented the possible links between school, family and children, which I was not aware of;
- The idea to write a guide;
- The experience ex-change with the other parents;
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#### *2. How has it changed your attitude to:*

##### *Your child's school*

- The barrier between myself, as a parent and the school has been broken;
- I can communicate more easily with the class teacher about different issues;
- A closer collaboration with the teachers;
- It was evident that the schools is aware of pupils' difficulties and tries to solve them;
- A better knowledge of the school problems and a motivation to get involved more actively;
- I have learnt how to collaborate with the teachers and realised that the school is really interested on our children' progress;
- I have reached the conclusion that the work in the school is very important and difficult;
- I am satisfied about the school and the teacher;
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##### *Learning*

- I have realised that it is very important to create a state of well-being to my child, to get permanently involved in his learning process, and to support him in overcoming different difficulties;
- An emphasis on creativity;

- The relationships between the family lifestyle, the child lifestyle and the child perception of the learning process;
- The learning process has to be supported by everyone;

#### *Your own life*

- I have understood that I have to be more calm, and to play regularly with my child;
- A better communication with my children;
- An emphasis on the role of the parents involvement in problem-solving and learning;
- New experiences; a better understanding of the attitudes of the decision makers that are involved in the school life;
- I have learnt to get more involved, and to be more optimistic;
- I have learnt that my life and my children' life will be much better if I approach our relationships in a different way;
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#### *Your family?*

- I have understood that we should spend more time together, in the family, to study and play together more often;
- I have identified new aspects of family relationships;
- The information gathered during the project activities was helpful in approaching our children;
- It is important to have close relationships between the family members;
- My family is more relaxed, if I do not have some ideas from the past;
- A different type of control of the life situations;
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### **3. How has being in the project changed your relationship with:**

#### *Your child*

- We have become very good friends;
- I have become more sociable;
- The relation is warmer;
- There have taken place some essential changes;
- We communicate better;
- My child is more open, warmer and happier;
- More understanding;

#### *The school*

- I visit the school more often;
- I have discovered new things that school can offer to us;
- The relation is more open;

- I got more closer to the teachers and their viewpoints;
- A closer collaboration;
- I have started considering the school as a friend;
- I learn how to communicate with the teachers;

*Other parents in the group?*

- I have realised that it is a good idea to meet the other parents regularly and to share life experiences;
- We became closer for a better collaboration;
- We interact with pleasure;
- We have shared opinions and information;
- I have met many parents with whom I have shared different experiences, impressions;
- I have built friendships, new acquaintances, I have shared ideas about situations that I had thought are very problematic;
- Better relations with other parents;

*4. What have you learnt about the other countries and cultures in the project? Has this changed you? If so, how?*

- For instance, in Estonia parents have a great influence on the school life of their children, and they can make suggestions to the teachers;
- I like the idea that parents can assist and support their child during the classroom activities;
- We have something in common: song festivals, the seaside of the Black Sea;
- A wish to share different ideas;
- School is the same everywhere; only the resources and the involvement of teachers are different;
- All the parents, disregarding the country, want to get involved in their children life for preparing them better for this life;
- We have taken some ideas from the other countries and we try to put them into practice;
- I have learnt many things about the learning process in different countries, there are some differences, and this ex-change of ideas is very important;
- I have noticed that parents from England are more relaxed than the other parents;

*5. How are you planning to continue working with your child and the school?*

- I would like to participate in activities outside the classroom, children and parents together;
- To involve other parents in the activities;
- To organise team activities (parents and children);
- How to support the child in crisis situations;
- Decision-making;
- To put into practice the ideas written in the self-help guide;
- I consider that I can get involved more and more in the common activities school-family;

- Planning attractive activities;

**6.** *Is there anything you would like to learn in the future, either for yourself, with your child or with the school?*

- Behaviour management in different situations;
- Conflict management methods;
- How to work with children with ADHD;
- More practical approaches for solving different problems (ADHD, bullying)
- I would like to participate in other courses like this one and to identify solutions for our daily problems;
- I would like to learn how to play with my child and how to relax;

**7.** *Are there any other comments you would like to make?*

- To involve more the children and to organise activities for the children in the partner countries;
- More practical classroom activities for the children;
- It was an excellent idea; we should continue our activities with other parents' associations;
- It was a very successful project;
- I think it is a step forward for the progress of a modern Romanian education system;