



School and home provide perfect opportunities to develop a child's sense of responsibility. Proverbs 22:6 "Train up a child in the way they should go: and when they are old, they will not depart from it."

### What is responsibility?

We have a few ways that we talk about responsibility. There is being responsible, taking responsibility, acting responsibly and having responsibilities.

They are all related to doing the things we are supposed to do, and accepting the positive or negative outcome of our actions. A quick definition for responsibility is:

***Being responsible means you do the things you are expected to do and accept the consequences (results) of your actions.***

At a Christian school like Northleaze, we encourage children to take responsibility for their words and actions, and to treat others as they would want to be treated. It is our responsibility to make choices that allow us to be the best versions of ourselves that we can be.

### What is "a responsibility"?

A responsibility is something that you are expected to do. It might be a task that you are expected to do eg. brushing your teeth, walking the dog.

A responsibility may also be a way you are expected to act. For example, if you are playing in the playground, you are expected to play in a safe and courteous way that won't seriously hurt yourself or others.

### What is "a consequence"?

Hand in hand with responsibility comes consequence. Consequences can be positive (good) or negative (not good.) An example of a positive consequence is responsible learning behaviours are rewarded with house points. If you are not responsible with your belongings, you will lose them; that's a negative consequence.

### Help your children take responsibility at home by:

- Encouraging them to carry their own book bag, rucksack and coat.
- Sorting the recycling before collection day.
- Looking after a pet.
- Encouraging them to do their reading and home learning.

### We're helping in school by:

- Exploring the value of responsibility through our school and class assemblies.
- Discussing responsible behaviours for learning and play.
- Giving opportunities to take responsibility in roles like 'special helpers' and monitors .
- Rewarding responsible behaviours and actions with a 'Responsibility leaf' and house points.



### Discuss at home

What are your responsibilities at home?

in the classroom?

in the playground?

Here is Greta Thurnberg. She has been taking responsible action regarding climate change.

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