



PARENTS' GUIDE TO WORKING WITH SCHOOL

- 1. COMMUNICATE EARLY AND OFTEN: USE SCHOOL WELCOME PACKS AND NEWSLETTERS AND ASK FOR TRANSLATIONS TO UNDERSTAND SCHOOL EXPECTATIONS (LIKE BEHAVIOUR, UNIFORM). ASK SCHOOL FOR A KEY CONTACT (E.G. HEAD TEACHER OR HEAD OF YEAR)**
- 2. UTILISE INTERPRETERS: DO NOT RELY ON CHILDREN. ASK FOR PROFESSIONAL INTERPRETERS FOR IMPORTANT MEETINGS.**
- 3. LEARN THE SYSTEM: ASK FOR TOURS, SIGNPOSTING TO SOCIAL GROUPS AND HELP WITH APPS AND WEBSITES YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL USES.**
- 4. BUILD RELATIONSHIPS: GET TO KNOW TEACHERS AND OTHER PARENTS TO CREATE A STABLE ENVIRONMENT.**
- 5. SEEK EXTERNAL HELP: CONNECT WITH CHARITIES LIKE THE INTERNATIONAL RESCUE COMMITTEE, REFUGEE EDUCATION UK OR THE REFUGEE COUNCIL FOR ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR YOUR CHILD OR YOURSELF.**
- 6. BE AWARE OF TRAUMA: UNDERSTAND THAT YOUR CHILD MIGHT NEED A "SILENT PERIOD" OR SHOW CHANGES IN THEIR BEHAVIOUR. ASK SCHOOL FOR SUPPORT WITH THIS.**

