

National Museums NI and Education Authority

Parental Support Programme

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Why?

- Evidence shows that parental involvement in education has a significant effect on educational achievement, and continues to do so into adolescence and adulthood.

Source: Impact of parental involvement in children's education (Department for children, schools and families) 2008

- National Museums NI is committed to providing the widest possible access to our sites, exhibitions and collections for everyone, and in particular, those from areas of multiple deprivation across N.I.



What ?

Parental Engagement Model

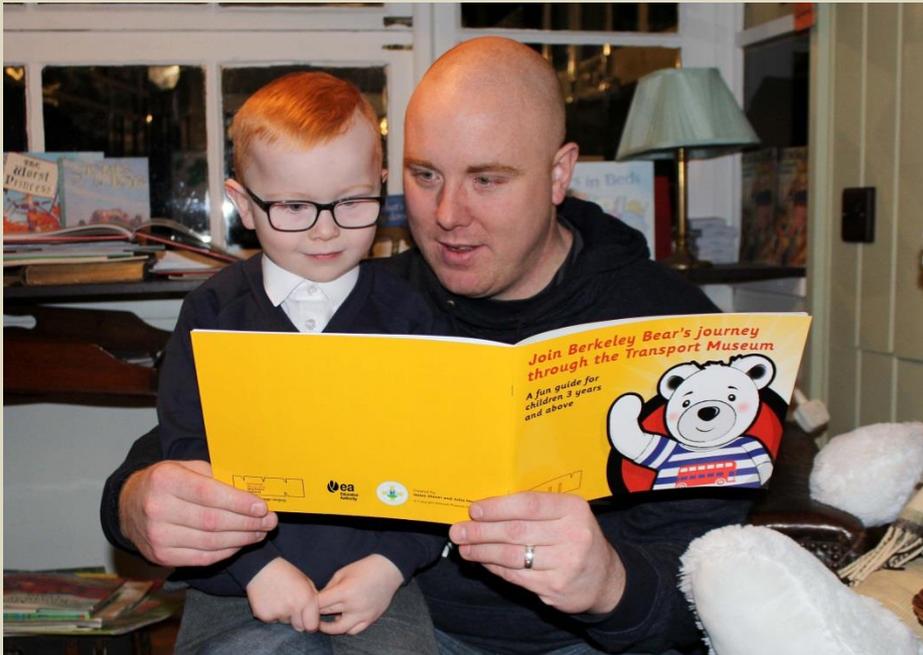


- recognises that parents wish to support their children's learning but many lack the confidence, skills and knowledge to do so.
- places emphasis on engaging parents through a range of informal, interactive activities based on National Museums' unique collections
- provides an opportunity to introduce families to museums as enjoyable places to visit.
- activities based on Department of Education curriculum and aligned to N.I. Programme for Government
- Provides free entry and free transport

Who?

Families from schools in top 10% areas of multiple deprivation in N.I.

From communities where engagement with the museums is low and people do not traditionally access museum services



The Berkeley Bear Experience



Time Travellers



Craft in Mind

