

## How do I get involved?

There are a number of ways you can get involved in Every Child Counts. If you are a parent of a child with numeracy difficulties, work in education or are simply interested in helping all children become numerate, you can talk to your local school, education authority, councillor or MP about the initiative and ask them to support it.

If you are a parent and think your child needs help, then you can talk to your school about whether they already have a trained specialist Every Child Counts teacher or might want to employ one in the future. Not all schools or local authority areas are yet involved – this is a rapidly growing programme, but is still expected to reach only around one in eight of primary schools in England by 2011.

If you are a business or philanthropist and would be interested in sponsoring a school near you, so that the school can provide specialist Numbers Count teaching to children who would not otherwise be able to access the programme, you can contact Jeanette Grose, our Director of Operations and Development on email: [jeanette@everychildachancetrust.org](mailto:jeanette@everychildachancetrust.org), telephone: 020 7749 5144, mobile 07966 633042. You may also like to look at the Local Business Support section of our website [www.everychildachancetrust.org](http://www.everychildachancetrust.org).

If you are a school and would like to train your own specialist Numbers Count teacher, you can do this providing that the programme is available in your area and that you can fund the cost of a half-time teacher to work daily with your lowest achieving children in Year 2. Additional funding from the Every Child Counts initiative is now available through the local authority in many areas. You can find out about this possibility by asking your local authority Primary Strategy Manager.

Numbers Count teachers are generally employed by schools. If you are a teacher interested in training as a Numbers Count teacher, contact your local Primary Strategy Manager to register your interest. They may know a school which is looking for a teacher to train. Please note that you must have qualified teacher status, must have experience of teaching in the Foundation Stage/Key Stage 1, and must be available to teach at least 0.5 full time equivalent, five days a week.