



Partnership with Parents Policy

Policy Statement:

An effective partnership is paramount to ensuring your child is happy and secure and their needs are being met. We continuously monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of our partnership and understand its value.

We will aim to support parents as their children's first and most important educators by involving them in their education at the setting.

We will:

- Provide clear and accessible information.
- Offer parents peace of mind and reassurance by providing reliable, factual feedback regarding their child's day at nursery.
- Provide a service that is open and accessible to parents to add their own suggestions, idea and comments.
- Respect parent views and listen sympathetically to their opinions.
- Encourage parents to see they have a role as prime educators.
- Offer advice that helps parents understand how children learn, through formal and informal discussions and meetings.
- Include parents in the Long term, medium term and short term planning.
- Welcome parental expertise and knowledge and invite them into the nursery to share them with the children.
- Develop relationships which support the child's learning.
- Offer a warm, welcoming and secure atmosphere for all parents, where they feel supported and valued.
- Offer flexibility for parents with different lifestyles and commitments in order for them to feel as included as every parent. This may include re-arranging meeting times to suit the parents needs.
- Keep parents notice boards and planning boards updated regularly.

- Allocate a member of staff as your child's key person, offering you a point of contact.
- Hold annual events that provide opportunities for staff and parents to meet up socially and encourage positive relationships.
- Seek ongoing feedback with parents to improve our knowledge of the needs of their children and to support their families.
- Inform parents of the settling in procedures through written communication prior to their child starting.
- Ensure all parents are aware of where the policies and procedures are kept.

Home moments:

On their child's last day at nursery each week, children will take home their 'home moments book'. This will give parent's the opportunity to share experiences from outside nursery with the setting. This will give staff a real insight into what the children are exposed to when they are not at nursery and help staff to plan next steps and activities with their key children.

Partnership with other agencies:

We will work in partnership with local and national agencies to promote the well-being of all children.

When working in partnership with staff from other agencies, we will make those individuals welcome in the setting and their professional roles are respected. Parents will be introduced to staff from other agencies when working with their children to ensure the partnership is consistent.

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