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PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS POLICY

The Nursery recognises that working in partnership with parents is essential, enabling us to provide a happy, caring and stable environment for children and their parents. We aim to form a good relationship with parents so that information regarding their children (be it developmental, social or health related) can be easily exchanged between Nursery staff and parents.

When first contacted about a child coming to Nursery, we send out a virtual tour of the room their child will be in. We also encourage parents to come with their child for a visit. This is so they can see first-hand what our Nursery is like. We encourage parents to ask questions, look at our operational plans, policies and procedures. We have a parent handbook, which we send out in the starter pack, which also tells them lots of information about Nursery.

The Manager and new keyperson are available for discussion with parents, private discussions can be arranged at agreed times should you wish to discuss your child's progress or any other matter.

We encourage parents to be as involved as they can with the Nursery. We have a parent committee, and invite any parent/carer to spend time with us whenever they can spare the time particularly if they have skills or knowledge they can share with the children. For instance we have had parents in the past who have come in and talked to the children about their jobs - we have had a policeman, a nurse, and a lollipop lady. We had a parent who kept chickens and she brought one in to show the children.

Information regarding children's activities during the session is displayed in notice boards outside, and is shared on our Facebook page. **A weekly plan is sent to the parents of Raindrops Room and Rainbow Room via email to keep them engaged.** Parents opinions are valued and welcomed. **We share the children's learning profiles with parents via Tapestry and encourage them to add their activities at home. We send out an annual Parent Questionnaire to all parents via email to get their feedback.**

Newsletters are issued regularly to keep parents up to date with information. We also have a parents notice board and of course anyone is welcome to visit our website and **Facebook page** which is loaded with information, including our staff profiles, daily nursery routines, our policies and useful links.

Parents are requested to keep us informed of any changes to personal circumstances which may have an effect upon their child's emotional well being e.g. bereavement, separation. It is obviously vital that they keep us up to date with any changes to address or phone numbers.

This policy was reviewed and agreed at a meeting of Nursery Committee held on 5/2/23.

Signed

Manager

Committee member