

# Parental Involvement

We believe that children benefit most from early years education and care when parents and settings work together in partnership.

Our aim is to support parents as their children's first and most important educators by involving them in their children's education and in the full life of the setting.

We ensure all parents are a part of their child's Preschool life, we acknowledge separated parents and will email both parents newsletters, we include fathers throughout their child's time with us. Parents also include same sex parents and foster carers.

**In order to fulfil these aims we: -**

- We ensure ongoing dialogue with parents to improve our knowledge of the needs of their children and to support their families.
- We inform all parents about how the setting is run and its policies through access to written information and through regular informal communication. We check to ensure parents understand the information that is given to them.
- We inform all parents on a regular basis about their children's progress.
- We involve parents in the shared record keeping about their children - either formally or informally - and ensure parents have access to tapestry.
- We provide opportunities for parents to contribute their own skills.
- We provide information about opportunities to be involved in the setting in ways that are accessible to all parents.
- We consult with parents about the times and days of meetings to avoid excluding anyone
- We welcome the contributions of parents
- We inform all parents of the systems for registering queries, complaints or suggestions and check to ensure these are understood. All parents have access to our written complaints procedure.
- We have links with the local children centre, and provide parents with information regarding employment, money support, and training available, and the learning of child development.

- We have close links with our Best start collaboration officer who also offers advice
- We will work together with parents with regarding their children's development and will signpost and refer if needed with parent permission.

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Signed

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