



Parental involvement

Parents are the most significant person in a young child's life, Our Nurseries intends to work with parents/carers, supporting, encouraging and reinforcing best practice and guiding or advising when parents ask for suggestions of ways of caring and coping with children.

In order to do this, we:

- Ensure all parents know about our aims and policies including complaints.
- Encourage parents to become actively involved within our nursery and out of school club.
- Have a confidential area to discuss concerns with parents when available.
- Give feedback on their child's progress this may be in the form of parents evening or end of term reports. We will use specific examples of achievement or behaviour.
- Provide parents with free access to their child's developmental file.
- Listen to parent's comments and opinions about their child's progress and where requested, comments from parents are incorporated into their child's records.
- Ensure times, places and information about meetings is available to all parents.
- Inform parents about activities, which might interest them, e.g., stay and play sessions or events taking part within nursery.
- Invite parents to join our Facebook group and our Whats App group, this allows parents to be up to date with nursery information

Ensure copies of the inspection reports are available for all parents.

- Involve parents with stay and plays, activity boxes for parents to complete at home with their child.
- Involve parents with open days and fundraising, which will also promote the nursery.
- Encourage parents to join our Facebook page and Watts App group to see and share our stories and work that we are doing within the nursery.

Parents and carers as partner's

Our Nurseries believe that children benefit the most when parents and staff work together in partnership to ensure quality care and learning for the children.

Our Nursery team welcome parents as partners and this relationship needs to be built on trust and understanding. It is important that we, as careers, can support parents in an open and sensitive manner. A two-way sharing of information is vital to this. Our Nurseries wishes to ensure parents as part of the care and education team within the nursery and out of school club.

Our policy is to

- Recognize and support parents as their child’s first and most important educators and to welcome them into the life of our nursery.
- Generate confidence and encourage parents to trust their own instincts and judgment regarding their own child.
- Welcome all parents into our nursery at any time.
- Inform parents on a regular basis about their child’s progress and involve them in the shared record keeping about their child.
- Consider and discuss full all suggestions from parents concerning the care of their child and the running of the nursery and the out of school club.
- Provide opportunities for parents to contribute their own skills, knowledge, and interests to the activities of the nursery in ways, which are accessible to parents with basic skills needs, or those for whom English is an additional language.
- Inform all parents of the systems for registering queries, complaints, or suggestions, and to check that parents understand these systems. All parents have access to our written complaints’ procedure.
- Provide opportunities for parents to learn about the early year’s framework and about young children’s learning in the nursery and at home.
- Respect the family’s religious and cultural backgrounds and to accommodate any special requirements wherever possible and practical to do so.

To find out the needs and expectations of parents. These will be obtained through regular feedback via questionnaires and encouraging parents to review working practices. The nursery to promote nursery practice, policy and the staff development then evaluates these

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January 2024	Rebecca Barron	January 2025
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