

Partnerships with Parents

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Partnership with Parents & Carers Policy

Little Stars Day Nursery understands the importance of having partnerships with parents & carers and recognises the crucial role they have in their children's early years and actually regard parents and carers as the child's first educator. Due to the basis and our ethos regarding this we will endeavour to:

- Upon the registration of their child we will inform parents /carers about our policies and procedures along with our complaints procedure and or suggestion system.
- Encourage parents /carers on an individual basis to play an active part in the nursery, whether this is by being a member on our Parent Advisory Group, completing questionnaires /feedback sheets, inviting them to open evenings or on a volunteering basis and welcoming any suggestions parents /cares may have.
- Provide parents opportunities to liaise with us regarding the formation of new policies and the Self Evaluation Form (SEF) for Ofsted, (this is mainly through the Parent Advisory Group).
- Hold meetings which are held in venues and are accessible and appropriate for all and provided with enough notice to attend.
- We endeavour to and are passionate about involving all parents /carers in their children's learning, enabling parents /carers to inform us via 'home link sheets' what their children have been doing at home. For parents /carers to bring in photos from home as supporting evidence to place in their learning journeys and have access to these on a regular basis. This will enable us to share our record keeping either formally or informally.
- To utilise our parents own skills, knowledge and attributes' to the setting for example a parent who is keen on making cards (art & crafts) could come and share their skills with the children, or a grandparent who is a dentist could share their experiences and the importance of teeth cleaning, all of which is still learning and development and linked to the EYFS.

Our team at Little Stars Day Nursery are committed to working in partnership with parents /carers to provide a high quality environment which is safe and stimulating but provides learning and play opportunities for the children. We aim to achieve this by:

- Ensuring all parents /carers feel welcomed and their opinions valued.
- Ensuring that their concerns are listened too whenever they arise no matter what the situation. The manager /deputy will guarantee that parent /carers receive a prompt response from the setting.

- We make all information held on their child accessible to them providing it is not subject to investigation by the police or other statutory agencies.
- To hold regular open evenings where parents /carers can meet their child's key person to discuss development and generally 'catch up' but also we make ourselves available to parents /carers every day.
- To provide parents /carers with termly newsletters providing information about the setting, dates to remember, any changes and general information. This may also be in the format of a memo.
- Keeping parents /carers up to date with any changes in the operation of Little Stars Day Nursery such as policy amendments, which are displayed on our parent notice board, opening times, fee scales or changes in staffing.

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