

PARENTS AS PARTNERS

Aims

1. To support and enhance the development of the children.
2. To respect, understand and value the contribution parents make towards their child's learning.
3. To provide support, guidance and encouragement to parents.

Objectives

1. To provide parents with information about the Nursery before their child starts at the nursery;
2. To work with parents in building up a profile of the child's development needs;
3. To provide opportunities for parents to discuss their child's progress;
4. To ensure guidance, advice and resources are given to support home learning;
5. To provide regular written reports to parents giving details of their child's progress.

Operating Policy

Before a child starts at the Nursery, parents will be invited to bring their child to a Nursery session during which the child can play and parents can ask questions to staff. Each parent will be given a Nursery Prospectus, which contains details of the Admission Policy and the Curriculum as well as other useful information relating to the Nursery.

During the settling in period a member of staff will talk to the parent about their child and will use this information to complete a Care Sheet. The duration of the settling in period will be flexible and will continue until the child feels happy and secure in the setting.

Parents will have access to information regarding the curriculum activities and events through discussions with staff and written information placed on the parent's notice board.

The parent's notice board will be updated on a regular basis.

Planning, Recording and Assessment

Staff will complete reports on each child and will be available to discuss these with parents, if necessary. Such reports will be used to provide advice for parents to support home learning.

A Parents Evening will be held twice a year to give parents an opportunity to discuss their child's progress.