

Mulberry Bush Day Nursery

Parent Involvement Policy

Intent

We believe that children benefit most from early years education and care when parents and settings work together in partnership. We operate an Open-Door Policy whereby parents will be welcome at anytime to visit, or work with us, however our stringent security systems must be adhered to at all times.

Aim

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.

Methods

- We are committed to ongoing dialogue with parents to improve our knowledge of the needs of their children and to support their families.
- We will inform all parents about how the setting is run and its policies through access to written information and through regular informal communication, parent's information board, newsletters and emails. 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 will involve parents in the shared record keeping about their children – either formally or informally – and ensure parents have access to their children's written developmental records, learning journals and daily diaries. Learning Journals are stored on an online account called 'Tapestry'. Parents sign up to the account so they can access their child's learning journal. Parents can also add observations and/or comments as they wish.
- We will provide encouragement and opportunities for parents to contribute their own skills, knowledge and interests to the activities of the setting.
- We will provide information about opportunities to be involved in the setting in ways that are accessible to parents with basic skills needs, or those for whom English is an additional language.
- We welcome the contributions of parents, in whatever form these may take.
- We will 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 will provide opportunities for parents to learn about the curriculum offered in the setting and about young children's learning, in the setting and at home.

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