

St. Paul's Church Nursery School

Parental Involvement Policy

Parents are the first educators of their young children. The aim of the Nursery is to support their essential work, through a partnership. We will:

- Organise a visit to meet the child in their home environment before they are due to start in the Nursery. This home visit will allow us to meet the family and ask for information which will help us to know more about the child and gives the parent time to ask questions or raise any concerns they may have. We will also be able to introduce ourselves to the children and understand more about their interests and circumstances to make their transition as smooth as possible.
- Allocate a key worker who will liaise closely with the family, so that a channel exists for the flow of information.
- Give all new parents the opportunity to be aware of the Nursery systems and policies by home visiting.
- Keep the first half an hour of each session reasonably free for staff to talk with parents/carers, thus providing opportunities for responding to any concerns or issues relating to their child that day
- Ensure that parents are informed on a regular basis about their child's progress, in particular through the child observation weeks, where a small group of children are observed in detail over the course of a week. For children in their last year of Nursery prior to beginning primary school, these observations are discussed with parents at the end of the week.
- Ensure that all parents have opportunities to contribute from their own skills, knowledge and interests to the activities of the Nursery.
- Welcome the contribution of parents, whatever form these may take and encourage 'stay & play' until their child is settled.
- Make known to all parents, the system for registering queries, complaints or suggestions.
- Provide opportunities for parents to learn about the Nursery curriculum and EYFS and about young children's learning, in Nursery and at home.

- Liaise with parents regarding any outside agencies such as Speech & Language Therapy and support their individual needs. This may be in the form of an Individualised Services Plan, agreed with and considered by the parent to focus the extra support. This will be in conjunction with the appropriate external body.

This policy was adopted at a meeting of St. Paul's Church Nursery School held on 27th January 2004 and is reviewed on a three year cycle in line with the School Development Plan.

Signed on behalf of the Management Committee

Signed on behalf the Nursery _____ Date: _____

Review Date: _____