

# Working in Partnership with Parents and Carers

Close working between early years practitioners and parents is vital for the welfare and education of the children in our setting. It is also essential for the early identification of children's learning needs and to ensure a quick response to any area of particular difficulty. Parents, carers and families are central to a child's well-being and we aim to provide a regular two-way flow of information between them and the setting. With this in mind staff will:

- Involve parents/carers in planning what their child will be doing at the nursery.
- Discuss on a regular basis what each child has done during the day.
- Give information on what children have eaten, how long they have slept and any relevant toileting information. Record and act on information from parents about a child's dietary needs.
- Regularly discuss progress and development along with any concerns parents or staff may have.
- Ensure that copies of the inspection report are provided to all parents.

Each child will be allocated a Key Person whose role is to help the child to become familiar with the provision and to feel confident and safe within, developing a genuine bond with the

child (and the child's parents) and offering a settled, close relationship.

If Parents/carers wish to speak to their key Person or any other member of staff in private then this can be arranged.

The following information will be provided for parents:-

- How the EYFS is being delivered in the setting, and how parents and/or carers can access more information;
- The range and type of activities and experiences provided for children, the daily routines of the setting, and how parents and carers can share learning at home;
- Our policies and procedures.
- The food and drinks which we provide
- Staffing in the nursery; the name of their child's key person and their role.

Parents and Carers have free access to all information kept on their own child. (Except in exceptional cases where Data Protection Act 1998 stipulates it is against the best interests of the child to do so.)

