

Policy Name	Parents & Preschool
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Statement of Intent

We want children to feel safe, stimulated and happy in Pre-school and to feel secure and comfortable with staff. We also want parents to have confidence in both their children's well being and their role as active partners with the pre-school. We believe that children benefit most from Pre-school education and care when parents and Pre-school work together in partnership.

Aim

We aim to make Pre-school a welcoming place where children settle quickly. We fully support parents as their children's first and most important educators and involve parents in the life of the Pre-school and their children's education as much as possible.

Method

We believe that parents and staff working together will enable the child to feel confident and secure. To achieve this we:

- Require parents to visit Pre-school before completing the application form and again on at least one occasion in the weeks leading up to entry to pre-school.
- Introduce parents and children to each member of staff and in particular their 'key worker/key person'.
- Set up links with any other childcare organisations that the child may attend in order to ensure that the child's needs are met in the most appropriate manner.

Ways we ensure parental involvement include the following:

- Ensure that all parents can access our documentation, systems and other sources of information.
- Where possible, introduce all new parents to at least one member of our committee.
- Actively encourage parents to contribute their skills to the Pre-school and/or help with parent/carer helper rota.
- Involve parents in tracking the progress of their own child.
- Inform parents about any meetings and make available to them any relevant information e.g. funding.
- A parent may join the committee in accordance with the Pre-school constitution.
- In accordance with the Children Act 1989 the Pre-School has a duty to protect the children in its care and they will take all reasonable steps to ensure this protection.

This policy was reviewed and updated (where required) on 08/01/2022 (date)

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