

PARENT PARTNERSHIP POLICY



Sunny Sandcastles believes that for children to receive quality care and early learning that suits their individual needs, parents and staff need to work together in a close partnership. We recognise that parents/carers play the fundamental role in a child's development as their first educators of their young children and our aim is always to support their role.

The two-way sharing of information is key to this. The team welcomes parents as partners and this relationship needs to be built on trust and understanding. It is important that we, as practitioners, can support parents in an open and sensitive manner.

The Pre-School wishes to ensure parents are an integral part of the care and early learning team within the nursery.

Our policy is to:

- Recognise and support parents as their child's first and most important educators, and to welcome them into the life of the school.
- Generate confidence and encourage parents to trust their own instincts and judgement regarding their own child.

- Welcome all parents into the Sunny Sandcastles at any time and be as flexible as possible.
- Ensure documentation and communications can be easily adapted to a format to suit individual parent's needs, e.g. Braille, multi-lingual etc.
- Ensure that all parents are aware of our policies and procedures. Our full policy documents will be available to read for parents and will be kept in a folder on site at all times.
- Maintain regular contact with parents to help us to build a secure and beneficial working relationship for their children
- Inform parents about nursery activities and events through regularly distributed newsletters and liaising
- Operate a key person system to enable a close working relationship with all parents. Support two-way information sharing regarding each child's individual needs both in school and at home
- Inform parents on a regular basis about their child's planning and progress and involve them in the shared record keeping.
- Consider and discuss all suggestions from parents concerning the care and early learning of their child and Pre-School operation.
- Inform all parents of the systems for registering queries, compliments, complaints, or suggestions, and to check that these systems are

understood by parents. All parents have access to our written complaint's procedure.

- Provide opportunities for parents to learn about the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) and about young children's learning in school and at home.
- Provide a written contract between the parents/carers and Sunny Sandcastles regarding conditions of acceptance and arrangements for payment and funding.
- Respect the family's religious and cultural backgrounds and beliefs and to accommodate any special requirements wherever possible and practical to do so