

# Mrs Bonds Village Nursery

## Parental/Family Involvement Policy

### Statement of Intent

We believe that children benefit most from nursery education and care when parents and nursery work together in partnership.

### Our aims

- To support parents as their children's first and most important educators.
- To involve parents in the life of the nursery and their children's education.
- To support parents in their own continuing education and personal development.

### Method

In order to fulfill these aims:

- We are committed to ongoing dialogue with parents to improve our knowledge of the needs of their children and to support their families;
- Through access to written information and through regular informal communication, we inform all parents about how the group is run and its policies. We check to ensure parents understand the information which is given to them;
- We encourage and support parents to play an active part in the nursery;
- We send out regular news letters to keep parents informed, we also put up poster on the door to inform of forthcoming events.
- We inform all parents on a regular basis about their children's progress;
- We involve parents in the shared record keeping about their children — either formally or informally — and ensure parents have access to their children's written records;
- We provide opportunities for parents to contribute their own skills, knowledge and interests to the activities of the group;
- We inform parents about relevant conferences, workshops and training;
- We consult with parents about the times of meetings to avoid excluding anyone;
- We provide information about opportunities for being involved in the pre-school in ways which are accessible to parents with basic skills needs, or those for whom English is an additional language, we hold meetings in venues which are accessible and appropriate for all
- We welcome the contributions of parents, in whatever form these may take;
- We 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 provide opportunities for parents to learn about the nursery curriculum and about young children's learning, in the nursery and at home.
- We inform parents of the role of a child's key worker.
- We use Tapestry as a way of keeping parents up to date with their child's day and progress. They can also use it as a way to communicate
- We hold special events for parents to attend such as Parent Play Sessions, Parent:Key worker consultations, Sports Day, Graduation etc.
- We offer support and referrals to outside agencies to support parents in times of need
- We have an "Open Door" policy in which we seek to foster a warm and welcoming environment and relationship with all parents and families for they feel comfortable to speak to any of the staff team at any time for any reason.