

## PARENTAL/CARER PARTNERSHIP POLICY

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Here at Sunshine Nursery we strongly believe in parental partnership, and hold our parents/carers views and comments in high regard. We feel that if anyone; it is the parent/carers that knows your child best.

With that in mind we aim to have an 'open door' policy, where, you can come to see us at any convenient time to yourself and discuss with us any comments, concerns, achievements and of course your child's development.

Parental partnerships work both ways, staff are here to listen and respect your views and opinions. We ask that all parents treat the staff in the same way.

We operate a 'keyperson' system here at the nursery, each child will be allocated a 'keyperson' that will look after all their personal, health, social and developmental needs. The child will be introduced to their key person during their settling-in sessions.

Keypersons may offer parents advice to the parents on how their child settles and what can work best for the child whilst in nursery in relaxing routines. (This is specific to older children and not children under one).

This keyperson will liaise with the parent /carer on a frequent basis, and will build up a firm relationship so that parents feel confident to speak to their keyworker regarding their child, celebrating achievements and discussing worries or concerns.

Here at Sunshine Nursery all families are welcomed and valued, this includes the recognition of diversity of families, age, race, disability, ethnic origin, marital status, gender, political beliefs and religion.

All of our parents are valued as we feel that between you the parent/carers and us the practitioners, we can lay strong foundations of stimulating and encouraging your child to be a well-balanced and centred child.

We have the support of the Early Years Foundation Stage Framework, which supports your child from birth up to the age of five. The framework delivers the very first stages of the educational curriculum, which prepares your child ready for school.

The six areas we provide are

- Personal, social and emotional development.
- Communication, language and literacy development
- Problem Solving, Reasoning and Numeracy
- Knowledge and understanding of the world

- Physical development
- Creative development

Through all that we do at the nursery, we feel that all parent/carers should take an active role in helping to consolidate the play experiences/skills and learning that we provide. This can be done through either asking your child's keyperson what you could do to back up and support your child. We welcome any suggestions that you may have through our Parent Planning Sheet. We welcome parents to come into nursery to share their skills and their experiences of the outside world.

We provide diaries for the children in the Baby and Tiddler rooms; this is to inform you about your child's day, the activities they have taken part in and generally how they have been in themselves. In the Toddler unit the staff write up the children's day on the Unit whiteboards.

All the keypersons at Sunshine have the responsibility to keep records of all the children, which you can view at any time. These records are in each child's individual folder situated in their unit. These records are valuable in assessing each child's developmental level and in identifying any problems so we can intervene and seek support if that is necessary to the child. (Outside professional support).

All parents have access to view all records kept on the premises about their child. Child profiles are available to view in the unit or to take home and view at their leisure. Any confidential information kept about their child can be viewed in the office with the manager present.

If you need to speak to management at anytime regarding your child's keyperson, please speak directly with a member of the management team.

If you feel that you'd like to discuss any aspect of your child's care here at nursery, please speak to either your child's keyperson or nursery manager/deputy.