



STARFISH NURSERY PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT POLICY

Statement of Intent

We believe that children benefit most from early years education and care when parents/carers and Starfish Nursery staff work together in partnership.

Aim

We aim to:

- Support parents/carers as their children's first and most important educator.
- To involve parents/carers in the life of the Starfish Nursery and their children's education.
- To support parents/carers in their own continuing education and personal development.

Methods

In order to fulfil these aims:

We are committed to ongoing dialogue with parents/carers to improve our knowledge of the needs of their children and to support their families;

To access written information and through regular informal communication, we inform all parents/carers about how the group is run and its policies.

We encourage and support parents/carers to play an active part in the Starfish Nursery.

We inform all parents/carers on a regular basis about their children's progress.

We involve parents/carers in the shared record keeping about their children - either formally or informally - and ensure parents/carers have access to their children's written assessment forms.

We provide opportunities for parents/carers to contribute their own skills, knowledge and interests to the activities of the group.

We consult with parents/carers about the times of meetings to avoid excluding anyone.

We provide information about opportunities for being involved in the Starfish Nursery in ways which are accessible to parents/carers with basic skills needs, or those for whom English is an additional language.

We hold meetings in venues that are accessible and appropriate for all.

We welcome the contributions of parents/carers, in whatever form these may take;

We inform all parents/carers of the system for registering queries, complaints or suggestions and check to ensure these are understood. All parents/carers have access to our written complaints procedure.

We provide opportunities for parents/carers to learn about the Starfish Nursery curriculum and about young children's learning, in the Starfish Nursery and at home by:

- Parent consultations once a term.
- Regular informal communications such as newsletter, Facebook, verbal daily communications and notice board.
- Parents joining sessions.
- Leaflets of other organisations.
- By Parents being part of their child's progress log (eg by adding observation of their child's achievements from home.)
- Parent loan sacks.
- Helping to support their child's next steps at home through 'Help at Home Recommendations' from the child's keyworker.
- A copy of all policies & procedures are accessible to parents/carers on request.
- We involve parents/carers in fund raising activities, trips/outings and coffee mornings.

In compliance with the Statutory Framework for the EYFS (Early Years Foundation Stage), the following documentation is in place:

- Admissions Policy;
- Complaints Procedure;
- Record of Complaints; and
- Activities provided for children.

This policy was adopted for Starfish Nursery.

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Signature:

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