

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT POLICY

Statement of Intent

We believe that children benefit most from pre-school education and care when parents and groups work together in partnership.

Aim

- Parents are the first educators of their young children. The aim of the group is to support their essential work not to supplant them.
- To involve parents in the life of the playgroup and their children's education.
- To support parents in their own continuing education and personal development.

Method

- Make all new parents aware of the group's systems and policies.
- Consult with families about the times of meetings to avoid excluding anyone.
- Encourage parents on an individual basis to play an active part in the management of the group.
- Hold meetings in venues that are accessible and appropriate for all.
- Ensure that parents are informed on a regular basis about their child's progress.
- Welcome the contributions of parents, whatever forms these may take.
- Ensure that all parents have opportunities to contribute from their own skills, knowledge and interests to the activities of the group.
- Make known to all parents the systems for registering their child formally or informally.
- Involve parents in shared record keeping about their own child, either formally or informally.
- Ensure all parents are fully informed about meetings, conferences, workshops and training.
- Provide opportunities for parents to learn about the Playgroup curriculum and about young children's learning, in Playgroup and at home.

This policy was adopted at a meeting of the Playgroup held on 3rd April 2006.

Reviewed 12th November 2009

Signed on behalf of the Playgroup Committee