Parents as Partners Policy

Aim of the Policy
- To support parents as their child’s first and most important educators
- To involve parents in the life of the nursery and their children’s education
- To be open to input from parents about how the nursery operates
- To support parents in their own continuing education and personal development

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

In order to fulfil these aims:
- Parents are always welcome to visit the nursery and be a part of Nursery life
- We are committed to on-going dialogue with parents to improve our knowledge of the needs of their children and to support their families. Team members will consult with parents in respect of the care and education of their child. Parents will be involved in key decisions made about their child within the nursery.
- We give parents access to Nursery Policies, which govern the way the nursery operates and are available in the Manager’s office
- Information relating to activities and events within the nursery will be displayed or distributed to parents on a regular basis
- We inform all parents on a regular basis about their child’s progress by providing a Learning Summary sheet. Parents have access to their child’s records and written documentation relating to their child
- We provide opportunities for parents to contribute their own skills, knowledge and interests to the activities of the nursery
- We inform parents about relevant conferences, workshops and training opportunities, as well as groups and events that are taking place locally.

Methods of Communication Include:
- Parents Information Board and displays
- Informal and formal individual appointments and day to day discussions
- Team members will greet and welcome children and parents at the start of everyday and discussions exchanging information about the child will take place daily
- Parent’s Newsletter - monthly
- We use text messages and/or the Nursery’s Facebook page to communicate with Parents about various events such as; Nursery closures, adverse weather condition policy, reminders about parents evening etc.
- Each child has a Learning Journey folder – designed to show progress children have made in a way that is appealing for parents to look at
- Parents evenings where parents spend time with their child’s Key Person and other team members that care for their child to discuss progress
- A comments/compliments/complaints box available at the entrance to Nursery for those who wish to make contribute but stay anonymous
- We give out ‘Tell Us About It’ cards for children to fill in with their parents when they go away, to bring back to nursery and let us know anything interesting they have been doing
- We give out regular Parent Questionnaires to give opportunity to help us improve our service, including a section to find out about children’s ideas, which parents are encouraged to fill in with their child

n.b. When applicable, Muddy Boots Safeguarding Procedures override confidentiality