



Albert Village Nursery

Parent/Carer Partnership Policy

At Albert Village Nursery we recognise the importance of parental/carers involvement in the life of the nursery. We appreciate that parents/carers are our children's first educators, and as such should be given the respect they deserve. We also feel it is appropriate to show such respect to the extended family and the wider community. Parents/carers are welcomed into the nursery on arrival and at collection time. As a nursery we are therefore committed to establishing and maintaining an effectiveness and purposeful working relationship between the nursery and home.

Aims

- To have a strong partnership and good communication with parents/carers informing them about the nursery.
- To actively involve parents/carers in the education and care of their child.
- To make good use of parents/carers expertise and willingness to enhance their child's learning.
- To establish the views and opinions of parents/carers and act on this.

To develop a strong partnership and good communication we will:

- Ensure that letters, policies and procedures are useful, informative and written in plain English. An alternative language may be sought on request.
- Uphold an 'open door policy' so parents/carers can visit the nursery.
- Hold at least two parent/carers workshops throughout the year.
- Display key information on our notice boards and nursery website.
- Send out regular mid-term planning information.
- Encourage parents/carers to have a voice and be included in their child's learning journey.
- Give parents/carers 'free access' to their child's learning journey.
- Parent representatives join our staff meetings once a month to discuss policy change

To actively involve parents/carers and to use their expertise we will:

- Invite parents/carers into nursery on a regular basis.
- Hold inductions for new children and their parents/carers.
- Send out at least two reports a year, giving parents/carers the opportunity to respond to what they have read.

- Encourage parents/carers to fill out 'A parent's story' and 'A parents voice' termly Along with 'Next steps' information.
- Encourage parents/carers to fill out an annual questionnaire and to make suggestions via our suggestion box.
- To fill out questionnaires with regards to our parent/carer workshops/sports day.
- Make all staff available and approachable
- Encourage parents/carers to attend nursery trips.
- Attend nursery events e.g. Christmas production and sports day.
- Participate in workshops.
- Join or support the school PFA.
- Help with specific activities, such as the sponsored walk.
- Ask for parental involvement during specific topics such as 'People who help us' and the development of our mud kitchen.
- Two parents evenings a year.
- Cake sale, bringing in cakes and also purchasing them.

To establish the views and opinions of parents/carers we will:

- Invite parents/carers to complete an annual questionnaire, informing parents of the results.
- Ask parents/carers to comment in their child's learning journey.
- Ask parents/carers to comment about the nursery via our 'Wow' board.
- Ask parents/carers to evaluate nursery events.
- Encourage parents/carers to comment on the nursery blog.
- Facebook and class Dojo where parents can see what the children are doing and comment.
- Parents evening
- Through our parent representatives.

Parents/carers are important to us.

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