



Starlings Preschool Working In Partnership with Parents

Statement of intent

It is the intention of the preschool to make all parents and carers feel comfortable and welcome in the group. We recognise that parents are their child's first and most important educators; by working together the results can have a positive effect on children's learning and development.

Aims

How we aim to encourage this partnership:

- We welcome the involvement of parents in the preschool but appreciate that parents may have family or work commitments.
- Parents are welcome to help during a session, either for the whole time or just a short period.
- Parents are welcome to visit the preschool at any time and participate in preschool events.
- We welcome comments about our provision and any suggestions for topics, visitors to the group or improvements to our procedures will be given serious consideration.
- Parents will be encouraged to share their knowledge and expertise to support the learning opportunities we provide. This includes their family celebrations.
- The preschool realises that family life can sometimes be stressful and will offer support to parents where needed. This will include a flexible approach to the payment of fees.
- We will continually consider ways to improve our communication with parents and provide opportunities for parents to discuss together relevant issues concerning child care.

Information for parents

Information about the preschool will be given to parents who enquire about a placement for their child in the form of a prospectus. Where there is a need, we will aim to give this information to parents in their home language, in Braille or by the use of audio tape, interpreters etc. if possible. A pre-visit will be arranged with parents and child prior to their start of their journey with us. All personal details that we hold for the family will be checked and any consent forms that we require will be completed.

All parents/carers will be given an information pack during their pre-visit with all the information they need in regard to their child starting at preschool.

Exchanging information

The preschool will give parents regular newsletters to keep them informed of the preschool activities, this will also be communicated via our notice boards and on the pre-school website. Staff will be available at the beginning and end of sessions to talk to parents. All parents will be given the opportunity to discuss their child's progress throughout their time at the preschool. This is also provided via the children's online learning journeys on Tapestry.

A copy of our Ofsted report and development plan can be made available to all parents and our most recent Ofsted report can be found on our website.

Parental access to records

Parents will be informed about the records we keep concerning their child; where they are kept and who has access to them. Parents can see these records at any time and will be invited to contribute to their child's Tapestry learning journey.

This policy was adopted at a meeting of Starlings Pre-school (name of provider)
Held on _____ (date)
Date to be reviewed _____ (date)
Signed on behalf of the provider _____
Name of signatory _____
Role of signatory (e.g. chair, director or owner) _____