



## 5.6 Working in partnership with parents and carers policy

We recognise parents as the first and most important educators of their young children. Our nursery aims to support parents.

Children benefit most where there is a trusting and mutually supportive partnership. The Supervisor and staff encourage parents into the nursery and there is a two-way flow of information, knowledge and expertise.

As a parent/guardian you will be introduced to your child's key worker who will be your first point of contact regarding his/her care at the nursery. The key worker system gives each member of staff particular responsibility for just a few children. Each child in the group has one special adult to relate to, which can make settling into the group very much easier. In addition, the key worker is in a position to tailor the group's curriculum to the unique needs of each individual child. The key worker maintains links with the child's home setting, working with parents through shared record keeping ensuring that all children are supported in reaching their full potential.

Through the key worker system, we implement a record keeping system where observations of the child at nursery are recorded on Tapestry. These records focus on achievements and progress within The Early Years Foundation Stage. [www.education.gov.uk](http://www.education.gov.uk)

Parents have a full access to their child's tapestry and may record their own observations of a child's achievements in the home environment through tapestry.

### Communication with Parents/Guardians

Staff are available to speak to parents on an informal basis regarding their child's progress and general care. We offer a Stay and Play for parents when they have an opportunity to spend time in the nursery with their child and speak to their key worker. At the end of the school year there is also a formal opportunity at the Parents Evening for parents to consult staff on their child's progress at nursery. On this occasion each child's records are available to parents to read and discuss. The Nursery has an AGM each autumn term.

Parents will share relevant information from nursery to childminders, nannies and grandparents i.e., curriculum, topics, activities and events. Childminders must speak to Parents regarding anything to do with Nursery.

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