Partnership with Parents Policy

We believe that children benefit most from Early Years Education and Care when parents and settings work together in partnership.

**Our aim**

Our aim is to support parents as their children’s first and most important educators by involving them in their children’s education and in the full life of the setting.

**Method**

In order to fulfil these aims we:

- Are committed to ongoing communication with parents to improve our knowledge of the needs of their children and to support their families;
- Have a parental notice board which keeps parents up to date on news within our setting and the local community;
- Send out regular newsletters via email;
- Inform all parents about how the setting is run and its policies through access to written information and through regular informal communication, which can all be viewed on our website at their leisure [www.littledreamsnursery.com](http://www.littledreamsnursery.com);
- Encourage and support parents to play an active part in the management of the setting via questionnaires;
- Inform all parents on a regular basis about their children’s progress via reports, which is sent out twice per year and offering parent’s evenings once per year. Parents are welcome to view their child’s progress folder anytime.
- Parents have access to their children’s online learning journal at all times;
- Provide opportunities for parents to contribute their own skills, knowledge and interests to the activities of the setting;
- Provide information about opportunities to be involved in the setting in ways that are accessible to parents with basic skills needs, or those for whom English is an additional language;
- Welcome the contributions of parents, in whatever form these may be;
- Inform all parents of the systems for registering queries, complaints or suggestions and check to ensure these are understood. All parents have access to our written complaints procedure and all other policies via our website: [www.littledreamsnursery.com](http://www.littledreamsnursery.com);
- Provide opportunities for parents to learn about the curriculum offered in the setting and
about young children’s learning, in the setting and at home.

Parents can also access lots of different information from our website / blog page and also anything of relevance will be on display in our entrance area.

Encourage parents to become involved in fundraising

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