

Parental Involvement Policy

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We believe that children benefit most from early education and care when parents and settings work together in partnership. This Centre will endeavour to work with parents to provide quality care for all the children.

We recognise that parents are their child's first and most important educators and the most valuable contribution parents can give us is commitment to their children's education and personal development. We strive to work effectively with our parents to enrich the programme of study we offer and to raise children's achievement. We need parents to contribute to their children's daily life ensuring they give information to the centre so staff can ensure every child's needs are met. Parents will be expected to complete a 'Unique Child' booklet when their child starts at the Centre and a 'path to plan' form every term so we can work together to monitor development and offer opportunities linked to appropriate interests and abilities .

- We have an open door policy to enable parents and families the freedom to be part of their children's day and maintain strong communication links.
- Parents have access to their child's records and are consulted in respect of decision making and the care they receive at the EYC.
- Information about the Centre activities and events is regularly distributed.
- Parents are invited to complete annual surveys to offer feedback about the setting.
- There is a comments/ suggestions box in the main entrance to encourage feedback from parents anonymously.
- The manager networks with parents and training providers to offer opportunities of workshops and training that share and inform practice.
- The Centre has a monthly newsletter which is sent out by email at the beginning of each month. Parents can read all the policies from our website
http://www.southampton.ac.uk/earlyyearscentre/useful_resources/policies.page

When we refer to parents, we mean both mother and father: these include natural or birth parents as well as step parents, adopted parents and legal guardian, parents who do not live with the child, but have contact with them and play an important part of their lives. Parents also include same sex parents as well as foster parents.