

Partnership with Parents Policy

The Lyme Nursery values the importance of a strong partnership with parents. Staff endeavour to work in harmony with parents recognising the important role parents have as a child's first educator. Families have a great influence upon a child's attitudes, behaviour and achievements; we aim to build on those values. Through our policy we aim to:-

1. Develop a partnership with parents that creates a welcoming environment achieved through open communication.
2. Encourage an open, trusting and understanding relationship based on mutual respect between the Nursery and home.
3. Create a welcoming environment for children, parents and visitors.
4. Establish efficient and effective ways of communicating with parents and the means of receiving, listening and responding to parental views.

Open Door Policy

The Nursery holds an 'Open Door Policy'. Parents are welcome to visit the Nursery to discuss any aspect of a child's development. Staff are always available to help. Parents should feel free to ask questions at any time. Staff will also inform parents if their child is experiencing problems. It is vital that any problems regarding children are discussed as soon as they arise to ensure that the child is offered all the support necessary to reach their full potential.

Parents Consultation 'Parents Evenings'

The Nursery holds two annual 'parents evenings' for professional consultation with parents. The purpose of these evenings is to enable parents to meet with their children's carers in order to discuss matters in more quality time which they both may consider helpful, regarding the Nursery and their children's placement arrangements. Consultation evenings are held usually in May and October.

Home Diaries

When a child starts at the Nursery, parents will be provided with a daily Home Diary. This diary enables parents to give the Nursery a constant up-date on the child's ever-changing routine and needs. In return the staff have an opportunity to share the child's day with the parents by giving them an account of what took place during the nursery day.

It is our aim to tailor the Nursery to the needs of individual children and their home routines. The Home Diary ensures communication is up to date providing child with continuity of care between home and Nursery.