

Parental Involvement Policy

Statement of intent

We believe that children benefit most from early year's education, opportunities and experiences when parents and settings work together in partnership to enhance the education and experiences for the child.

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 life of the childcare setting. We also aim to support parents with their parenting skills and their own personal development.

Method

In order to fulfil these aims we:

- Welcome parents to visit the preschool or nursery at any time, acknowledging their contribution to our family.
- Are committed to an on going dialogue with parents to improve our knowledge of their child and to support our families by working in partnership to help the child learn, develop and flourish
- Inform all parents about how the setting is run and its policies, through access to written information and through regular informal communication. We also provide information and additional support for any diverse groups.
- Encourage and support parents to play an active part in the development of our settings by consulting with them and listening to any suggestions for improvement that they may have.
- Regularly inform parents about their children's progress, through planned meetings, informal chats and any opportunities.
- Suggest ways that parents can support their child's development and education at home and provide resources for them to do so.
- Involve parents in the shared record keeping about their children - formally and informally - and ensure parents have access to their children's developmental records at all times.
- Provide opportunities for parents to contribute their own skills, knowledge and interests to the activities of the setting including those for whom English is an additional language.
- Inform parents about relevant activities and events in a range of ways to suit their favoured form of communication.
- Hold meetings and social events that are accessible and appropriate for all.
- Provide questionnaires as a way that helps us develop and so that we value parental views.
- 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.
- Provide opportunities for parents to learn about our curriculum and about how young children's learn
- Encourage parents to play an active part in nursery or preschool life.

All other policies relating to YMCA Bath Group are available for you to read at the childcare setting or on our web site

YMCA enables people to develop their full potential in mind, body and spirit. Inspired by, and faithful to, our Christian values, we create supportive, inclusive and energising communities, where young people can truly belong, contribute and thrive.

Signed on behalf of YMCA Bath Group
(original signed copy held at registered office)



Mike Fairbeard

Role of Signatory

Chief Executive

Date of Review of Policy

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