



PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT / SETTLE IN AT PLAYGROUP POLICY AND PRACTICE

The Nursery will:-

- Welcome new parents/ carers and help them to become familiar with the day to day routine of the Nursery, together with appropriate guidelines of good practice, and therefore make certain that all children are welcome.
- Encourage parents/carers and their children to visit the Nursery as a family before registering.
- Parents may drop off their child and telephone, there is no need for parents to stay as experience has shown that the longer you stay the worse it is for the child to settle in.
- Children are encouraged to bring in comfort objects such as a favourite blanket or dummy.
- We do not expect them to bring in their own toys as they may get broken or snatched away by other children causing distress and arguments.
- We will observe a new child closely for any signs of distress and regularly keep parents informed of how their child is settling in.
- Offer a flexible approach to all parents/carers to allow for a settling in period when starting and for all concerned to become used to the Nurseries routines and policies.
- Welcome the contributions of all parents/carers whatever form these might take and ensure they have opportunities to contribute their skills, knowledge and interest.
- Involve all parents/carers in the progress of their child formally or informally and to work with them in sharing all records concerning their child.
- Inform parents/guardians that the Nursery has adopted a number of policies to provide a quality environment for all involved.

- Ensure that all parents/guardians are aware of how any queries, complaints or suggestions can be made.
- Ensure that all parents/guardians are able to talk and discuss personal matters relating to their child, in confidence, on a daily basis if required.
- Offer parents/guardians the opportunity to borrow, or buy, Wales PPA publications and periodicals.
- Provide opportunities for parents/guardians to participate in the Nursery activities, to learn about the pre-school curriculum, Birth to three Matters, the Foundation Phase and the importance of play in the child's development both in the Nursery and at home.
- Make every effort to provide translation services or interpreters as needed for parents/carers whose first language is not that of the Nursery.