



St. Margaret's Nursery

## Partnership with parents policy

Nursery

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The nursery welcomes working in partnership with parents and families and understands the importance of this in the wellbeing of children and identification of children's learning requirements.

To provide the best experiences in the nursery, good communication between nursery and home is essential. All staff must maintain confidentiality about children and their families at all times.

Face to face communication is the key to effective communication. Both the Manager and Deputy Nursery Manager are available, on a daily basis, to give feedback and discuss any issues.

The All about me journal is the beginning of the communication process of sharing information between nursery and home. When your child first starts in nursery you will be given a log in for the online journal called Seesaw. This follows the learning journey that your child takes whilst at the nursery, displaying photos and observations that help the keyworker to plan the child's next steps. Parents/carers are able to log in to the online journal and view these observations as well as uploading their own from home.

The nursery operates a key person system in order to provide the best possible working relationship for each child and their family. This will ensure their individual needs are recognised and supported. Three times a year we offer Parent Consultations, which give parents an opportunity to meet with the key person and discuss progress and any concerns. We try to be as flexible as possible with the time slots. Telephone conversations are offered if more appropriate.

We share daily activities and messages via a whiteboard and newsletters. We also display weekly activities and photos in the entrance hall for parents.

We encourage parents to participate in their child's learning via a parent helper rota.

We welcome families who have English as an additional language and the nursery is committed to ensuring that all families feel welcome and included in the setting. We support children within the nursery by using lots of visual aids, props, labels and signs in their home language.