

Sticky Fingers Pre-School

21 - Parental Involvement Policy

We believe that children benefit most from pre-school education and care when parents and pre-schools work together in partnership.

Our aim

- To support parents as their children's first and most important educators.
- To involve parents in the life of the pre-school and their children's education.
- To support parents in their own continuing education and personal development.

Method

In order to fulfil these aims:

- we are committed to ongoing dialogue with parents to improve our knowledge of the needs of their children and to support their families;
- Through access to written information and through regular informal communication, we inform all parents about how the group is run and its policies. We check to ensure parents understand the information which is given to them;
- we encourage and support parents to play an active part in the governance and management of the pre-school;
- we inform all parents on a regular basis about their children's progress;
- we involve parents in the shared record keeping about their children either formally or informally and ensure parents have access to their children's written records;
- we provide opportunities for parents to contribute their own skills, knowledge and interests to the activities of the group;
- we inform parents about relevant conferences, workshops and training;
- we consult with parents about the times of meetings to avoid excluding anyone;
- we provide information about opportunities for being involved in the pre-school in ways which are accessible to parents with basic skills, or for those who may have specific needs or for those for whom English is an additional language;
- we hold meetings in venues which are accessible and appropriate for all;
- we welcome the contributions of parents, in whatever form these may take;
- We 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 (available from the setting or on our website <http://stickyfingerspre-school.co.uk>);
- We provide opportunities for parents to learn about the pre-school curriculum and about young children's learning, in the pre-school and at home.
- In order to make communicating with parents easier and more economical, the pre-school has a dedicated email address. The address is stickyfingersps@hotmail.co.uk The email address can only be accessed by the Supervisor and Chair of Committee.
- As members of the pre-school, parents must agree to abide by the rules of the constitution and adhere to our policies. If a parent fails to do this, or brings the

pre-school into disrepute, then the committee reserve the right to remove the member from the pre-school.

This policy was adopted at a meeting of Sticky Fingers Pre-School Committee

Held on: 3rd October 2017

Signed on behalf of the Pre-School:

Chairperson: Zoe Stewart

Secretary: Cath Temple