



PARENTS IN PARTNERSHIP POLICY

PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS

At Burnholme Nursery, we believe that children thrive best when parents and staff work together in close partnership. We recognize parents and carers as a child's first and most enduring educators, and our role is to support and complement this. Effective two-way communication and mutual respect are the foundations of our relationship with families.

Our aim is to ensure parents are valued and active participants in their child's early learning and development journey.

OUR COMMITMENTS:

We will:

- **Recognize and support parents** as their child's first and most important educators and actively welcome them into nursery life.
- **Ensure all parents are registered** on our online learning journey platform, *Family*, which allows real-time access to their child's development updates and observations.
- **Build parents' confidence** by encouraging them to trust their instincts and judgments about their child.
- **Welcome parents into the nursery at any time** and operate as flexibly as possible to accommodate their preferences.
- **Ensure all parents are informed** about the nursery's policies and procedures.
- **Maintain regular, meaningful contact** with parents to establish a secure and beneficial relationship in support of their child's development.
- **Support parental growth** by sharing information about relevant educational opportunities, workshops, and training sessions.
- **Encourage parental involvement** through open days, and social events.
- **Communicate nursery events and updates** through newsletters, daily communication tools, and the *Family* app.
- **Operate a key person system** to foster strong relationships, enabling effective two-way information sharing between home and nursery regarding each child's individual needs. See key person approach policy
- **Share planning and progress updates regularly**, all done through the *Family* app
- **Value parent feedback**, considering all suggestions regarding their child's care, learning, or the nursery's operation.
- **Offer parents the opportunity to contribute** their knowledge, interests, and skills to enrich nursery activities.
- **Inform parents of procedures** for registering queries, compliments, complaints, or suggestions, ensuring transparency and understanding. A written complaints policy is available to all families.
- **Promote understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)** and provide guidance on how learning can be supported at home.
- **Establish clear agreements** through written contracts outlining terms of acceptance, fees, and funding arrangements.

- **Respect cultural, religious, and individual family backgrounds**, accommodating special requirements wherever practical.

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