

# Kay Rowe Nursery School

## Partnership With Parents \ Carers \ Families Policy



**Principle:** Education is a partnership between home and school

One of the schools aims is:

*To promote education as a partnership with parents and to value contributions from parents and the wider community.  
Children benefit from parents being involved in their education*

### **Rationale**

We aim to promote -

- Active involvement by parents in a number of ways
- Involvement by representatives of our diverse community
- Parents becoming more involved in their child's learning eg. Family Learning Workshops
- An increase in parent's own confidence eg. through helping in the nursery
- Opportunities to share expertise and knowledge about child – see assessment policy
- Parents being kept informed, particularly about educational issues
- Support for parents in their initiatives to educate their children
- Parents participating in decision making through open meetings and representation on the Governing Body
- A welcoming and friendly atmosphere and an environment where parents/carers can feel valued and relaxed

### **Policy Into Practice Guidelines**

**Staff will :**

- Introduce self by name and attempt to learn \ use parents names.
- Endeavour to make all who enter the nursery feel welcome.
- Value, praise and promote parental involvement in the Nursery at New Children Day.
- Continue to encourage parental involvement in a variety of activities and drop-in which reflects the diverse nature of the community.
- Initiate activities in which parents can be involved.

- Encourage parents to come and talk to their child's keyworker and celebrate progress and share concerns.
- Provide a positive experience for parents offering their support so that they will wish to continue.
- Keyworker and parents discuss child's learning target and progress each term, to promote partnership
- .Provide advice \ suggestions and any relevant materials to support parents initiative in educating their children.
- Showing interest, involvement and support in parent initiatives.

### **We hope Parents will :**

- Run Shared Reading Scheme
- Participate in New Children Day and drop-in
- Show an interest in the work of the school and support initiatives where possible.
- Seek to welcome and actively involve new parents

### **In Order To Monitor Success**

#### **Staff will :**

- Monitor the number of parents who support \ come into the nursery
- Record feedback in Parents comment file
- Organise open events \ workshops and evaluate their success.
- Monitor response to Shared Reading.
- Monitor community response to Fun Day - attendance \ support from local businesses.
- Monitor transfer interviews for leavers.

We ask parents \ carers if there are any skills they can contribute or help they can offer at induction day

For example :

- Come to coffee mornings and social events
- Repair \ donate equipment make materials

- Label books
- Help in \ with the garden
- Sharing experiences
- Sharing \ demonstrating skills and hobbies eg knitting , music
- Talk and play with the children in your own language
- Stay a while when bringing own child into nursery
- Talk with other parents and find out what is happening
- Work specifically with a small group eg cooking \ reading \ helping on the computer
- Change shared reading books
- Help a teacher tell a story in a language other than English
- Prepare snacks
- Contribute to festivals \ celebrations