



## **PARENTS AS PARTNERS POLICY**

Mells Nursery welcomes parents as partners in the education of their children. We acknowledge that parents are a child's first and most enduring educators and we feel it is very important for us to work together to have a positive impact on your child's development and learning.

The term 'parents' is used generically to describe both mothers and fathers, birth parents/ step parents/ foster parents / same sex parents ie all those with 'parental responsibility' (The rights, duties, powers and responsibilities and authority which by law a parent of a child has in relation to the child and his/her property)

Mells Nursery welcomes parents support:

- In helping your child to settle into our nursery
- In completing the picture of your child through accounts of your child's development and any concerns you may have
- Discussing your child's progress
- In following on from topics or activities in nursery
- In accompanying your child on nursery trips
- In helping provide and make resources
- Where necessary, helping with Individual Education Plans for children with special needs
- In encouraging your child to bring in objects of interest and specific resources such as things beginning with the letter of the week
- In providing ideas for activities, resources, trips and visitors or any area of nursery life
- In visiting to support an activity or demonstrate a skill or cultural experience
- In providing information about family customs, beliefs and values
- In fundraising events to provide new equipment
- Attending general meetings and becoming members of our committee.

Mells Nursery will provide you with information about your child through talking to you each day, via children's records, termly reports, parents' afternoons/evenings, reward stars and certificates, work to take home, displays, notice boards and regular news letters.

If you would like more information at any time, please ask to make an appointment with your child's key worker.

Information will be provided about the nursery and the curriculum through our prospectus, policies, parents' packs, notice boards and regular letters.

A member of staff and a member of the Nursery committee will be nominated as being the first point of contact for parent liaison issues.

- Staff parent liaison: Katherine Kapadia
- Committee parent liaison: Vicki Pike

A file of all policies is available for parents to read; please see the Nursery Administrator.