



## Partnership with Parent Policy

We believe that children benefit most from early year's education and care when parents and settings work together in partnership.

Ditton Church Pre-School will involve both present and prospective parents in all aspects of their children's development and will encourage parental involvement within the group.

- We will welcome the contributions of parents in whatever form these may take
- We will ensure that staff are available both before and after Pre-School sessions and may be available for Coffee Mornings (subject to their availability) for parental communication
- We will inform all parents about how the Pre-School is run and its policies through access to written information and through regular informal communication
- We will encourage and support parents to play an active part in the day to day running, governance and management of the Pre-School
- We will ensure that all parents/carers are informed on a regular basis about their children's progress.
- We will involve parents in the shared record keeping about their children - either formally or informally - and ensure parents have access to their children's written developmental records. Each child's Key Person will record information that is given to them about the child's achievements and progress at home, to ensure a two way flow of information
- We will provide opportunities for parents to contribute their own skills, knowledge and interests to the activities of the Pre-School
- We will consult with parents on a regular basis and take into account their comments and suggestions
- We will ensure that all parents have access to our written complaints procedure
- We will ensure that all policies are readily available to parents/carers
- We will ensure all parents/carers are informed and invited to social events and encouraged to join our Friends of Ditton Church Pre-School group, to help organise and support fundraising efforts and social events.



**Professional Relationships between staff and parents/carers**

At Ditton Church Pre-School we encourage positive relationships between staff members, children and families. Professional relationships are based on friendliness towards parents, but not necessarily friendship with parents. We expect staff to maintain a professional distance from parents, whilst working in partnership with them.

Therefore, staff should not accept social invitations or requests to babysit from current parents, unless previous friendships exist (before the child enrolled in the setting) or unless the event is a social event organised by the Pre-School.

Please also see Online Safety Policy.

**This policy was adopted by the:** Ditton Church Pre-School Management Committee

**Date:** November 2022

**Signed on behalf of the Management Committee:** .....

**Role of signatory:** Chair of Management Committee

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