



Newtongrange Nursery Parents and Carers Participation Guidelines

In Newtongrange Primary School Nursery we welcome and encourage parental involvement and family learning in the nursery and school. We believe that families and staff need to work together to ensure the best learning and care for our children. We operate an open door policy and parents and carers are welcome to drop into nursery at any time. As parents and carers bring and collect their children we encourage them to have a look around, view our displays, contribute to the Planning Wall or have a chat with staff. Grandparents and other members of the extended family are also very welcome to join in nursery life.

How parents and carers can participate in the nursery:

- Informally at dropping off and collecting times
- Sharing experiences, achievements and interests of children with staff
- Adding comments to Children's Learning Folders
- Contributing to the Planning Wall
- Looking at photos and videos
- Reading newsletters
- Requesting an appointment with staff
- Working as a volunteer in nursery occasionally or on a regular basis
- Joining Stay and Play Sessions
- Parents can share skills and interests with children
- Helping on trips
- Taking part in Nature Nurture
- Through joining in with The Big Bedtime Read
- Attending family events curriculum events fundraisers and sports days
- Joining the PTA or Parent Council

How we give feedback to parents and carers:

- Informally on a daily basis in person or by phone
- Sharing Learning stories and observations
- Through Floor books
- Through opportunities to look at the Child's Learning Folder
- Through the Planning Wall
- Open Evenings
- Parent Consultations
- Reports for pre schoolers
- By requesting a meeting with their key worker or the nursery teacher

Parents and carers are consulted on a range of issues, such as, home/school communication and the provision of resources. A suggestions box is available at all times in the entry hall. Questionnaires are sent out to parents to share their views on the nursery and the information used to develop our practice. We are committed to developing parent and family participation and are always keen to hear new ideas.

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