

Participation and Engagement with Parents Policy

Principle

Rainbow Stop Playgroup aims to support parents/carers in their essential role as the first educators of their child and encourage involvement by the following means.

Policy

At Rainbow Stop Playgroup we recognize the importance of working in partnership with parents/carers. This policy aims to ensure that all families are actively encouraged to participate in the work of the setting and contribute to the learning environment we provide for children.

Procedure

All parents are issued with a registration form and information pack, which provides detailed information on the policies of the group.

At Rainbow Stop we aim to encourage parental involvement through

- Operating an open door policy where parents/carers are welcomed daily within the setting at drop off and collection times and have the opportunity to ask questions at any time with staff or leave comments in the suggestion/complaints box.
- Encouraging parents/carers to share with the children their skills and talents.
- Relying on the involvement of the parents for the daily running of the setting.

Parents can join the committee throughout the year or come forward to our annual AGM or:

- At Rainbow Stop we have a parents committee which actively encourages parents/carers to share their talents and assist with various events within our setting throughout the year.
- Parents/carers are asked to partake in fundraising events throughout the year.
- Our newsletter informs parents of upcoming events in the playgroup as well as general information about what the children will be or have been learning that month.
- There is a parent's notice board and a comments and complaints box which are accessible to all parents.
- We regularly review children's development through transition forms and meetings with parents/carers.
- There are also open days and family fun days held in the Playgroup- these are open to all and parents/carers can contribute to them.
- All parents/carers will be asked to fill out a questionnaire at the end of the year. This will enable Rainbow Stop Playgroup to further develop and

implement changes to ensure that our setting continues to deliver quality provision for the children in our care.

The contribution from parents/carers is of pivotal importance to our setting. At Rainbow Stop Playgroup we would recommend that anyone who is interested in becoming more involved should speak to the leader or a member of the management committee.

Signed: _____

Position: _____

Date: _____