



Policies

PARENTS AS PARTNERS POLICY

Hatch Warren Under Fives and Kempshott Under Fives Preschool, hereafter referred to as the “Preschool”, aims to support and enhance the development of the children, and to value the contribution parents make towards their child’s learning. To provide support and guidance to parents as first educators.

- We will provide parents with information about the preschool and its policies before their child starts attending.
- We will make home visits available to parents in order to assist their child to settle into preschool.
- We will work with parents in building up a profile of the child’s development and needs when the child starts preschool.
- We will provide opportunities for parents to discuss their child’s progress.
- A parents’ meeting will be held once per term to give parents the opportunity to discuss their child’s progress at length. Although parents are encouraged to speak to their child’s Key Person whenever an issue arises.
- We encourage parents on an individual basis to play an active part in the running of the group.
- We will ensure that parents have the opportunities to contribute from their own skills, knowledge and interests to the activities of the group, and welcome the contribution of parents.
- We will provide opportunities for parents to learn about the preschool curriculum and about young children’s learning, in preschool and at home.
- Before starting, parents will be invited to bring their child to a session during which the child can play and parents can ask questions of the staff. Parents will also be able to meet staff where any particular needs/concerns regarding their child can be discussed.
- Each parent will be invited to view our website, which contains details of the Admissions Policy and the curriculum as well as useful information relating to the preschool.
- Staff will complete reports on each child and discuss these if necessary. Such reports will be available to the child’s school with parental consent.
- Preschool newsletters will be sent out every half term.
- Weekly emails will be issued to families advising them of that week’s activities along with a reference to the EYFS and possible learning objectives that week.
- We will ensure that all parents are fully informed about meetings, conferences, workshops, and training etc.

Tapestry for Parents

The preschool records observations of the children by using a system called Tapestry. Parents will be provided with a password to allow access and observations can be uploaded by not only preschool staff but by parents too. The observations will be accompanied with a description, possibly a photo (if we got there in time to capture the moment with the camera!) and reference to the Early Years Foundation Stage.

Tapestry captures children's experiences as well as monitors development and learning. Text, images and videos are easily uploaded via PC, tablet or our mobile app - anywhere there's an online connection. Every entry helps to create a complete story of a child's time at Hatch Warren Under Fives.

In addition, accident forms, daily snack choices and toileting are all recorded onto Tapestry.

This policy was adopted at a meeting of the Preschool held on:

Signed on behalf of the Preschool _____