



Parent involvement

It is fundamental to the philosophy of Footsteps Day Nursery & Pre-School that parents enter into an equal partnership in the care and education of their children whilst they are in our care. The focus is upon shared expertise and knowledge.

- ❖ Parents are at liberty to settle their children into the nursery in a way which feels most comfortable to them. Carers recognise the unique needs of the individual and will offer professional support in line with the parent's needs and wishes. Home visits are welcomed.

- ❖ Parents may feel free to share any activity or session with their child.

- ❖ Parents are warmly welcomed to talk to staff at the beginning and end of each day or session and to share with their child what he or she has been doing during the day. We welcome telephone calls or e-mails at any time.

- ❖ The educational provision made at Footsteps is based on an active learning approach and is tailored to suit individual children's needs. Outdoor space and access to sports based activities are a key element in the care that we provide. The planning of the activities is shared with parents in detail. The Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum is followed.

- ❖ The progress of each child will be closely monitored. Each child will have a learning journal which is shared with parents monthly recording their child's progress, activities and progress through the Early Years Curriculum. Day Care books and Special Mentions from home are also shared with parents. All documents will be the property of the parents when the child leaves. Footsteps retains the original Child Entry Record.

- ❖ Monthly newsletters provide an excellent tool for communication between us and parents. Contributions from parents are welcomed and encouraged.

- ❖ Parents are invited to contribute ideas for activities for all ages. This is facilitated during meetings which parents are invited to attend and these are held every time the topic changes in connection with the EYFS.

- ❖ Parent-carer consultations provide a formal opportunity to discuss the children's development and welfare.

- ❖ Parents Evenings take place throughout the year for information on progress to be shared.