

Head Teacher Coffee and Chat- 22nd March 2018

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Parents of
Ali Touseef
Maria McKearney

PM

Parents of
Jamie Philp
Sylvie Read
Anya Silvarajan (Gran)
Emily and Michael Brown

Thank you to the parents who attended the head teacher coffee and chat meetings. This was an opportunity for parents and carers to informally meet with Mrs Brown or Miss McGeoch to chat about life of the centre and to gather the views of parents as part of our improvement plan. Conversation was particularly focused on this year's improvement priorities. One significant change has been the change to a free flow system between both rooms and outdoors and we recognised the positive impact of this on children's experiences. We discussed how we meet the needs of all children and the recent improvements to children's learning journals. We also discussed some of the ways we are increasing parental involvement including a more flexible approach to parent helpers, linking learning at home (such as our science week activities) and the Let's Play programme which we will be doing again during the summer. Parents had the opportunity to spend some time in the playrooms and took part in an evaluation of the learning provision. Parental responses form part of our self-evaluation processes.

Some feedback received included-

Did you feel the children were actively involved in learning through play? What type of experiences were they well engaged in?

- It was very obvious visiting the nursery today that all the children were enjoying a variety of learning activities. They were enthusiastic and happy particularly in the sand and 'hammering' area.
- Yes, we observed circle time, turn taking, children leading the group, physical activity and traditional songs.

What aspects of the learning environment did you particularly like?

- I like the mixture of activities but also the quiet time areas.
- The choice. The fact that children can play anywhere they choose.
- The open nursery.
- The way staff are so involved in encouraging children to within each area. Children are free to enjoy areas of their own choice and a variety of quiet / noisy/ sensory areas are available so all own needs are catered for extremely well.

How could we improve the learning environment?

- I am happy with what I see and most importantly the kids are happy in nursery.
- The layout is well organised and only a new building would improve the area for children!
- Signing in more encouraged at check in (children).

Any further comments?

- Really pleased with (my daughter's) progress at Glenwood, she learns so much and shares with us every day.
- Staff are great, always approachable and helpful.
- I appreciate that staff enjoy their work and strive to develop themselves as well as the children. I value the flexibility of hours.
- More encouragement (for my son) to go outside and play.

Thank you to all the parents for their valued feedback.