

Partnerships with Parents and Family Learning

Information for parents /
carers

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Achieve More



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Parents are children's prime educators in their earliest years and they continue to play a major role in their young child's learning when they enter the early years setting.

When staff and parents work together to support children's learning it can have significant positive effects on the way in which children value themselves and those around them.

Parental Partnership is about:

- * Promoting close links between staff and parent/carers
- * Exchanging and recording information relevant to children's development, progress and learning
- * Respecting each other's role in educating and caring for the child
- * Informing parents/carers about aims, policies, procedures and curriculum
- * Informing and supporting parents when dealing with outside agencies or transition to school
- * Dealing promptly and efficiently with enquiries, concerns or complaints
- * Making parents/carers feel welcome and valued

Throughout the year there are many opportunities for you to become involved and support the work of the nursery:

- * Family, Food, Fun Friday sessions are held throughout the year - topics include 'the Nursery curriculum', 'Health Promotion' all through informal coffee/tea 'get togethers'.
- * Parents' leaflets addressing a wide variety of different topics and issues are available in the nursery foyer. These leaflets inform and support parents in working with their children.
- * Regular newsletters keep parents informed about important dates, forthcoming events and any new developments in nursery.
- * Other information is regularly displayed and updated on the nursery notice boards or through our Facebook page or website.
- * Parent chats are held three times a year giving parents the opportunity to meet the staff, view the facilities and discuss their child's development
- * Each child in nursery has their own Personal Learning Plan. Parents are encouraged to contribute to this plan and Key Workers use the plan to share targets with parents
- * Providing us with feedback about our service by completing questionnaires or taking part in our parent focus group.

The contribution of parents to the nursery, in whatever capacity, is extremely valuable.

Parents are an integral part of the day to day running of the nursery and contributions to fundraising or practical help are necessary and appreciated.

We particularly welcome offers of help to maintain the nursery garden and to accompany children on walks and outings.

Please let nursery staff know if you have any special talents, skills or interest you could offer!

The nursery has "Stay and Play sessions" when you, or other family member can come along and join your child in nursery for a morning or afternoon session.

Spending time in nursery is beneficial to your child, yourself and nursery staff. You may wish to use the time getting to know the staff a little better, you may prefer to spend time observing or playing alongside your own child.



Family Learning

Our family learning team are based in both Fergus Place and Aberdour Road. We offer a range of family learning opportunities and supports. These include:

Stay and Play

Come along with your child and play in our Caterpillar area where there are many activities to choose from both inside and outside. Activities can include craft, ball games, stories, songs – you choose what you want to do together. Refreshments and snack provided. These sessions are aimed at children aged five years and under.

Bookbug

Bookbug Sessions are free events for children aged 0-5 years and their mums, dads and carers. We run different sessions for different age groups. Sessions include songs, rhymes and a story.

Parent / Carer Cafe

Come along and have a cuppa in peace! We will provide a creche for children aged up to five years and the tea / coffee and treats! Chat to other parents and relax.

Messy Play

Come along with your child and get messy! Old clothes only and bring a change of clothes for your child too! We will share some of our most fun messy play activities. These sessions are aimed at children aged five years and under.

Baby Massage

This session for parents and babies up to the age of six months. Baby massage is a lovely way to enjoy time with your baby and it can also help you bond with them. Before babies are able to understand language, we often communicate and comfort them through touch. Baby massage is part of this natural impulse.

You can find more information about our family learning sessions on our Facebook page and on seesaw.

Our family worker Lynne can also offer individual support to families where needed, please get in touch if you think we can be of any help.



