

10 Working in partnership with parents/carers and other agencies policy

Alongside associated procedures in 10.01 to 10.02 Working in partnership with parents/carers and other agencies, this policy was adopted by Little Doves Christian Pre-School on 2nd September 2021, updated in August 2022 and July 2023.

Aim

Little Doves CP actively promotes partnership with parents/carers and recognise the importance of working in partnership with other agencies to promote the well-being of children and their families. This includes signposting parents/carers to support as appropriate.

Objectives

- Little Doves CP believe that parents/carers are children's first and most enduring educators and our practice aims to involve and consult parents/carers on all aspects of their child's well-being.
- The pre-school also recognises the important role parents/carers play in the day-to-day organisation of the provision.
- Parents/carers views and expectations are considered and the opportunity to be involved in the following ways is given:
 - sharing information about their child's needs, likes, achievements and interests
 - settling in their child to the agreed plan according to the settling in procedures
 - taking part in children's activities and outings
 - contributing with ideas or resources as appropriate to enhance the curriculum of the pre-school
 - taking part in early learning projects, sharing with educators' knowledge and insights about their child's learning
 - contributing to assessment with information, photos and stories that illustrate how their child is learning within the home environment, taking part in day-to-day family activities
 - taking part in discussion groups
 - taking part in planning, preparing or simply participating in social activities organised within the pre-school
 - taking part in parent/carer discussions to encourage the democratic participation of parents/carers in considerations about the day-to-day organisation of the pre-school, consulting about new developments and other matters as they arise
 - involvement in the review of policies and procedures

- Ofsted and pre-school contact details are displayed on the parent notice board for parents/carers who have a complaint that cannot be resolved with the pre-school manager in the first instance, or where a parent/carer is concerned that the EYFS standards are not being maintained.

Partnership and signposting to other agencies

- Little Doves CP is committed to ensuring effective partnership with other agencies including:
 - local authority early years services about the EYFS, training and staff development
 - local programmes regarding delivering children's centres or the childcare element of children's centres
 - social welfare departments regarding children in need and children who need safeguarding or for whom a child protection plan is in place
 - child development networks and health professionals to support children with disabilities and special needs
 - local community organisations and other childcare providers
 - Ofsted and pre-school contact details are made available to other agencies who have a complaint that cannot be resolved with the pre-school manager in the first instance, or where a parent/carer is concerned that the EYFS welfare standards are not being maintained.

Legal references

Childcare Act 2006

Education Act 2011