

Partnership with Parents

We believe that our relationship with parents is very important. We recognize that parents and staff are both active participants in their children's development and education and wherever possible we try to incorporate their views into our routine. It must be remembered though, that our priorities are for the group as a whole and that some requests cannot be undertaken for this reason.

We want parents to be fully involved with their child's care and education at Kinder Castle and we welcome and encourage parents' feedback. We ask for this via parent's evenings and questionnaires.

We are always striving to provide the best care for your child and respect all views made.

We have found that many parents like to have a permanent record of their child's progress, so we produce a written report twice a year. A copy will be retained in the child's development profile.

The importance of continuity between home and the nursery cannot be overstressed. Our aim is to develop an honest, open and supportive relationship with you which complements life in your home rather than contradicts it. We are very aware of our influence as a role model for your child and without your extensive knowledge of your child we would be unable to enhance your child's development. Nursery staff are always available to discuss your child and their development. Parents are encouraged to give feedback wherever possible. This is carried out through regular questionnaires.

The family's involvement is important to your child. You may become actively involved by visiting the Nursery during the day; sharing your special talents; or helping with special events, parties, and activities.

All parents should be aware of the dangers of leaving garden gates open as other children can easily race out into the car park - or worse, the road. The front door has a lock on it and therefore everyone should ensure it is fully closed on entering and leaving the building. Please do not allow anyone in with you unless they are known to the Nursery.

Parents must refrain from smoking, drink alcohol or swear on the premises.

Pushchairs: Parents are asked to fold pushchairs and place them in the buggy park

at the side of the park.

It is an integral part of our health and safety policy that potential problems are reported and remedied. If you think anything could be a danger to children or adults, please tell us.

Nursery staff requires the co-operation of parents. All children should have a full change of clothes that are labeled where ever possible. Please don't dress your child in their best clothing. It is an essential component of educative play that children are able to enjoy art and craft activities with, glue, paste, paint, sand and water etc. Inevitably children will transfer some of these materials to themselves and their clothing. We attempt as far as possible to purchase glue, paste and paint which are "washable", but in practice not everything is washable off all clothing materials. The nursery will not accept responsibility for damage caused to clothing during activities in the nursery. Children are always encouraged to wear aprons during painting activities etc. but accidents do occur.

Because it can be difficult to be sure you have found a quality child care and education provider we provide our parents with the following guarantees:

- You are always welcome in the nursery.
- Copies of our inspection report and full details of all our policies are available for you to take home. They are also published on our website. Our last OFSTED inspection was published in July 2006.

People of all backgrounds will be welcome in the nursery and support will be given to enable them to practice their beliefs.

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