

Ronald Openshaw Nursery Education Centre



Partnership with Parents / Carers / Families

POLICY February 2018

Approved by Governors

Agreed by:.....

Chair of Governors:..... Date:.....

Minute ref:.....

Head Teacher:..... Date:.....

Principle: Education is a partnership between home and school

Our Vision and aims include:

- Parents / Carers are their child's first educators – so we work with them at all times to ensure that their child is always achieving their best
- Children benefit from parents being involved in their education

Rationale

We aim to promote the active involvement of parents by:

- Providing a welcoming and friendly atmosphere and an environment where parents/carers can feel valued and relaxed
- Supporting parents in their initiatives to educate their child
- Encouraging parents becoming more involved in their child's learning by attending ESOL classes, Family Learning Workshops, supporting educational visits.
- Keeping parents informed, particularly about educational issues
- Ensuring there is representation from our diverse community involved in school life
- Opportunities to share expertise and knowledge about the child through parents meetings
- Increasing parent's own confidence e.g. through helping in the nursery
- Encouraging parents to participate in decision making through open meetings and representation on the Governing Body, and FORON (Friends Of Ronald Openshaw Nursery charitable arm)

Policy Into Practice Guidelines

Staff will:

- Endeavour to make all who enter the nursery feel welcome
- Introduce self by name and attempt to learn \ use parents' names.
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- Value, praise and promote parental involvement in the Nursery at Welcome Day(when new families visit to familiarise themselves before starting)
- Encourage parental involvement in a variety of ways which reflects the diverse nature of the community, specific skills to share with children; attendance at parents group; repairing equipment; reading with children; supporting educational visits.
- Initiate activities in which parents can be involved.
- Encourage parents to come and talk to their child's keyworker to discuss learning targets, celebrate progress and share concerns. .
- Provide advice / suggestions and any relevant materials to support parents initiative in educating their children (homework, home loan, library loan)
- Show an interest, in and support parent initiatives.

We hope Parents will :

- Run Home Loan Scheme
- Participate in Welcome Day
- Participate in Parents Workshops
- Show an interest in the work of the school and support initiatives where possible.
- Seek to welcome and actively involve new parents

In Order to Monitor Success

Staff will:

- Monitor the number of parents who support/ come into the nursery
- Record feedback in Parents comment file
- Organise open events / workshops and evaluate their success.
- Monitor response to Fun Days – attendance / support from local agencies.

