

# Ronald Openshaw Nursery Education Centre



## PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS, CARERS AND FAMILIES POLICY

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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 special week 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)

\*These will take place with COVID-19 restrictions considered.

### **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.
- 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, SEND home loan, library loan).
- Show an interest, in and support parent initiatives.

**We hope Parents will:**

- Participate in Welcome Day
- Participate in Parents Workshops when COVID-19 restrictions are eased.
- 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.