



Bo-Peep Corner Pre-School Playgroup Partnership with Parents/Carers Policy

PRINCIPLES

“Parents are the first educators of their children and should be involved at all stages in their education and development.” Policy on Early Years Provision in NI (1994).

STATEMENT OF INTENT

Every effort is made to ensure that parents/carers feel welcome, that their contribution to their child’s education is recognised and valued and that they feel sufficiently confident to approach and trust the staff . We ask that they in turn respect the position and role of each staff member. We, at Bo-Peep Corner Pre-school Playgroup recognise the importance of working in partnership with parents/carers to promote the best interests of children and that parents play a key role in the education of their children. The playgroup will work in partnership with and support parents in this role.

PROCEDURES

In order to achieve this the playgroup will:-

- Ensure parents/carers are given regular information about their child’s progress through informal and formal feedback - this may be verbal and/or written.
- Welcome the contribution of parents/carers and consult with them throughout the year by e.g. questionnaire, comments book.
- Have meetings at times and in venues which are accessible and appropriate for all.
- Ensure that all parents/carers are informed about meetings, workshops, training and any other activities being organised by the playgroup.
- Encourage parents/carers to be actively involved in the management committee of the playgroup.
- Inform parents/carers of the procedures for registering comments, suggestions or complaints.
- Ensure that all parents/carers are aware of the playgroup policies and procedures.

- Encourage parents/carers to contribute their own skills, knowledge and interests through curriculum activities in the playgroup.
- Encourage parents/carer's involvement in activities to support the playgroup e.g.. collecting materials, organising or supporting fundraising events etc..
- Provide parents/ carers with regular updated information through newssheets, notice board, Information Booklets etc. All parents/carers are welcome to use the notice board as a form of communication with other parents/carers and the local community.
- Supporting a parent/carer should their child have a special difficulty; in child care, behaviour management or whatever help we can offer.
- Encourage parents to contribute to a Helper Rota to assist in playgroup, to help on special occasions or outings, or in an emergency when a member of staff is absent through illness etc..

Our aim, with the support of parents/carers, is to enable the children to develop their individual potential and to work together with parents/carers to ensure their child has a happy and rewarding time in our playgroup.