

Working in Partnership Policy

With clients

It is very important for your child that we work in partnership. This will give your child continuity of care and (s)he will not become confused with different standards of behaviour and boundaries.

As parents / carers you are the central adults in your child's life and the ones making decisions on their behalf. We will work closely with you in order to carry out your wishes for your child wherever we can. It is therefore important that we develop an effective working relationship with straightforward methods of communication. Your child (if under five) will have a daily diary, which goes home at the end of each day. Please use this book to note down if your child has had a disturbed sleep, is not feeling well or any other piece of information that may help us to provide him/her with the best care we can. We are always happy to discuss your child and their care with you at any time that is convenient to us both, whether in person or over the phone.

We would also appreciate it if you could inform us if there are any changes to contact numbers for yourselves, including work and mobile numbers and those of your emergency contacts.

If you wish us to incorporate a special activity into our routine, perhaps a festival or religious holiday that you celebrate, please let us know.

With nurseries, schools

Under-fives (EYFS): with your permission, we will work closely with your child's nursery school or school (if your child attends part-time) to ensure that your child receives the full and complementary EYFS package. For example, if your child is working on a specific letter, we would play I-spy using that letter or perhaps help the child complete a collage of objects beginning with that letter.

Our emphasis is on consolidating and complementing what your child is learning and experiencing when they are not in our care.

With outside agencies

If we have any concerns about your child's behaviour, development, eating etc we will share them with you and if necessary work with you to seek support from outside agencies.

We are happy to accompany children to appointments with health care professionals (e.g. speech and language therapists) etc. whenever we can.