



Parental Involvement Policy



**CULMSTOCK
PRE-SCHOOL
PLAYGROUP**

We recognise that parents naturally want to be involved in their child's care and education. To that end we wish to promote parental involvement as far as possible.

At the preschool we will

- Ensure that all new parents are aware of the group systems and policies: the full operational plan detailing all policies can be lent to parents to read in the comfort of their home, while a number of our policies can now be viewed on our website.
- Ensure that parents are informed on a regular basis about their child's progress.
- Ensure that all parents have the opportunities to contribute from their own skills, knowledge and interests to the activities of the group.
- Invite parents and carers to contribute feedback on the pre-school through formal (SEF form, comment book) and informal means (discussion).
- Hold meetings in venues which are accessible and appropriate for all.
- Provide opportunities for parents to learn about the pre-school curriculum and about young children learning in pre-school and at home.
- Update parents on recent pre-school events and inform them of forthcoming events via a newsletter which we aim to produce more than once per half term.
- Provide every new parent with an assessment pack when their child first joins the pre-school, also at the beginning of each half term they will receive a new assessment form to complete, along with a letter showing the planned activities and any visits that have been arranged for that half term.
- Ensure that all parent helpers are aware of the need for confidentiality that exists within a pre-school setting.

Parents are encouraged to:

- To assist with fundraising
- To take part in the management of preschool by attending committee meetings or becoming a committee member
- To represent the preschool at branch and county activities of the Pre-school Learning Alliance
- To attend training courses, workshops and conferences organised by the preschool learning alliance and other organisations such as play lines
- To complete the assessment form as regularly as possible and always give the assessment form back at the end of the half term (even if no information has been completed).
- Talk to Dian about their child's achievements and arrange times to fill the assessment form with Dian if they are not able to complete it themselves.
- Parents are encouraged to participate in providing a healthy snack for the children. The cost of which can be reimbursed if the parent wishes.