



ABERDEEN PARK NURSERY

Childhood
Not just childcare

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Partnership with parent's policy.

Aberdeen Park Nursery believes that children benefit most from Early Education and Care when parents and setting work together in close partnership.

Our aim is to support and engage parents in children's learning and education by recognising that parents are children's first and most important educators and by encouraging them to be actively involved in their children's education and learning, welcoming them to become active participants in our setting.

APN recognises that working in partnership with parents/carers is of major value and importance to the setting in enabling it to provide a happy, loving, caring and stable environment for the children and their families. We aim to establish positive relationships with parents so that information regarding their children (developmental, social or health related) can be exchanged easily and comfortably by parents and staff.

The list below shows in which way we aim to achieve parental involvement and establish positive partnerships with parents:

- APN to ensure that all children and parents are made to feel welcome and valued, ensuring that they and their children have a positive role to play in the setting.
- APN staff respects the different ways that parents have in bringing up their children according to families' own cultural backgrounds and religious beliefs.
- APN informs parents about how the nursery is run and main policies and procedures are available in our website for parents to read. A hard copy of all the policies can be requested in the office.
- APN to let parents know that they can always make their feelings, views and opinions known to the staff, and that these will be dealt with respectfully and taken seriously.
- APN operates an open-door policy.
- APN is committed to ongoing dialogue with parents to improve our knowledge of the needs of their children and plan accordingly.

- We actively encourage parents to make contributions to their child's learning and development by asking them to take home their child's profile book to record learning experiences that occur at home or by making observations directly on the Family App. Parents can have access to their child's written developmental records at any time.
- Staff are available to exchange information with parents, to offer support and advice enabling parents to leave their child secure in the knowledge that s/he is being well looked after. Arrangements can be made for more private discussions at agreed times.
- Information provided by parents about their children will be kept confidential and treated on a strict "need to know" basis.
- Parents are formally informed of their child's learning and development progress during regular planned meetings with their child's keyperson.
- Your child's Keyperson is your first point of contact if you have any concerns about your child. Please ask your key person or the management team if you wish to talk to your child's keyperson and they will endeavor to arrange a meeting ASAP.
- If we have any concerns about your child's well-being during the day every effort will be made to contact the parents or their emergency contact.
- Parents are requested to keep us informed of any changes to personal circumstance or child's routine which may have effect upon your child, e.g., change of address, emergency contact, telephone number, doctor.
- Parents are requested to keep us informed of any circumstances which could influence a child's emotional well-being e.g., separation, new arrival, moving home, sleepless nights, change in routines at home etc.
- Parents are welcome in the nursery whenever they have free time, to participate in activities in the setting. E.g., Reading books, crafts activities, cooking sessions, outdoor play etc. (Onsite parent participation is currently suspended due to COVID 19)
- Parents can also choose to be involved in a more "behind the scenes role" perhaps offering their skills to benefit the nursery through joining the gardening club, IT support, fundraising or by becoming a trustee.
- Regular nursery news updates will be issued on the Family App to keep parents/carers up to date with information about the setting. e.g., new developments or staff changes.

APN strives to build and maintain strong and positive relationships with parents which will flourish if both parties value and support each other's input in helping to nurture their children's learning and development.