

# WALTHAMSTOW MONTESSORI SCHOOL

## Parent Partnership Policy

### STATEMENT OF POLICY

The entire WMS team are committed to working with parents/carers to provide a positive environment and quality of care for their children.

Parents/carers play a fundamental role in a child's development as the first educators of their young children and our aim is always to support their role. The two-way sharing of information is key to this. The WMS team welcomes parents as partners and this relationship needs to be built on trust and understanding. It is important that we, as practitioners, can support parents in an open and sensitive manner.

We believe that the relationship between the school and the parents/carers is crucial to the well-being, development and progress of every child.

Successful partnerships are key for your child's early years' experience and for them to gain the most out of their early education and reach expected levels of development. This responsibility usually falls to the class teacher to ensure an effective relationship is built and to share information at the beginning and end of the day and at various other points such as meetings to discuss the child's development. There are many reasons why parent partnerships are so important for the child.

It is the policy of the school to ensure that parents/carers have the opportunity to actively participate in the events held throughout the year. All contributions from parents are encouraged and welcomed. Sharing interests or information about family cultures and taking part in discussions are offered.

All of the school policies are available on the WMS website for parents/carers to see. Copies are available on request.

The school aims to ensure that parents/carers are involved in their child's education whilst at WMS. We aim to achieve this by:

- Ensuring that staff consult with and seek guidance from parents/carers when planning and implementing childcare practices.

- Ensuring that parents/carers have the opportunity to review their children's progress on a regular basis with school staff.
- Ensuring that parents/carers are informed about new policies, procedures and guidelines of the school.
- Ensuring nursery documentation and communications can be easily adapted to a format to suit individual parents' needs, e.g., Braille, multi-lingual, electronic communications.
- Providing a written contract between the parent(s) and the school regarding terms and conditions of acceptance and arrangements for payment, funding and notice periods.
- Respecting the family's religious and cultural backgrounds and beliefs and to accommodate any special requirements wherever possible and practical to do so.
- Phone calls
- Newsletters
- School website
- Parents/carers evenings
- Montessori Talks - parents are invited to Montessori Talks when they have registered and before the child even starts.

Parental/carers involvement is an integral part of the philosophy behind WMS.

### **Complaints**

All complaints will be dealt with fairly and promptly. Please see our complaints procedure.

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