



Parental Involvement Policy

It is the policy of St. Teresa's Nursery School that parents and carers are encouraged to become involved in their child's education, and to participate in the school day where possible.

Parents and carers are encouraged to be involved in St. Teresa's Nursery School in the following ways: -

1. Parents and carers are invited to attend an Induction meeting. At this meeting, important information about St. Teresa's Nursery School is shared by staff. Parents and carers also receive an Induction Handbook.
2. Parents and carers are invited to visit the school with their child in August prior to starting Nursery School. During this visit, parents and carers receive a Nursery information pack which includes a welcome booklet and collect their child's uniform. This also allows the child to find their coat peg, tray and to familiarise with the room layout, prior to the first day of Nursery.
3. Parents and carers play an important role during the settling in process and are welcome in the classroom during the first few days to help their child to settle.
4. Throughout the Induction process, a parents' room is situated within the school where tea and coffee making facilities are provided together with reading materials for any parent or carer wishing to make use of them.
5. During the first term, parents are invited to visit the classroom for a Drop in Evening to find out more about their child's experience at Nursery. There is also a short information session on 'Roots of Development'. This is facilitated by RISE and informs parents of how to support their child's development.
6. Regular newsletters are issued each month and these helps to share important information about school and the learning taking place through each new topic.
7. A Lending Library is in place so that children may borrow three school reading books per week.
8. Parents and carers are invited to give help where practical and possible. This

help varies from year to year depending on availability of the parents. For example, parents and carers are invited to partake in World Book Day by reading their favourite book to a small group of children or by visiting Nursery on Diversity Day to share information about their home culture, traditions and customs.

9. Parenting sessions are also organised throughout the year for example and these reflect the needs, interests and demands of each new group of parents. Previous sessions have included behaviour management, schema's and early reading/literacy support.
10. The Principal, Assistant Teacher and Nursery Assistants are always available and approachable to the parents should they need help, advice or information concerning their child.

Parents have legal reasons for involvement

- They have right of access to their child's records.
- They have right of access to inspection reports.
- They have the right of consultation on their child's special educational needs.
- They have the right of consultation if outside agencies are involved with their child.
- They have representation on the school's Board of Governors. The parental role within that is: -
 1. To receive regular reports from the Principal and to become involved in any discussions or matters arising from these reports.
 2. To respond to school inspection reports.
 3. To become involved in the running of the school.
 4. To assist in the appointment of new staff where necessary.

The Class Teachers at St. Teresa's Nursery School will meet formally with parents and carers once per term (i.e. three times per year) and in addition to this, meetings can be scheduled at a mutually convenient time at any stage throughout the year.

Monitoring and evaluation

This policy will be reviewed and monitored in line with the school's policy review schedule

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Diary of Events
2017/18**

September	McMillan Cancer Thank-you God for My Family Service
October	Halloween Ballot/Concert Leaf Lift
November	Stay and Play – Christmas Craft
December	Advent Service Wriggly Nativity/ Cross Community Concert/ P1 Christmas Play Mr Hullabaloo
January	3+ Health Reviews Parent Information Session: Incredible Years
February	Fairy Dummy Tree
March	Family Feast Green Day Easter Parade/Ballot
April	Mr Hullabaloo Arc Farm Visit
May	Thank-you God for St. Teresa Service Stay and Play – Butterfly Craft
June	Graduation Teddy Bears Picnic Mr Hullabaloo