



St Nicolas Playgroup

Parental Involvement Policy

1.0 Introduction

We recognise you as the parent as the most important educators of your children. We aim to support each and every child's development and will educate the child in partnership with their parents/carers.

1.1 Getting involved

As a parent of a child at playgroup you are welcome to help within our group and to be part of our committee. Please ask us for more details or contact the treasurer.

We actively encourage your involvement, if you have any special skills, you are welcome to share this with the children. Please contact a supervisor to arrange a mutually beneficial date to come into the setting. Our themes and upcoming plans are communicated in our half-termly newsletter. If you feel you have something you could help us with, please do inform us. This could be an interesting career or a special cultural tradition you could share with the children.

1.2 Day to day communication

Opportunities to talk to your key-person or the manager are available before or after the session most days. Please request a meeting and we will see you as soon as we possibly can.

We ask that before your child starts with us you complete a comfort card including family pictures, your child's favourite things, maybe holidays or activities. This is an ideal conversation starter with staff and for your child to show their peers.

To record your child's development we use Blossom, an online journal and records management system. This is available through a secure login that is emailed to each parent. Parents can see what their child has been doing in the setting and also can add more information from their child's home life. This is great for us to see, and we can use this for 'show and tell' opportunities.

We hold a drop-in morning twice a year. This is your child's chance to show you around their environment, most children are extremely proud to do this, please try to attend. This is also a chance for a short discussion with your key-person. If you cannot attend this meeting, please talk to the supervisor who will arrange another appointment for you.

1.3 Playgroup events at Taplow

Throughout the year we hold various events that parents, grandparents and carers are welcome to attend. These include harvest festival, the Christmas nativity, the Easter bonnet parade, sports day and the leavers graduation. Details of our events will be sent out beforehand. We allow photographs to be taken at these events, however we ask that these photos are not shared on social media as they may include images of other children.



1.4 Playgroup events at Dorney

There will be low key events held during the year at Dorney that parents and families are welcome to attend. These include the children's Christmas party, the Easter egg hunt, and the summer party. Details of our events will be sent out beforehand. We allow photographs to be taken at these events, however we ask that these photos are not shared on social media as they may include images of other children.

1.5 Mobile phones

We respectfully ask that mobile phones are put away whilst on the playgroup site. Mobile phones are not allowed to be used on or around the playgroup premises except for taking photographs at playgroup events. This is in line with our **Safeguarding Children Policy**.

This policy was adopted Dec 21

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