



## Parental Involvement Policy



Parents are the first educators of their young children and want them to have the best opportunities so that they can become successful and happy members of the setting and the wider community. At Little Jesters, we want to provide young children with the environment and support they need to achieve their full potential and we believe that children benefit most from education and care when parents and the setting work together in partnership.

We will:

- Welcome all new parents/carers into our setting and ensure that they are aware of Little Jesters Handbook, policies and procedures.
- Encourage parents/carers on an individual basis to play an active part in their child's learning and development.
- Ensure that parents/carers are informed on a regular basis about their child's progress.
- Ensure that all parents/carers have opportunities to contribute from their own skills, knowledge and interests to the activities of the group.
- Involve parents/carers in shared record keeping about their own child, whether formally or informally.
- Welcome the contributions of parents/carers, whatever forms these may take.
- Encourage parents/carers to read the notice boards, newsletters, website and blog pages, and make contributions towards the planning of future events and term themes.
- Provide all parents/carers with up-to-date information in a regular newsletter – these are available to view termly on our website.
- Provide opportunities and events for parents/carers to learn more about Little Jesters and the Early Years Foundation Stage and for us to find out about their young children's learning and development at home.
- Make known to all parents/carers the systems for registering queries, complaints or suggestions.

**Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic we have had made a few changes to the way we interact with parents. These include:**

- **An allocated visit to the setting, which is offered after school from 3:15-3:30, when premise is empty.**
- **Parents are to ONLY drop off and collect from Little Jesters main gate.**

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