



# Play in Ltd

## Involving Parents and Carers Policy

At Play in Ltd we recognise the importance of working in partnership with parents and carers to ensure that every child is happy, healthy and safe whilst in our care.

We therefore aim to keep parents and carers fully informed of policies, events and activities at the Club, by sharing information with them, answering questions and addressing any concerns, and by encouraging them to participate in the life of the Club.

We do our best to keep parents informed about the Club by:

- Inviting parents to visit the Club before their children start.
- Giving all parents a copy of our **Club Info Pack** which outlines how the club operates and includes contact details. We also give parents of EYFS children, information about the role of their child's key person.
- Notifying the parents of their child's key person when they start at the Club.
- Making all of our policies available at the Club and online for parents to consult whenever they like.
- Producing a regular newsletter to keep parents up to date with news, events, new staff, changes to fees, etc
- Providing translations of our key policies and documents for parents who are non-English speakers, where possible.
- Using a communication book to share information between the parents, school and the Club (for EYFS children or when a specific need is identified).

We actively welcome parents and invite their input into the Club in the following ways:

- We collect information from parents which will help their child to settle at the club (via the **Admission** and **Medical** forms and, for EYFS children, the **All About Me** booklet).
- We involve parents in settling their children in at the Club (in accordance with our **Child Induction** policy).
- We consult fully with parents to establish care requirements for children with extra needs.
- We greet all parents when they arrive to collect their children, and exchange any relevant information (eg any accidents, participation in today's activities, etc).
- We can be contacted at all times, even out of Club hours, via telephone and email (see our **Club Info Pack** for contact information).
- We conduct an annual satisfaction survey of parents and children at the Club to gain regular feedback.
- We encourage parents to volunteer, share specialist skills/knowledge, help on outings, etc.
- All of our staff wear uniforms so that children and parents can easily identify them.
- We obtain parental permission for outings, photographs, applying sun cream, etc.
- We can arrange for parental discussions with staff outside of Club hours if necessary.
- We feel it's important to get parents involved with the club. So we encourage them to help out with events, activities or have talks about their roles and experiences. They can book in sessions with our '**Parent Helper book**' which is where the sessions are recorded.
- We respect parents' input and opinions by responding promptly and appropriately to any complaints, in line with our **Complaints** policy.
- We **do not** offer babysitting services, due to wanting to keep external jobs separate from Company policy

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Written in accordance with the *Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage (2017): Learning and Development Requirements [1.1]; Areas of Learning and Development [1.10]; Safeguarding and Welfare Requirements [3.27]; Before/after school care and holiday provision [3.40] Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018.*