



PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT POLICY

This policy will be reviewed annually or in response to changes in legislation		
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This policy is a statement of the aims, principles and strategies for behaviour management at Thomas's Kindergarten. It is addressed to and must be adhered to by all members of staff.

This policy should be read in conjunction with the Thomas's Complaints Policy, Transition Policy

Introduction

We believe that children benefit most from Kindergarten education and care when parents and the Kindergarten work together in partnership.

Aim

Our aim is to support parents as their children's first and most important educators by involving them in their children's education and in the full life of the Kindergarten.

Strategies

In order to fulfil these aims we:

- are committed to ongoing dialogue with parents/carers to improve our knowledge of the needs of their children and to support their families
- inform all parents/carers about how the setting is run and its policies through access to written information and through regular informal communication, My School Portal, TomCom, SOCS)
- inform all parents/carers on a regular basis about their children's progress (parent/teacher meetings, emails and informal chats)
- sent observations to parents of their child's learning journey
- provide opportunities for parents/carers to contribute their own skills, knowledge and interests to activities at the Kindergarten (e.g. Stay and Play mornings, parent reading sessions, PTA library and World Festivals)
- consult with parents/carers about the times of meetings to avoid excluding anyone

- hold meetings in venues that are accessible and appropriate for all
- invite parents in to read stories to the Kindergarten
- inform all parents/carers of the systems for registering queries, complaints or suggestions
- make parents/carers aware they have access to our written complaints procedure
- provide opportunities for parents/carers to learn about the curriculum offered in the Kindergarten through our Information Evenings for new parents
- provide opportunities for parents/carers to support their child on trips/visits to the park
- provide opportunities for the parents/carers to join the Kindergarten PTA.
- interest parents/carers in charity fundraising through activities at the Kindergarten.