



## **Partnership with Parents Policy**

At Bear Hugs Nursery we recognise that parents are the first educators of their young children. The aim of the nursery is to support parents in their essential role. We will:

- Involve parents in shared record keeping about their own child, both formally and informally, ensuring that parents have access to all written Nursery records of their own children.
- Ensure that parents are given information on a regular basis about their child's progress and have an opportunity to discuss it with their child's key person.
- Ensure that all parents have opportunities to contribute their own skills, knowledge and interests to the activities of the group.
- Ensure that all new parents are aware of and can contribute their ideas to the group's systems and policies.
- Ensure that all parents are fully informed of topical nursery issues via regular newsletters, including any meetings, workshops or training.
- Hold meetings in venues that are accessible and appropriate for all.
- Welcome and utilise where possible, the contributions of parents. Provide opportunities for parents to help during a nursery session.
- Provide opportunities for parents to have access to information about the Nursery's curriculum and about young children's learning in Nursery and at home.
- Ask that parents inform us about their child's absence from nursery. Information about any changes in circumstances or significant happenings which could affect their child can really help our care strategy.
- We ask that fees are paid each term within two weeks of receiving the invoice, unless paying by childcare vouchers on a monthly basis and arrangements are agreed with the manager. Lunch club fees must be paid on the day of booking.