

PARENT PARTNERSHIP

We believe that children benefit most from Pre-school education and care when parents and pre-schools work together in partnership.

Our Aim

- To involve parents in the life of the Pre-school and their children's education.
- To support parents in their child's continuing education and personal development.

In order to fulfill these aims:

- We welcome parents on a first visit and their child's first day and show them what happens during the session;
- We ensure that our arrangements for settling children into Pre-school are flexible to allow parents and children to feel secure and confident and also provide time for parents and practitioners to discuss each child's circumstances, interests, skills and needs;
- We invite parents to stay for a whole or part of the session to settle their child prior to their first day;
- Parents must notify pre-school by telephone by 9.30am on the day of the session if their child will not be attending. A staff member may phone parent to verify why child is absent.
- We are committed to ongoing dialogue with parents to improve our knowledge of the needs of their children and to support their families;
- We keep parents informed of curriculum plans and themes.
- The parents receive information and updates via a weekly email; via the preschool website.
- The keyworker will inform parents of their keychild's progress on a regular basis.
- Parents can request access to their children's written records (yellow book)
- We provide opportunities for parents to contribute their own skills, knowledge and interests to the activities of the group; e.g. visit from a parent who is a policeman; a parent with IT skills;
- We encourage parents to play an active part in the governing and management of the Pre-school. They are invited to join the committee.
- Parents are invited to join the parent whatsapp group.
- The Pre-school Agm and Committee meetings are advertised by email.

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- We have a system in place for parents to register queries, complaints or make suggestions either via our website or a postal box in the pre-school foyer.
- Parents have access to our policies and procedures via the website and a hard copy is available at all times by the signing in register.
- Parents have access to the minutes of the committee meetings on the notice board in the preschool foyer.
- Helping parents are expected to have a current Disclosure & Barring Service check if they are frequent helpers (attend the pre-school once a week) or if their visits are considered intensive (4 or more sessions in a 30 day period).

For website information: www.marlowbottompreschool.org.uk

This Policy was agreed and adopted at a Committee Meeting held on	
	For and on behalf of Marlow Bottom Pre-school CIO