



Termoncanice Nursery Unit Partnership with Parents Policy

Rationale

Termoncanice Nursery recognizes and values parents as the first educators of their children. We understand the importance of working in partnership with parents to promote the best interests of children and that parents play a key role in the education of their children. The Nursery will work in partnership with and support parents in this role.

Procedures

To achieve the Nursery will follow the following procedures:

- Ensure that parents are made feel welcome at all times.
- Ensure that parents are fully informed about meetings.
- Induction meeting in June -Power point Presentation -Nursery Booklet
- Open Day for parent/ child in June - opportunity to visit Nursery Unit. Parents are given the Nursery Prospectus.
- Settling in - Provide policies -Parents welcome to stay - Data capture form- My, 'All About Me Booklet'.
- Parents are given the Nursery Prospectus in June
- Parents are given the opportunity to meet with the teacher in June prior to their child beginning nursery to share any important and relevant information regarding their child beginning nursery.
- Parents are given access to all Nursery Policies. Ensure that all parents are aware of policies and encourage them to contribute to these policies.
- Available to meet parents before and after each session informally or formally and by appointment at other times.
- Oct - Planned meeting with parents to discuss how child has settled and 'All About Me Booklet' given to the teacher.

- May/June. Parents can arrange a meeting with the teacher to discuss Transition Report.
- Transition Policy and list of important dates given to parents in early May.
- Library lending service on a weekly basis- child can select book themselves or parent can help them select one.
- Monthly planner displayed.
- Weekly planner displayed.
- Daily events/activities displayed.
- Daily Snack menu displayed
- Monthly Newsletter informing parents of topics, nursery rhymes and important notices. Parents are encouraged to continue what the child learns in nursery at home.
- Monthly Parent guidance sheets.
- "Tips for Parents" - Tips for how parents can work with their children at home displayed weekly in the parent's noticeboard in the hallway of the nursery.
- Recycling - parents encourage bringing in junk art material and placing in the bins provided.
- Fund Raising - We do a "Guess the Name of the Pumpkin" competition in October and a sponsored vehicle ride to help raise money for resources.
- Parents are invited to come and talk to the children about their job and demonstrate it when we are doing our topic on people who help us. They are encouraged to contribute their own skills, knowledge and interests through curriculum activities in the nursery.
- Parents are invited to help out in the Nursery.
- "Book Club". Parents are invited to come into the nursery and do the Book Club - book lending.
- Ensure parents are aware of the systems for registering queries and complaints.

- Parents are encouraged to put suggestions in the Comments box.
- Parents are encouraged to participate in helping their child to learn their parts for the Nativity play and for the Graduation ceremony.
- Parent Questionnaires. The Questionnaire will ask questions about how parents view the service of Termoncanice Nursery. The results of the questionnaire will be collated, reviewed and acted upon after the permission of the Principal.
- Parents are invited to bring in their pets when we are doing our topic on Animals.
- Parents can help on Outings and on Sports Day.
- Parents are encouraged to join the schools Parents Association.

Staff training

Staff will receive training as and when the need arises.

Monitoring and Reviewing

This policy will be reviewed on an on-going basis and more frequently if the need arises by the Principal, Vice-Principal, Nursery Coordinator and Board of Governors.

Signature.....

Nursery Coordinator

Date.....

Signature.....

Principal

Date.....

Signature.....

Chairperson of the Board of Governors

This policy was reviewed in March 2017