



## **Bo-Peep Corner Pre-School Playgroup Partnership with Parents/Carers Policy**

### **PRINCIPLES**

“Parents are the first educators of their children and should be involved at all stages in their education and development.” Policy on Early Years Provision in NI (1994).

### **STATEMENT OF INTENT**

Every effort is made to ensure that parents/carers feel welcome, that their contribution to their child’s education is recognised and valued and that they feel sufficiently confident to approach and trust the staff . We ask that they in turn respect the position and role of each staff member. We, at Bo-Peep Corner Pre-school Playgroup recognise the importance of working in partnership with parents/carers to promote the best interests of children and that parents play a key role in the education of their children. The playgroup will work in partnership with and support parents in this role.

### **PROCEDURES**

In order to achieve this the playgroup will:-

- Ensure parents/carers are given regular information about their child’s progress through informal and formal feedback - this may be verbal and/or written.
- Welcome the contribution of parents/carers and consult with them throughout the year by e.g. questionnaire, comments book.
- Have meetings at times and in venues which are accessible and appropriate for all.
- Ensure that all parents/carers are informed about meetings, workshops, training and any other activities being organised by the playgroup.
- Encourage parents/carers to be actively involved in the management committee of the playgroup.
- Inform parents/carers of the procedures for registering comments, suggestions or complaints.
- Ensure that all parents/carers are aware of the playgroup policies and procedures.

- Encourage parents/carers to contribute their own skills, knowledge and interests through curriculum activities in the playgroup.
- Encourage parents/carer's involvement in activities to support the playgroup e.g.. collecting materials, organising or supporting fundraising events etc..
- Provide parents/ carers with regular updated information through newssheets, notice board, Information Booklets etc. All parents/carers are welcome to use the notice board as a form of communication with other parents/carers and the local community.
- Supporting a parent/carer should their child have a special difficulty; in child care, behaviour management or whatever help we can offer.
- Encourage parents to contribute to a Helper Rota to assist in playgroup, to help on special occasions or outings, or in an emergency when a member of staff is absent through illness etc..

Our aim, with the support of parents/carers, is to enable the children to develop their individual potential and to work together with parents/carers to ensure their child has a happy and rewarding time in our playgroup.