



PARENT PARTNERSHIPS

Parent partnerships are key to a successful early years experience for children and for them to gain the most out of their early education and reach expected levels of development. The staff here at Tiggywinkles will ensure that effective relationships are built and regularly share information at the beginning and end of the day and also at various other points, such as meetings, to discuss development.

There are many reasons why parent partnerships are so important for the child:

- Parents know their children best
- It helps the child to feel safe and secure here at Tiggywinkles if they see that their parents feel comfortable there.
- To create a shared level of expectation
- To information share about new levels of development, any concerns and any new likes or dislikes
- To keep up to date with what is happening outside the setting, especially if the home situation may be causing problems for the child
- Parents can feel secure to seek advice, help and support should they need it
- To ensure smooth transitions
- Improve practice and outcomes for the children, ensuring every child has their individual needs met.

The benefits of Parent Partnerships:

There are many other benefits to parent partnerships and our daily practice at Tiggywinkles is based around this. Some of the ways we choose build parent partnerships include:

- Parent partnership books – These are kept in the children's book bags and practitioners and parents can share any information about how the children has been, both at pre-school and at home.
- Newsletters – We send a weekly newsletter via email (to help save paper and our planet!). We also send a termly curriculum letter outlining possible learning opportunities for your child in the coming weeks.
- Learning Journals – We record your child's progress during their time at Tiggywinkles by adding any new achievements, special pieces of work and new experiences into it.
- The Tapestry online journal, that keeps you up to date with your child's learning in a safe, secure environment.
- 'Ted' our sleepover teddy – The children will get the opportunity to take 'Ted' our cuddly bear home with his toothbrush and a diary. Parent's can write about Ted's adventures in the diary and add photos.
- Home learning sheets – These are optional and contain fun activities, games or songs that parents can share with the children. (You can visit our

Tiggywinkles Pinterest page too, where you will find lots of ways to extend your child's learning in fun ways!)

- Parent meetings – We have parent meetings during late October/early November. Practitioners and parents will be able to have an in-depth chance to discuss the finer details of your child's development. Parents of children who start later in the year can request a progress meeting once the child has settled into the routines of pre-school. However, we operate an 'Open Door' policy and welcome parents to chat about their child's progress or if they have any worries at any time.
- All about Me forms – We will ask you to complete this when your child first starts at Tiggywinkles. This will give us lots of information we will need about your child.
- Two-year check – If your child attends Tiggywinkles, we complete a two year check between two and three years old. This gives us a great chance for multi agency working between the staff, our parents and health visitors.
- Birthday celebrations - Birthday celebrations are extra special events here at Tiggywinkles Pre-School. It's your child's special day and we focus on highlighting his or her story by having everyone in class participate in the child's 'Celebration of Life'. We can celebrate earlier or later if your child's birthday does not fall on a day that they attend the nursery – please let us know a suitable time for you.
- Progress reports – We send out reports detailing your child's progress three times a year. The November report outlines the children's Next Steps. The second in March is a Mid-Year review and a detailed report is sent out in July.
- End of term concerts – We invite our parents, carers and wider family to a small end of term concert where the children will share some of the songs they have been learning with Ms. Fran and some of their favourite songs too!