



## **Morning Star** **Parent Partnership Policy**

Setting's Name:

Morning Star Nursery – Eldon Road

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### **Introduction**

At Morning Star, we welcome all parent/carers and pride ourselves in being in having a friendly environment. Parents/carers have a huge influence on children and their education and we recognise that this is very important.

Our policy towards parental involvement is that we very much see our relationship with you as a partnership. When your child becomes of school age their full-time education will be based on a partnership between the schools and yourselves. We believe that outside of your home we will most likely be your child's first educators. Simple matters of acceptable behaviour, basic table manners, tolerance of others and sharing all important concepts of early learning.

Caring for your child is very much a two-way thing. To some extent you have to take a chance and trust us to care for your child. We for our part realise that this cannot be an easy thing to do. This is particularly true if you are first time parents, or have had experience of childcare that falls below your expectations.

We aim to:

- Promote a good relationship between staff and parents/carers
- Involve parents/carers in the way we educate the children.

- Respect and value the opinions of parents/carers.

How will we do this?

When you first visit us, we spend quite a bit of time discussing our ideals and expectations. It is very important that we as carers have broadly similar ideas to you, on the way you expect your child to be cared for and guided. If you choose a full-time placement with us, we will become a major influence on your child's upbringing. So, it is easy to see how important it is that we share some common ground.

We welcome the opportunity to discuss your child's progress with you, which is usually done at the end of each day. However, if you wish to discuss your child's progress with you, which is usually done at the end of each day. However, if you wish to discuss something in depth, then you must feel free to telephone us in the evening, or even make an appointment to come and see us. If there are any aspects of care about which you have a reservation about, then please do raise issues with us.

Morning Star also uses an online system called Tapestry, which is accessible by parents/carers through a password protected area. Tapestry is a secure online Learning Journal to record photos, observations and comments. This is filled out and updated by your child's Key worker. Tapestry helps us to build up a record of your child's experiences of their day to day activities with us at Nursery.

Twice a year Morning Star holds a parents evening. Parents' evening is your chance to get a detailed report on your child's progress and behaviour at Nursery. This will also give you time to have a chat with your child's key worker other than the short end of day briefing.

Morning Star also take annual educational visits. We encourage parents/carers to attend in order to create fun memories with your child and to also build good relationships with staff.

We also try to keep parents/carers as informed as possible in regards to the goings on of the nursery. We have a newsletter that is sent out every month and can also be found on the main notice board of the Nursery. Our Website

has a lot of information and most of the answers to some questions you have can be found on there. We also engage with regular emails and texts.

From time to time one of us will ask if you are happy with the care your child receives. Please do not be afraid that you may hurt our feelings this is not the issue. Our complaints procedure form is available to parents/carers, although we hope that this would be a last resort. The greatest importance to Morning Star is the wellbeing of your child.