



Little Angels Day Nursery & Pre-Prep School



Parental Involvement / Home Links

- At Little Angels we recognise that parents are the first educators of their children and will work in a partnership with you to help meet the needs of your child. Links between home and nursery are important and we believe that discussions between parent and key person, is of great benefit to the children.
- The Home to School links form is sent out on confirmation of a received place, and sent back prior to your child starting at Little Angels. This is a valuable source of information on your child's likes and dislikes and information contained on the form such as languages spoken, festivals celebrated, medical information, favourite toys etc are essential in helping your child to settle at Little Angels. Information is shared with the key person and senior team members.
- Upon starting at Little Angels we ensure all new parents are aware of our policies and procedures and the systems for registering queries, complaints or suggestions, which is located in the reception area.
- The key-persons 'My Nursery Child' system runs on Apple iPads. When key-people observe a child doing an activity, their notes and a photograph are recorded via the iPad. All the key persons and teachers then review their collective observations to ensure that each child's development is properly supported in accordance with the Government's 'Early Years Foundation Stage' curriculum. The system will follow each child's progress and help staff to plan what activities to offer next. The parents' MY Nursery Child' website will be updated regularly with these observations so parents can view each child's self-directed development as recorded in words and pictures by the key person and other teachers. (Passwords ensure that no other parent can see information about your child.) The site also keeps you up-to-date with the nursery topics currently under study and suggests ideas for things you can do at home to support your child's learning at nursery. The website has notices posted for parents by the nursery and lots of other useful information.
- Whilst your child is being introduced to their Key Person during their induction week, we do understand that this time can be unsettling for both you and your child. We are here to support you both. This period of time is a valuable opportunity for your child and their key carer to bond and get to know one another. You are free to wait either in reception or can telephone and speak to your child's key carer on your child's progress.
- We ensure that all parents are informed on a regular basis about their child's progress. Daily diaries are kept for all children that are not potty trained and key-workers are free to speak to parents as often as possible.
- As well as sharing information on a daily basis, we encourage parents to meet with their child's key person twice a year at our parents/key carers meeting at an allocated time. Of course if parents wish to meet with their child's key carers more frequently than this they are very welcome to make an appointment.
- We involve parents in the record keeping of their child either formally or informally during admission stages and throughout their child's attendance at the nursery. Parents are required to complete a baseline assessment on their child's induction and this supports the key person in establishing their starting points.

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- Profile books are kept in the rooms for you to view as you wish. Information contained within includes observations and reports as well as your child's artwork and photo's depicting their participation in activities.
- We make sure information about the nurseries activities and planning is displayed and made available for parents both in each of the rooms as well as in the reception area.
- To support your child's development we ask parents to take part in our planning by filling in a Planning for Children's Interests and Needs form that Key Carers will hand out to you.
- We encourage and welcome parents to be involved in Little Angels. We have an "open door" policy, which means parents are welcome to come into nursery at any time during the day and not just on occasions specially organised by Little Angels for this purpose.
- We also welcome parents into the setting when we are celebrating a specific festival, religion or special day, to talk to the children about their job role or simply read to the children in their mother tongue.
- All of our activities are based around The Early Years Foundation Stage details of which are displayed on our notice boards in all rooms and in the reception area. We value your help and support in providing any materials that will enhance these activities and welcome any ideas you may have.
- We occasionally go on outings linked to our theme and may ask for help from family members to accompany us on occasion; parents, nanny's, grandparents and au pairs are welcome our ratio is 1:2.
- We regularly produce newsletters sharing nursery news to ensure all parents at Little Angels are informed and involved as much as possible.

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