

# St. John the Evangelist Catholic Academy EYFS



## Policy on Parental Involvement

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## Policy Statement

At St. John the Evangelist Catholic Academy we believe that children benefit most from Early Years Education and care when parents and settings work together in partnership.

Our aim is to support parents as their children's first and most important educators by involving them in their children's education and in the full life of the setting. We aim to support parent in their own continuing education and personal development.

Some parents are less well represented in Early Years settings; these include fathers, parents who live apart from their children, but who will still play a part on their lives, as well as working parents. In carrying out the following procedures we will ensure that all parents are included.

At St. John the Evangelist Catholic Academy we:

- a) Involve parents in shared record keeping about their own child, both formally and informally ensuring that parents have access to all written records on their own children.
- b) Ensure that parents are given information on a regular basis about their child's progress and have an opportunity to discuss it with staff. We ensure parents have access to their children's written developmental records.
- c) Ensure that all parents have opportunities to contribute from their own skills, knowledge and interest to the activities of the EYFS.
- d) Ensure that all new parents are aware of and can contribute to the EYFS systems and policies. We check to ensure parents understand the information that is given to them.
- e) Ensure that all parents are fully informed of the Academy Committee/other meetings and their outcomes.
- f) Consult with families about the times of open evenings.
- g) Hold meetings in venues which are accessible and appropriate for all.
- h) Welcome the contributions of parents, whatever form these may take.
- i) Make known to all parents the systems for registering queries, complaints or suggestions, payment of fees (Early Years Unit) and opening times.
- j) Provide information for parents to learn about the EYFS curriculum and about young children's learning, in the EYFS and at home.
- k) Welcome the contributions of parents, in whatever form these may take.