Little Forest Folk

Communication with Parents

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Aim

At Little Forest Folk we want to ensure we can work very closely with parents. To this end we have the following communication methods in place.

Method

Personal Contact:

- Every day on collection of a child an educator will provide a brief handover to the parent/family.

Records:

- We use the digital system and app EY on staff phones to record daily information to share with families, such as details on menu and mealtimes, nappies, sleeps and a summary of the day's activities. This information is sent directly to the parent at the end of each day via an email notification.
- We also use EY to record photos and observations of the children, which can be accessed immediately by the parents. Parents can also contribute their own observations of the children which will greatly assist us in building up a bigger picture of the children's development, permitting the most accurate assessment and evaluation of their progress.
- We also provide a daily 'Snap' of your child - this is a photo depicting a highlight from your child's day.

Planning:

- Staff use termly planning to plan for both child led and adult led activities and experiences that ensure a range of skills from the Early Years Curriculum (Development Matters) are practiced.

Formal meetings:

- We hold parent evenings 3 times a year in which we shall invite all parents to come and discuss their child's term in detail with their key person and also with the Manager.

News and updates:

- We send out an individual weekly newsletter per site with details of our activities each week.

Feedback:

- We will regularly request feedback from parents, carers and staff on Little Forest Folk and will use this feedback to assess our service and modify any aspects of Little Forest Folk which can be improved. We regularly evaluate our Development plan and constantly strive for ways to better our provision.