

Working in partnership with parents

Maintaining partnerships with parents is crucial during the coronavirus pandemic, whilst they are not able to enter the nursery premises.

The following ideas will help to ensure these relationships are developed and maintained:

- Use daily electronic communication to share key information such as what children have eaten, how long they have slept and photos/observations of what they have enjoyed or been playing with
- Have safe handover meetings outside with an opportunity to say hi/goodbye and a quick brief about how the child has been
- Send home learning activities such as family walks to gather autumn treasure for nursery
- Ask for feedback on the operational running of the nursery, for example, your menus. Parents may request recipes from you or consider encouraging parents to share some recipe ideas from home too
- Involve parents in any policy reviews/changes/new ideas via email
- Request and display family photos, these are a great way to find out what children have been doing and make fantastic talking points
- Set up a short regular telephone or virtual parent meeting to talk about the child's progress
- Send regular newsletters informing them of what is happening at nursery, including lots of photos so even though they may not be able to enter nursery at this time they can still see all the amazing activities/resources and displays you have.

