

## Parents as Partners in Childcare



Research shows that children benefit more from childcare when their parents have a good understanding of the activities they are doing whilst away from home and are involved in their childcare. Sowood Pre-School believes that all parents should have the opportunity to be fully involved in their childcare and have the confidence to be partners in their child's early learning.

You can be involved by finding out more about what your child does each day whilst at their Pre-School setting, becoming a member of the management committee or volunteering through our parent/carer rota.

### **Being involved with your child's childcare**

Things that you could do to ensure you are fully involved include:

- Talking regularly to your child's key worker about their progress, and telling them about things your child has enjoyed at home
- Using other ways so that you can keep in touch, for example signing up for parent/carer email
- Looking at your child's 'learning journey' (this is a common name for your child's record of achievement, and includes examples of work, drawings, photos etc) and adding things from home
- Volunteering through our parent/carer helper rota - many parents/carers find that volunteering is a great way to meet others and feel part of the community

### **Management of childcare**

Parent participation in the management of planning of childcare and early learning ensure that services are developed to meet the needs of the children and families they are for. Sowood Pre-School have a management committee with parent/carers as trustees who meet monthly on an evening. You are warmly invited to attend.

### **Helping from home**

If you are too busy to give time during the day, there are other things you can do. For example, parents/carers can help to fundraise, organise social events or help with D.I.Y or publicity.

### **Further information**

Please ask for further information about ways you can become more involved.