



Parental Involvement Policy

INTRODUCTION

Stone Bay Montessori and Beach School acknowledges that parents are the first educators of their young children. The aim of the Nursery is to support our parent's essential work, not to supplant them. Children do better and achieve more when parents and school work closely together. Stone Bay Montessori and Beach School values parental involvement and open communication as an effective way of enhancing school achievements and offering the children the best start on their educational journey. This policy therefore highlights ways in which parents and staff at Stone Bay, through working together, can best support the children.

THE SCHOOL COMMITMENT

Stone Bay Montessori and Beach School undertakes to do its best for all children in the school and to communicate and work as closely as possible with parents in order to provide the best education appropriate to each child's individual needs.

HOME-SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

At the heart of a successful home-school relationship is good communication. Below are some of the ways in which the school will try to keep parents fully informed:

- Parents are invited into the school during their child's settling in sessions where they can meet their child's key carer and the rest of the team.
- Each child is allocated a Key Carer, who will be the parent's regular point of contact to help with settling in, educational and emotional support etc. Additionally, the owner, and nursery manager are always on hand to discuss anything and the settings SENCo will help with any concerns regarding special educational needs.
- Regular emails are sent out, detailing school changes, and forthcoming events to be diarised and any other general updates.
- Stone Bay Montessori and Beach School uses a system called My Montessori Child to record observations on children, plan their next steps and produce statutory reports. A selection of these observations are sent to parents on a regular basis and the Learning Albums are made available to parents at the end of the academic year.
- All School information can also be found on the My Montessori Child loggings, including School Notices, news, events, class lists and contact details.

- The school has an 'open door' policy and is always pleased to speak with parents about their children. Drop off or pick up can be busy times, so an email or telephone conversation will enable us to give you our full attention. If needs be, a face-to-face meeting can be set up at a mutually convenient time.
- Parents are regularly encouraged to contribute to our topic work, whether this is lending artefacts for display or sharing their expertise on a topic by joining us for a morning and working with the children.
- Parents are invited in for Parents evenings in the Autumn and Summer terms.
- Parents will always get a handover at pick up by either a member of the management team or their child's key carer. They will give parents an overview of the child's day and talk about some of the highlights.

HOW PARENTS CAN ASSIST

- Keep the school informed about changes in a child's circumstances. *It is very important that the school has accurate contact information and medical records in order that the children can be looked after properly while in school.*
- Keep the school informed about any changes at home, e.g. Mummy or Daddy going away on a business trip, an ill grandparent etc. This will allow us to support your child in an appropriate way and may help us to account for any behaviour changes.
- Complete the 'Home Assessment' on My Montessori Child so that we can gain a baseline understanding of where your child is in their learning and development.
- Read the school emails and notices on My Montessori Child. *This is the main way of informing parents of school and education related matters. If we have cases of contagious diseases, for example chickenpox this will also be posted here.*
- Contribute to our topic work, whether this is lending artefacts for display or sharing expertise on a topic by joining us for the morning and working with the children.
- Contribute any of your own observations to 'My Montessori Child'.