

PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS

At Carmena Christian day nursery we respect parents as their child's first and most enduring care-givers and educators. From settling and day-to-day care to assessing and planning, we include and value parents' input. It is important for children to witness the good relationships between parents and practitioners.

For babies and toddlers we complete Daily Sheets each session to provide parents with detailed information about their child's time at nursery and facilitate a two-way communication channel between the children's worlds. This is reinforced with our 'red books' which offers regular feedback between home and nursery. As well as daily hand-over discussions and our open door policy, parents are invited for regular reviews on their child's progression.

ENABLING ENVIRONMENTS

The nursery provides a welcoming and stimulating environment where children feel secure and able to access challenging and exploratory activities in a safe space. We ensure the indoor and outdoor environments are communication friendly and rich in text and visual images. Daily fresh air is an integral part of the nursery ethos and we go out in all weathers as the children take great delight in our beautiful outdoor areas. We recognise the benefits of natural and everyday objects for the children to interact with and this is widely used throughout the nursery through heuristic play and treasure baskets. These will include wood, metal and a range of fabric, textures and colours for the children to experience.

Children work together, to produce colourful creative work to illustrate their learning which is displayed around the nursery. We document children's learning successfully by displaying photographs of activities/events the children have taken part in to visually show the learning process to the children, staff and parents/carers.

OUTDOOR ENVIRONMENT

Our children have access to a safe, enclosed and artificially-turfed garden every day, with a free-flow system in place for Toddler room. Covered and shaded areas enable use of the garden in all seasons. Children are encouraged to take an interest in their world and care for nature through activities such as bird-watching, discovering mini-beasts or growing flowers, fruit and vegetables. As well as a grassed section, slides and ride-on toys, the garden hosts a playhouse, sensory garden, pond, nature

garden, offering a wide choice of resources with many learning, social and physical opportunities.

ONLINE LEARNING JOURNEY

Famly is a smart phone and tablet app which brings you closer to your child's development at nursery. You will be able to see a timeline of your child's day at nursery, with photos, videos and notes on your child's daily activities. We want to make sure we work with parents to enhance your child's development, so as well as being able to see what he or she is getting up to while in our care, you can get involved and contribute your own photos and notes from home to show all of the fun things your child gets up to outside of nursery. Together we can provide the very best experience throughout your child's early years.

Famly goes hand in hand with software called iConnect. Our practitioners use tablets to take learning observations and photos.

SECURITY

The system is very secure. You will be the only one outside of the nursery that can view your child's profile and you will access it with a unique and secure log in.

GETTING ACCESS

You can download Famly from the Google Play Store & the Apple App Store. If you don't have a smart phone, you can log in at **www.famly.co**. We send you out a secure email to invite you to activate your account and set up a unique Famly log in once your child has started at the setting.

**For further information,
please speak to your
Childcare Manager.**



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