



Little Swans Day Nursery

## *Parent Partnership Group Aims and Objectives*

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### **Statement:**

Little Swans is committed to maintaining strong links with parents/ carers and the local community so that we can learn together and provide the best opportunities for our children. Because of this we set up a parent group 'CYGNET' (Caring for Young Group with Nurture Education and Teamwork).

### **What the Early Years Foundation Stage says:**

"Parents are children's first and most enduring educators. When parents and practitioners work together in early year's settings, the results have a positive impact on children's learning and development. It is known that what parents do at home with young children has the greatest impact on a child's social, emotional and intellectual development."

### **As a member of our Cygnet group you can support the nursery by:-**

- Providing ideas for fundraising events and activities
- Helping to organise and fundraise for resources such as: playground equipment etc.
- Helping to organise and fundraise for the local community

### **(We feel that fundraising events provide good opportunities for the children to take part in different exciting activities and group events)**

- Supporting staff to enrich the educational experiences of the children by participating in activities/ workshops
- Accompanying groups on trips
- Informing nursery of local events we could participate in
- Assisting, helping and organising events extra curriculum events such as: Teddies bear picnics; Maths/ Creative/ Science/ Music/ Art/ P.E weeks; Visitors coming in to speak to the children about religions and cultural matters etc.

We are always looking for new ways to connect with the local community that might provide sponsorship for the nursery; such as the library; children's centres; local businesses etc.

We have a nursery policy which maximises adult support effectiveness by not placing parents with their own children; even when helping on a nursery trip you will not have your own child within your designated group. This policy works really well for our parents, nursery and children.