

## **Participation with Young Children.**

*Children must be provided with experience and support which will help them to develop a positive sense of themselves and of others; respect for others; social skills; and a positive disposition to learn. Children who are encouraged to feel free to express their ideas and their feelings, such as joy, sadness, frustration and fear, can develop strategies to cope with new, challenging or stressful situations.*

### **Our policy for Participation with young children:**

#### **We believe:**

Participation with Young Children is a thread which runs through every aspect of the nursery environment. Children will be involved and their opinions sought in regards to all aspects of their care and education whilst in our care. It is crucial to children's future success that their earliest experiences help to build a secure foundation for learning throughout their preschool years and beyond. Practitioners must be sensitive to the individual development of each child to ensure that the activities they undertake are suitable for the stage that they have reached.

### **Our procedures for Participation with young children:**

#### **We support this by:**

- Children will be part of the ongoing planning systems within nursery through observations, planning and consultation
- All work with children will be based on respect for children's opinions, knowledge, experience and understanding.
- The nursery will support practitioners and parents to develop the skills and attitudes needed to engage effectively with children and young people, through training and information sharing.  
Key people will meet regularly with children in order to get their views and opinions which will then feed into nursery development plans, curriculum activities and menus.
- Children will also be consulted around any potential new staff or any changes affecting their day to day life whilst in the nursery setting.
- Support children to build resilience which will provide them with the tools they need to respond to the challenges of adolescence and young adulthood and to navigate successfully in adulthood