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We believe that children benefit most from early education and care when parents and settings work together in partnership. This Centre will endeavour to work with parents to provide quality care for all the children in their care.

We recognise that parents are their child's first and most important educators, and the most valuable contribution parents can give us is commitment to their children's education and personal development. We strive to work effectively with our parents to enrich the programme of study we offer and to raise children's achievement.

- All parents are welcome to visit the Centre at any time.
- Parents have access to their child's records and are consulted in respect of the care given.
- Information about the Centre activities and events is regularly distributed.
- The Centre has a monthly newsletter which is sent out by email at the beginning of each month.
- Parents can read all the policies from our website
<http://www.southampton.ac.uk/studentservices/earlyyearscentre/nursery.html>

When we refer to parents we mean both mother and father: these include natural or birth parents as well as step parents, adopted parents and legal guardian, parents who do not live with the child, but have contact with them and play an important part of their lives. Parents also include same sex parents as well as foster parents.