

## **Partnership with Parents and Carers**

**Olveston Out of School Club recognises that parents/carers play the fundamental role in a child's development and this should be acknowledged as the basis for a partnership between the Club and parents/carers.**

The staff team is committed to working in partnership with parent/carers to provide high quality, safe and stimulating care, learning and play opportunities for children. The Club aims to achieve this by:

- Ensuring that parents/carers are made to feel welcome and valued in all dealings with the Club.
- Ensuring that parents'/carers' concerns are always listened to by the Club whenever they are raised. The Club Managers will ensure that parents/carers receive a prompt response from the Club.
- Developing a mission statement outlining what parents/carers can expect from the Club. This statement will be given to every parent/carer when their child starts at the Club. A copy will also be posted up in the Club's premises.
- Making all information and records held by the Club on a child available to their parents/carers, unless it is subject to investigation by the police or other statutory agencies.
- Ensuring that the Club's policies and procedures are made available to parents/carers on request.
- Encouraging parents/carers to comment on the Club's policies and procedures and consulting them on a regular basis about the activities that are planned and provided for their children.
- Ensuring that there are regular opportunities for parents/carers to meet with staff and discuss their child's progress and any problems that they might be encountering.
- Ensuring that any complaints from parents/carers are dealt with swiftly and effectively in accordance with the provisions of the Complaints Procedure policy.
- Encouraging parents/carers to undertake supportive roles in the Club, such as volunteering or participating in activities.
- Providing parents/carers with formal and, if necessary, confidential means to comment on the work of the Club. This will include an annual satisfaction survey.
- Keeping parents/carers up to date with any changes in the operation of the Club, such as alterations to the opening times or fee levels through news items posted on the website.