

# **PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT SETTLING IN AT PLAYGROUP**

## **POLICY AND PRACTICE**

The group will:-

- welcome new parents/ carers and help them to become familiar with the day to day routine of the group, together with appropriate guidelines of good practice, and therefore make certain that all children are welcome
- encourage parents/carers and their children to visit the group as a family before registering with a particular group.
- offer a flexible approach to all parents/carers to allow for a settling in period when starting and for all concerned to become used to the group's routines and policies along with the philosophy of Wales Pre-school Playgroups Association
- welcome the contributions of all parents/carers whatever form these might take and ensure they have opportunities to contribute their skills, knowledge and interest
- involve all parents/carers in the progress of their child formally or informally and to work with them in sharing all records concerning their child
- inform parents/carers that the group has adopted a number of policies to provide a quality environment for all involved
- ensure that all parents/carers are kept fully informed about all meetings and training and that these will be held at various times and venues to take into account individual family needs
- ensure that all parents/carers are aware of how any queries, complaints or suggestions can be made
- ensure that all parents/carers are able to talk and discuss personal matters relating to their child, in confidence, on a daily basis if required
- offer parents/carers the opportunity to borrow, or buy, Wales PPA publications and periodicals
- encourage parents/carers to play an active part in the running and management of the group and the group's role in the democratic decision making of Wales PPA
- provide opportunities for parents/carers to participate in the group's activities, to learn about the pre-school curriculum and the importance of play in the child's development both in the group and at home
- make every effort to provide translation services or interpreters as needed for parents/carers whose first language is not that of the group

