Family Participation

One of the Playgroup's core values is Community. Our central community is made up of the families and carers who use the space. Major decisions are made by the families by way of the Parent Committee. All parents are automatically members of the Parent Committee and receive information about this when they start at Playgroup.

The Parent Committee employ staff to use their professional skills and judgement to work with families to ensure the best outcomes for the children who attend.

In order to effectively direct the Playgroup, families must understand the values, aims, and policies of the Playgroup, and the obligations of the Playgroup as a Partner Provider of Early Learning and Care with the City of Edinburgh Council.

Feedback, from all families that use the space, is sought and acted upon in conjunction with staff guidance and observation, as part of our decision-making process and self-evaluation for improvement planning to ensure quality in our service provision.

The Parent Committee and staff work together on shared aims to provide a quality space for children's learning and care. A quality space includes recognition and celebration of the diversity in our Playgroup community. The Chairperson will seek to coordinate families and staff working together to enable everyone to be included in the Playgroup community.

The Playgroup community, and City of Edinburgh Council, should work in partnership to bring about the best outcomes for the children.

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