

# Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Nursery

## PICO Policy

### Mission Statement

*"You are precious in my eyes" - Isaiah 43*

- *Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Nursery is committed to the widest and fullest education of all pupils in a partnership between home, nursery, parish and community.*
- *Our nursery aims to create a happy, ordered environment where all members feel secure, valued and respect each other.*
- *Our nursery aims to be a positive force within the Catholic Church inspired by the life of Christ in the Gospels*

The parental involvement co-ordinator (PICO) in nursery is Mrs. C. Parkinson.

### The role of the PICO;

- To promote good practice and encourage parents to take an active role in their child's care and education.
- To be pro-active in the development of policies to encourage inclusive parental involvement.
- To support staff when working with parents.
- Evaluate the parental involvement in the setting.
- Devise and facilitate implementation of action plan to assess effectiveness of parental involvement strategies.
- Collate quantitative/qualitative evidence. (Questionnaires/surveys)
- Engage in continuing professional development for self and other team members.

### **At Our Lady Star of the Sea nursery we aim to be;**

- Approachable and welcoming to parents/carers and families.
- Offer a clear 'settling in' strategy—when both children and parents/carers are actively helped to settle into the setting,
- Support key persons to build positive relationships with all the family.
- Give open access to records of children's learning.
- Offer resources that are attractive and accessible and inclusive to all parents/carers and reflect a wide range of families and experiences.
- To have explore strategies in place to try reaching parents who are not fully accessing the provision.
- To have a clear 'transition' strategy—to support children and parents/carers 'moving on' to reception,
- To offer workshops/ courses to help parents support and take an active role in their child's learning, well being and development.
- To provide informal opportunities are provided at the beginnings and ends of sessions for parents/carers to discuss concerns and celebrate achievements.
- To ensure parents and carers have maximum opportunity to contribute to their child's learning.
- To recognise and understand the needs of our local community and families.
- To provide a physical space that encourages parents and carers to spend time in nursery.

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- Take parents/carers observations of children into account when planning future learning,
- To give support for children's learning at home we provide;

Lending library for children and parents  
Story sacks  
Home link activities (on website and Purple Mash)  
Website  
E-mail  
Termly parent drop in sessions  
Parent workshops  
Volunteer helper rota  
Group texts  
Information notice board  
Information leaflets  
Open door policy

**Signature of Chair of Committee members:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Nursery Supervisor:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_