

Children's participation policy and procedure

Children who are capable of forming their own views have the right to express those views freely in all matters affecting the child, the views of the child being given due weight in accordance with the age and maturity of the child. (Article 12, UN Convention on the Rights of the Child)

“Participation means that it is my right to be involved in making decisions, planning and reviewing any action that might affect me. Having a voice, having a choice.”

***Wenvoe Playgroup CIO* recognises that involving children in decisions about their care increases their self-esteem and it is our policy to include the voice of the children in our care in all aspects of our work.**

We will do this by:

- Ensuring staff (students and volunteers) implement positive attitudes about children's participation in their work.
- Providing training for staff as appropriate.
- Listening to what children say to us, and taking action as needed.
- Feeding back to children who have contributed and informing them of any actions that have been taken as a result.
- Involving children in our care in the annual review of the quality of care provided in line with regulatory requirements.

This **children's participation** policy and procedure was passed for use in *Wenvoe Playgroup CIO*

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