

PARTICIPATION POLICY

At 123 Club we believe that actively promoting the participation of children in the decision-making process creates a sense of partnership and benefits everyone, children, staff and parents/carers. We aim to involve the children whenever decisions are being made that affect them.

We aim to follow the principles set out in Articles 12 and 13 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child which state that:

A CHILD'S OPINION SHOULD BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN ANYTHING THAT AFFECTS THEM.

CHILDREN SHOULD HAVE INFORMATION DISSEMINATED IN A WAY THAT ENABLES THEM TO MAKE CHOICES AND DECISIONS.

Involving and consulting children helps them develop new skills such as negotiation, sharing, and understanding the perspectives of others. It helps them to understand how decisions are made and shows them that their opinions are important. At 123 Club we actively encourage the children to voice their opinions about the running of our setting by:

Asking questions and paying full attention to the answer

Listening to what they are saying verbally (or through the use of visual

Regular questionnaires and gathering feedback on activities

The Suggestions Box

Noticeboards

We make sure we act on any consultation with the children so that they can see that their input has had a visible outcome..

At 123 Club the children have the opportunity to participate and make decisions on a daily basis, including, but not limited to:

Choosing freely what type of play to engage in

Suggestions of games

Helping to tidy up

Selecting new equipment and activity planning

using our Suggestion Box to request new resources, activities or other changes

