



NURSERY FORUM

What is a Nursery Forum?

The Nursery Forum was originally established to meet requirements stipulated by the Inland Revenue, with regard to work place childcare. Today it provides an opportunity to strengthen the partnership between the organisation and the parents/carers using the service. It is a forum designed for both employer representatives, and parents, to come and discuss the service and facilities provided. The forums are held on a termly basis, after opening hours, for everybody to attend.

What is the purpose of them?

The forum serves as an opportunity for parents/carers and employer representatives to voice their ideas and suggestions concerning the nurseries.

What happens at a Nursery Forum?

The Team Leader from each of the rooms gives a short presentation, to discuss topics, activities and events that are planned for each of the age groups for the forthcoming months.

Occasionally a guest speaker will be invited to give a talk. The topic of the talk is suggested, usually by a parent, then discussed and agreed by the forum.

What will be gained by attending?

Although the forums are held to discuss nursery issues, they are also an opportunity to meet and speak to other parents, on a social basis. In addition forums provide an insight into the topics, work and activities that parents and carers can continue at home with their child(ren).

The Nursery Forum also enables parents and carers to meet both nursery staff and York Childcare Ltd representatives.

What jobs have to be done?

As the forum is for all nursery users, parents are encouraged to take on the active roles of Chair and Secretary.

A ballot is held on an annual basis, when all users are given the opportunity to vote for both roles. Prior to the ballot, parents may put themselves forward as a possible candidate. The successful candidates will then stand for a period of one year.

Who attends?

The forums are supported and attended by:

- Parents and carers
- A member of the Management Board
- The General Manager
- The Nursery Manager
- The Team Leaders from both rooms
- Employer representatives