



## Leading Parent Partnership Award

### Final Verification Report

School	Holly Tree Montessori Nursery
Address	108 Edgeley Road Edgeley Stockport SK3 OTT
Nursery Manager	Carla Heapy
LPPA Co-ordinator (if different)	
Date Of Assessment	14 December 2016
Verifier	Andy Taylor

#### Commentary on the Evidence Provided in the LPPA Portfolio

- The co-ordinator compiled a very thorough and well organised portfolio; the latter also evidences a setting which is very reflective and uses evaluative data effectively.
- All stakeholders and local partners have been kept well informed about developments towards the LPPA.
- Holly Tree Nursery has monitored very closely the impact of all it has developed due to the implementation of the LPPA action plan.
- The working party has been very effective in its role.
- The ideas developed at the LPPA meetings have given the setting a clear direction.
- The learning environment is very calm, nurturing and effective. The displays celebrate work of the children.
- External and internal signage is very clear and helpful.
- The nursery uses a range of methods, including social media, to effectively communicate with parents. This was verified through discussion with the parents.
- All the information and documentation sent home is presented in a very clear format.
- The parents are given many opportunities to come into the setting to learn more about the Montessori philosophy and curriculum. There are a range of other courses to which parents are invited.
- The “closed” Facebook page is an excellent way to gain instant feedback from the parents.
- The induction and transition processes are personalised and are subsequently very effective.
- Feedback is collated about the induction process and points to develop are identified.
- Holly Tree is very effective in the ways it celebrates the achievements of the children and also the contribution of parents and grandparents.
- The child’s summative assessments and next steps are very clear and informative.

## Strengths Identified In The Review

- The development of the LPPA within the setting has been extremely thorough and the co-ordinator has been highly effective in her role.
- The nursery is very flexible in its approach to involving parents.
- Effective management has involved all the staff and as a result the whole school community has “ownership” of the LPPA.
- The LPPA framework has been used very effectively as a diagnostic tool.
- Holly Tree Nursery is an educational setting where parent partnership is a core principle throughout.
- The nursery is a very welcoming place and is an organised and very effective learning environment.
- The staff are very approachable and parents are confident to ask questions and share concerns.
- The nursery and parents work in a real partnership to help the children progress in their learning.
- The parents are greatly appreciative of the nursery and all it does.
- Parents stated that the staff were very flexible and would always try their hardest to accommodate their needs.
- The parents value the ways in which the nursery listens to their opinions and act upon them.
- There is a lot of guidance given to the parents to help them support the children with their learning.
- The on-line learning journeys give the parents a chance to contribute to and celebrate their children’s education.
- Induction and transition procedures are very effective, resulting in parents being well informed of changes as their children progress through the nursery and beyond.
- Parents felt that their induction was very personalised and were very grateful for all the time the staff spent with them.
- Parents are given the opportunity to feedback on policies and procedures adopted by the nursery.
- There are a range of effective mechanisms to celebrate the children’s successes in their learning – e.g. postcards sent home.

## Areas For Development

- To embed the new processes the nursery have adopted around induction and to monitor them for impact.
- To continue to use the model of specific LPPA meetings with parents to continue to drive developments.

## Recommendation By Verifier

- The nursery to be awarded the LPPA Award for a period of three years.

## Manager Comment

We have really enjoyed our LPPA journey, there were things that we already had in place beforehand but we feel that the process has made us evaluate things that we do with parents much more effectively. We will carry on with our LPPA group as this has had a really positive effect on the nursery as a whole. A big thanks to Sarah for all her support over the last 10 months and thanks to Andy for making the verification day so calm.

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