



# Dunkirk Fun Club: Wraparound Childcare - Breakfast and Afterschool Club

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## Dunkirk Fun Club: Wraparound Childcare Policies

### 9: Involving and Consulting Children

**Our Club, and all its members of staff, are committed to the principle of involving and consulting children whenever decisions are made within the Club that affect them.**

The club believes that actively promoting the participation of children in decision-making processes is beneficial to children, staff and the Club as a whole.

The club's commitment to involving and consulting children stems from the 'listening to children' provisions set out in Articles 12 and 13 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. These state that:

- A child's opinion will be taken into account in anything that affects them.
- Children will have information disseminated in a way that enables them to make choices and decisions.

For children, involvement and consultation helps them to develop new skills such as negotiating, sharing and understanding the perspectives of others. It helps them to understand how decisions are made, and recognises that their opinions are important.

For both staff and the club, there are multiple benefits of such an approach such as improved behaviour, a relationship with children based on partnership, a more cohesive environment and activities and decisions that children feel a sense of ownership over.

The manager and staff will work with children to draw up a charter that will set out the expectations and responsibilities of the club, the staff team and the children in respect of consultation and involvement. Parental involvement in drawing up and implementing the charter will also be encouraged.

You Spoke, we listened is also a form of feedback the Club operates. It is a form

[https://dunkirkprimary.formstack.com/forms/you\\_spoke\\_we\\_listened](https://dunkirkprimary.formstack.com/forms/you_spoke_we_listened) for parents/carers, children and staff to, anonymously or named, send likes, dislikes, suggestions, wishes, queries etc, so the Manager and the club can act upon them where possible and discuss further if needed.

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Consultation and involvement will be regularly monitored and acted upon so that children are able to see that their input has led to visible outcomes. The club and its staff will also be clear about what decisions children will be involved in and attempt to offer clear explanations if and when consultation and involvement is deemed inappropriate.

All children will be listened to and consulted actively. This will take a number of forms, including:

- Listening to what they say in speech and other forms of communication.
- Observing body language and behaviour.
- Drama and role play.
- Through play and creative expression.
- Via regular group-based discussions and Q and A sessions.
- Questionnaires and other regular feedback on activities.
- Notice boards that carry important information about activities at the club.
- Regular children's meetings, between children and staff, discussing the club's activities and any other relevant topics.

As per the care, learning and play policy, our planning process is as follows:

Each half term

1. The Manager to record significant dates on the calendar board
2. Staff will have a staff meeting that will include discussing planning ideas, referring to the significant dates and any other themes felt significant for that half term
3. Children and staff to have a planning meeting. Staff will have a list/picture of significant dates that half term, plus themes discussed in planning meeting, to support the children, and children will record their ideas on big paper. Children will work in buddy groups with mixed ages.
4. The Manager, Deputy Manager and Senior playworker will have a planning meeting to record all planning ideas
5. The Manager or Deputy Manager will complete planning
6. Planning is shared with Staff, and displayed in the rooms and on the website
7. An activity and enrichment timetable is also displayed, that refers to timings (approximate) and staff members' enrichment activities

Age, maturity and the type of decision being made will determine the extent and nature of children's involvement. However, the emphasis should always be strongly in favour of involving children.

***Date of review/update and sent to the Board of Trustees for ratification: 18.10.22***  
***Signed by Jamie Curtis, Manager***

***Date of ratification: 28 October 2022***  
***Signed by Dunkirk Fun Club Trustees***

***Next review date: October 2023***