# Family Participation in Child’s Learning and Development Letter

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Dear families and caregivers,

Your ideas, experiences and skills are greatly valued and we encourage you to participate in our curriculum and service activities. There are many opportunities, both small and large, to help us extend your child’s learning and development, and your child will love having you present and sharing your knowledge, skills or talents with their friends. Note we also welcome grandparents and extended family members to our service. Here are just a few ideas.

***Occupations and Hobbies***

We welcome all parents to the Service to talk about their occupation or hobby (eg music, craft, cooking). Everything parents do interests children and these talks are some of the best educational resources you can give our Service. We use information from discussions about occupations and hobbies in our programming and the ideas explored from parent talks can last for weeks.

***Home Culture***

We encourage you to share aspects of your culture and family life with our children. Many of our learning outcomes are based on understanding of and respect for different cultures and ethnic backgrounds, and children (and staff) enjoy learning about different belief systems and ways of living. This may include, for example, learning about different foods and traditional meals. You may wish to lead a cooking activity.

***Reading***

Children love being read to. If you or your parents have the time please contact your room educators to organise a suitable for reading.

***Excursions***

We often need additional adults to help supervise children during excursions. This is a wonderful opportunity to share your child’s experiences in their local community, and to learn about their friends and social interactions. You’ll also get to see how we use these experiences to promote children’s learning, and how the experiences often lead to the many varied topics we explore.

***Recyclables***

We’re always on the lookout for clean, recyclable items like empty food containers, ribbons, wrapping paper, towel tubes (not toilet, egg or milk because of hygiene and allergy issues), paper and anything interesting from your work. All contributions are much appreciated and will be used by the children as they create, imagine, explore, hypothesise etc. Keep a look out for their amazing work!

***Family Photos***

We love displaying family photos, and welcome all your contributions. Not only do the photos create a warm, friendly and homely environment, they may also prompt activities and experiences related to the photos’ content. This is ideal for children’s learning and development, as children are likely to be engaged in an activity related to their interests, strengths or everyday lives.

If you would like more information about how you can participate in your child’s learning, please let me know or discuss with your child’s Room Leader. Please remember, you are always welcome to visit or call the Service at any time.

Sincerely,

<insert name of Nominated Supervisor>

Nominated Supervisor

Ph <insert number>

<insert date>