

### **Parent 3 – Questionnaire: Parents And Teachers' Understanding and Practices of Play and Learning**

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1.What you understand by term the play for 3-4-year-old children?

Play are activities that children engage in. Play can either be structured or unstructured. Interacting with the child through play, can be in the form of structured play such as building blocks or unstructured like bath time fun.

2. How do you engage your child in play and learning ?

We try to add different areas of learning like counting or shapes when outside or bake together. Activities such as these are fun and at the same time allows learning to take place. This variety of play activities allows different aspects of learning to take place.

3. Do you consider play as learning ? Explain

Yes I do. When children are playing they are learning. The different activities that they engage allows them to learn. For example when they play with shapes or blocks they actually learning what each shape is.

4. Do you think play is more important than learning ? Why ?

No, I feel It is equally important. They are linked. Children are learning through play so they are both important.

5. Do you think learning is more important than play ? Why ?

No I feel that they are equally important. I think that play is needed in order for children to learn. They go together so they are both important.

6. Do you prefer that your child plays and learns? Why?

Yes, it engages the imagination and allows the child to learn at their own pace .

7. Does your child like to play ? Why ?

She does, started playing on her own from about 6 months and now she is 4. She finds all play activities fun and therefore loves to play.

8. When you go shopping with your child, do you allow your child to choose his/her own toy? Why?

I usually give her two options and then ask her to choose one, I don't give her free range as she might choose a toy that I think is not appropriate for her age or personality

9. How do you ensure that your child is happy/delighted with the learning activities?

This can be difficult but to assess but I usually ask her about her experiences regarding the activity. She lets me know what she enjoys doing.

10. Does learning take place inside or outside the house?

It takes place both inside and outside, but more dominate inside. She plays inside with a variety of equipment and we even bake together.

11. Describe how you set up the play learning environment for the child?

Not always done intentionally, she has a chalk board in her room where she can practice writing.

It is structured sometimes when she does art or colouring then I provide her with the colouring and art equipment and set it out for her.

12. From the pictures explain which picture best depicts learning? Explain

I would say all the pictures depict learning just in different ways. I would say each picture is important for learning. Parents need to be involved in children's learning, children learn when playing outside, educators play a role in children's learning and a child needs to be independent. So each picture depicts learning as is needed for learning

13. Do you consider certain play activities to be risky activities? Explain

I am sometimes overly cautious when it comes to some play activities, I feel that children in this age group still require adequate supervision.