

West Byfleet Nursery's Guide to the EYFS for Parents and Carers



At West Byfleet Nursery, we are here to give your child a happy and healthy start in life (including oral health), by providing high quality childcare that meets your child's needs and interests. This guide gives an introduction to how we will go about this, using the Early Years Foundation Stage framework (2024).

Your child's key person

Your child's key person will work closely with you and your child, to build a positive relationship that helps your child feel safe and secure as they settle in; giving them the confidence to participate and enjoy their time with us.

Your child's key person will observe your child to ensure that the care we provide meets their individual needs. Your involvement is essential in this, therefore, we will keep you regularly informed of your child's progress and, in turn, the information you provide to your key person about your child's interests, development and experiences at home will help us to build on your child's development. Your key person is here to listen and help, so please feel free to share any comments or concerns you may have.

The Early Years Foundation Stage

The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS 2024) is a legal framework which provides a set of requirements that we adhere to, to ensure that all children from birth to five years old who attend our provision are safe and healthy, and that they are supported to learn and develop to their full potential.

The EYFS learning and development requirements cover the following:

- The seven areas of learning and development and the educational programmes.
- The early learning goals, which summarise the knowledge, skills and understanding that all young children should have gained by the end of the reception year.
- The assessment requirements

The EYFS safeguarding and welfare requires settings to take all necessary steps to keep children safe and well; safeguard children; ensure the suitability of adults who have contact with children; promote good health; manage behaviour; maintain records, policies and procedures.

Our policies and procedures explain in detail the steps we take to satisfy the requirements of the EYFS in our everyday practice. Please ask any member of our team to view our policies and procedures, or we can provide you with copies to take away and read. These are also available on our website. We are inspected and regulated by Ofsted on the quality of our childcare provision against the requirements of the EYFS. Please ask any member of our team to view a copy of the EYFS or our most recent Ofsted report.

Alternatively, you can download the EYFS at www.gov.uk/government/publications/early-years-foundation-stage-framework--2 and our Ofsted report at www.ofsted.gov.uk/inspection-reports/find-inspection-report

How we support your child's learning and development

There are seven areas of learning and development within the EYFS through which your child will be gaining knowledge, learn skills, and showing understanding. These areas form the basis of the activities we provide for your child, alongside their unique interests and needs, and enable us to plan for their progress.

Prime areas of learning and development

- Communication and language.
- Physical development.
- Personal, social and emotional development.

Specific areas of learning and development

- Literacy.
- Mathematics.
- Understanding the world.
- Expressive arts and design.

These areas are connected, with learning and development in each area contributing towards that of the others. Building confidence in the prime areas of learning and development is particularly important for children, as it enables them to progress well in the specific areas of learning and development. As we support your child towards achieving the early learning goals for each of these areas of learning, we aim to tailor the opportunities we provide to meet their personal learning and development needs.

How we assess your child's progress

We observe your child throughout the day to identify their interests, how they learn and their progress in each area of learning and development. As you know your child best, we also want to hear your observations of your child; what they like to do at home, as well as any significant events, achievements, or concerns. This assessment of your child helps us to identify and plan their next steps. In addition to our ongoing observations, there will be regular reviews of your child's progress that we will share with you at twice yearly parent's evenings or more often if there are any concerns.

Contact us

We aim to ensure our setting is friendly and welcoming for all families and want you to feel comfortable to approach us at any time. If you have any questions you would like to ask, please speak with your key person or any member of our team. Alternatively, you can contact us by phone on 01932 353288 or by email at westbyfleetnursery@hotmail.co.uk.