



Curriculum planning – information for parents

Dear parents,

When your child arrives in our childcare setting, we ask you for lots of details about their care needs and home learning experiences. We need this information from day 1, so we can get to know them as quickly as possible – and, of course, you are the expert on what they enjoy, their favourite books and games, places they like to play, things they don't like doing etc.

As your child settles in with us and starts to engage with what we are doing, we begin to think about how we can link their home learning with our curriculum. Ofsted want to see individual planning in place for your child from day one, so we don't waste any time getting them into our curriculum.

To comply with the statutory Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS), our curriculum is based on the educational programmes which cover the 7 areas of learning:

- Communication and language
- Personal, social and emotional development
- Physical development
- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the world
- Expressive art and design.

We take the 7 areas of learning and we blend them through your child's days with us, so they are playing while they are reading books, learning songs, rhymes and enjoying sensory and messy play etc. We have lots of toys and games which support learning and we make the best use of our inside and outside areas, as well as taking children on outings into the local community, to help them learn about the world around them.

In our early years setting, we use a blended curriculum – our daily routines, times when we come together as a group, other times when your child plays independently or with friends, group activities such as reading and music and movement, planned adult-guided teaching to help your child learn new things or to develop their current interests.

If you have any questions about our curriculum planning, please ask. Thank you.