



The EYFS

A guide for parents

From September 2012 we are required to implement the revised EYFS framework. The changes do not affect our current practice but only strengthen what we already do!

- There are now seven areas of learning which consist of three **prime** areas and four **specific** areas:

Prime areas

- * Personal, Social and Emotional
- * Communication and Language
- * Physical

Specific areas

- * Literacy
- * Mathematics
- * Understanding the World
- * Expressive Arts and Design

- These areas set the curriculum from birth to the end of reception.
- The three prime areas are used to link to the four specific areas so that children's learning and development covers all seven areas of learning.
- We are required to carry out a progress check for children aged 2 years old to highlight children's strengths and areas for improvement, and to ensure that children's additional needs are identified and early support given if required. This check will be carried out alongside each child's health development check.
- Working closely with parents remains a vital part of the framework, including the role of the Key Person and encouraging parents to support their child's learning at home.
- Practitioners are encouraged to involve parents in all aspects of their child's learning and development by:
 - * involving parents in planning by incorporating interests from home
 - * sharing experiences from home
 - * taking resources from the setting to support children's learning at home
 - * contributing to Learning Journeys with photographs and comments



- We continue to promote strong working partnerships with parents by providing:
 - Daily feedback regarding your child's time at the Centre
 - A parents information area which offers advice and guidance in relation to supporting your child's health, learning and development
 - A healthy meals display with healthy meal ideas for all ages
 - Information about the Centre and all that happens within in our newsletters
 - Invitations to participate in various events, such as, Christmas concert, Garden party, fun days, Christmas fayre
 - Home learning resources to support you to extend your child's learning and development at home
 - Digital Learning Journeys which show you child's progression at the Centre and encourage parents to contribute
 - Customer feedback questionnaires to gain your views of what we do well and what we can improve
 - 'You said, we did' display which shows how we take your comments on board and what we do to improve our service
 - Support with funding for parents who are students, and schools admissions advice for parents with children approaching school age.
 - We also continue to value parents, your views, feedback and comments regarding our service and promote an open door policy to a friendly and warm atmosphere where parents are welcome to chat to staff at any time and ask for support and advice when required.