

Care, Learning, Play & EYFS Policy

The programme of activities and the atmosphere of our club aims to encourage confidence, independence and enjoyment. Our work has, as it's core, the aim of enabling children to develop their emotional, social, cognitive, interpersonal and physical skills, and their desire to explore, discover and be creative.

The club will provide a well-planned and organised play environment that offers children rich and stimulating experiences, along side opportunities to explore, experiment, plan and make decisions for themselves. The programme of activities will recognise and take into account the differing ages, interests, backgrounds and abilities of the children.

Staff will undertake observations based on the EYFS principles. All staff should be able to recognise a child's needs and abilities to enable them to gain the most from their chosen activity. Achievement books will be maintained by staff to record the progress made over the academic year by pupils in the EYFS.

Activities are carefully planned to allow children to build on their natural curiosity, advance their thinking, use their imagination and develop positive social relationships. At all times, the club will recognise a child's individuality, effort and achievement.

Where ever appropriate children will be involved in the process of planning activities so that the programmes will reflect their opinions and choices and so that the children feel some ownership over the club. Such processes will be governed by the procedures set out in Involving and Consulting Policy.

Staffing arrangements will provide opportunities for:

- Reflection on practice

- Recognise that working with children is a complex, challenging and demanding task and that often there are no easy answers.
- That learning is a shared process and that children learn most effectively when with the support of a knowledgeable and trusted adult they are actively involved and interested.

Staff will display flexible styles of leadership and respond appropriately to children according to their age, understanding and needs.

Staff will support, recognise and promote achievements by all children.

The club will provide children with a range of equipment and resources appropriate to their age and interests according to the Care, Learning and Play Policy.

Children will be offered access to outdoor play every day subject to weather conditions.

No child will ever be left un-supervised during activities within the club.

Signed _____ **(Manager)** _____ **(Date)**

Signed _____ **(Chairperson)** _____ **(Date)**