

Learning & Play Policy

I aim to provide a safe and caring environment where children are stimulated through play. Children learn best through play so I strive to offer a variety of activities that will support them in their development.

As an Early Years Provider, I must deliver the Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) to all children in my care from birth up to age 5. I provide activities and resources that will support their learning in each of the seven developmental areas:

Prime Areas	Specific Areas
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Communication and Language• Physical Development• Personal, Social and Emotional Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Literacy• Mathematics• Understanding the World• Expressive Arts and Design

I make use of the following activities and resources to encourage learning and development:

- Books and DVDs
- Small world toys
- Construction toys (Stickle bricks, Connetix, Duplo, Mega blocks etc)
- Pretend play (toy kitchen, shop, doctors set etc).
- Dressing Up Clothes
- Water/ Messy/Sensory play
- Arts and Crafts.
- Music, singing and rhymes
- Cooking & Baking
- Gardening
- Outdoor play and equipment
- ICT Equipment / CD Players
- Outings i.e., Playgroups, Libraries, Farms etc.

I will ensure there is a good mix of both indoor and outdoor activities and a balance of adult led and child-initiated activities.

I will regularly observe your child and make records, in your child's contact diary. These records will enable me to make plans on how I can help your child move onto the next stage of their development and are also of course useful for you to see how your child is progressing.

Whilst there are no learning and development requirements for older children, if your child is 5 and still in the EYFS, I may need to talk to your child's school teacher about how I can best complement their learning during their time with me.

If there is a particular activity that you would like me to do with your child, please let me know. I am happy to support activities that you are doing at home or focus learning on current / recent events. For example, if you have been to a wedding, a new baby is expected or has arrived or you are celebrating a religious or cultural festival, I can continue this theme by providing the children with material to use and support their understanding through books and other resources.