



## **Wick Pre-School introductory guide to the EYFS for parents and carers.**

At Wick Pre-School, we are here to give your child a happy and healthy start in life, by providing high quality childcare that meets your child's needs and interests. We hope this guide gives you an introduction to how we will go about this, using the Early Years Foundation Stage framework.

### **Your child's key person:**

will work with you and your child, to build a positive relationship that makes him/her feel safe and secure as he/she settles in; giving him/her the confidence and support to participate and enjoy their time with us.

will observe your child to ensure that the care we provide meets his/her individual needs.

Your involvement is essential in this, therefore, we will keep you informed of your child's progress and, in turn would appreciate any information about your child's interests, development and experiences at home.

### **The Early Years Foundation Stage.**

The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) 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 setting are safe and healthy, and that they are supported to learn and develop to their full potential.

The EYFS requirements cover the following.

- The learning and development requirements shape the activities and experiences we provide for your child.
- The early learning goals provide a general level of progress, covering knowledge, skills and understanding, that we will support your child to work towards.
- The assessment requirements detail how we will monitor and plan for your child's progress.
- The safeguarding and welfare requirements are steps we follow to ensure your child is kept safe and has their welfare promoted.

Our policies and procedures explain in detail the steps we take to satisfy the requirements of the EYFS in our everyday practice. Please ask if you wish view our policies and procedures.

We are inspected and regulated by Ofsted on the quality of our childcare provision against the requirements of the EYFS.

## **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, learning skills and showing understanding. These 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 he/she likes 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, two reviews of your child's progress will be shared with you.

- Progress check at age two.

When your child is aged between two and three years, your key person will share with you the summary of his/her development in the prime areas of learning. The review may show that your child is progressing at a faster or slower rate in a particular area; this will generally be a normal part of your child's unique development journey.

Where we have concerns, we will carry out further observations and may seek your consent to share the review with other professionals where we feel their support would benefit your child.

- Early Years Foundation Stage Profile.

As your child prepares to start school we will pass on information to the school, through a document called " Celebrating my Learning ". This will give the Reception teacher an idea of where your child is on their journey of learning. This document will be shared with both you and your child, before going to school.

Contact us.

If you have any questions you would like to ask, please feel free to do so at any time. You can speak to your child's key worker who or any member of staff. The Pre-School telephone number is 0117 9373970, email [wickpreschool@btinternet.com](mailto:wickpreschool@btinternet.com)

Pre-School manager Tia Harris, Pre-School Leader and Administrator Sally Tucker.

Further information on the EYFS can also be found at:

<http://www.education.gov.uk/schools/teachingandlearning/curriculum/a0068102/early-years-foundation-stage-eyfs>

Other useful information and a full copy of the EYFS can be found at:

[www.education.gov.uk/publications](http://www.education.gov.uk/publications)