



EYFS 2021 – Information for Parents & Carers

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This month we welcome the introduction of the new **Early Years Statutory Framework**.

What is the EYFS and why is it changing?

The Early years foundation stage (EYFS) statutory framework are the standards that school and childcare providers in England must meet for the learning, development and care of children from birth to age 5. It's purpose is to ensure that children learn and develop well and are kept safe and healthy.

The framework has now been revised with an aim to:

- **Improve outcomes for children**, particularly the outcomes for disadvantaged children, and in the areas of language and literacy.
- Reduce workload and unnecessary record keeping so as practitioners can spend more quality time with children.

The early years curriculum has also been re-written in greater detail with further direction and examples of how to support children within each learning area aspect and there is greater emphasis on supporting children's learning through play.

For further information about the **Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)** can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/early-years-foundation-stage-framework--2>

How will these changes affect your child?

With a reduced focus on record keeping, more time can now be dedicated to supporting your child's individual needs and interests whilst promoting learning through play.

There will be a greater focus on child-centred play pedagogy when planning activities that will help to spark curiosity and hold attention, impacting positively on learning.

Whilst you may see a slight reduction in the amount of written learning and development information that is sent home, it is important that we maintain good communication and that you are kept up to date with your child's progress.

Information will continue to be shared regularly via informal discussions, messaging, notes in contact diaries / emailed activity reports and learning folders although some of these may be issued less frequently or in a new format.

As always, I encourage parents to be involved and welcome you to share information about your child's interests or hobbies, and make suggestions of how we can work together to plan your child's next steps.

If you have any questions regarding the new EYFS or your child's individual progress, please do not hesitate to discuss them with me.