

In our Early Years Foundation Stage we have a nursery offering full time and part time education places and three reception classes.

The guiding principles in our nursery and reception classes are:

- every child is a **unique child**, who is constantly learning and can be resilient, capable, confident and self-assured.
- children learn to be strong and independent through **positive relationships**.
- children learn and develop well in **enabling environments**, in which their experiences respond to their individual needs. There is a strong partnership between staff and parents and/or carers, which is vital to ensuring a child's individual needs are fully met and each child gets the most from their school experience.
- **children develop and learn in different ways and at different rates** and we support all children to learn and develop, including children with special educational needs and disabilities.

Early Years Foundation Stage places great emphasis on children learning by doing. We believe young children should be given more opportunities to gain first hand experiences through play and active involvement. We want them to understand how things work and to find different ways to solve problems.