



EDUCATION POLICY

Philosophy

At Precious Memories Day Nursery we reflect the Early Years Foundation Stage learning and development requirements as we provide an excellent early learning environment, tailored to each individual child in a safe, secure and, most importantly, happy setting.

Children develop and change at different rates. It is vital to encourage each child to reach their full potential at their own pace.

Learning should be relaxed and purposeful, taking into account the individual child's abilities and interests.

General Planning

At Precious Memories Day Nursery we use comprehensive planning based around the individual needs of the children. Planning is led by the observations we collect on the child and on the group. Observations are vital to ensure we meet the needs of the children and different types of observation are undertaken throughout the month.

We ensure that the provision allows children to experience a balanced range of child-led and educator-directed activities. We keep detailed records of individual children's Learning Journals to show the progress they are making in their learning and development. Reflective assessment allows us to record children's achievements and plan for their next steps in learning.

Assessment

The Nursery will adopt the following strategies to assess children:

1. *Observation – Children will be assessed and notes made and recorded in their Learning Journal.*
2. *Questioning and Discussions – Members of staff will ask open ended questions to ascertain and evaluate their learning and progress.*

3. *Video and Photos – Images will be recorded of children’s work and achievements and filed in their Learning Journal.*
 4. *After analysing the observations recorded staff will do the assessment and will decide what opportunities, learning environment, resources and experiences should be provided to children in order to achieve the goal.*
- The progression of children will be maintained in their Learning Journal.
 - Tracking progress will be maintained on each term to track children’s progress.
 - Nursery will also conduct a 2yrs old checks for all the children between the age of 2yrs to 3yrs and the report will be shared with Parents in a parent-teacher meeting and a copy of the report will be given to parents on the same day to share with other agencies like Health Visitor etc.
 - The Nursery will share children’s assessment records and observations with parents through Tapestry Online Learning Journal.
 - The Learning Journal will be sent to the child’s next childcare setting or school and shared with the child’s new teacher to ensure a smooth transition into school.

At Precious Memories Day Nursery children experience the curriculum both inside and outside. Outdoor learning is given equal importance and is planned to encompass the prime and specific areas of Learning and Development.

We carefully track the children’s starting point to make sure that every child learns and develops and reaches their full potential.