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Intent, Implementation and Impact

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Our Early Years provision is designed to ensure that children can learn through a play based curriculum alongside their peers and supported by highly effective Early Years practitioners who are skilled in delivering learning through play. The curriculum is intended to support children in becoming independent learners and to develop their characteristics of effective learning through exciting and creative continuous provision both indoors and outdoors that enables opportunity for child led play and adult directed activity. The curriculum responds to the learning needs and interests of the children and is underpinned by the four themes of the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum.

Our Early Years curriculum is for our children aged 2-5 who attend our Seedlings class and is based around learning through play. The Early Years is where learning begins and where children develop characteristics of effective skills to support their life-long learning. Learning is concentrated upon three Prime areas of learning: Personal, Social and Emotional Development, Physical Development, Communication and Language

Pupils will also access learning focused on four specific areas of learning: Literacy, Mathematics, Understanding the World, Expressive Arts and Design

Running throughout these seven areas of learning are the <u>Characteristics of Effective Learning</u> which underpin learning and development across all areas and support the child to remain an effective and motivated learner. These characteristics are: Playing and Exploring, Active Learning, Creating and Thinking Critically

The Early Years Curriculum has <u>Four Themes</u> that underpin the whole provision and it is important that we invest time in developing and understanding these themes.

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Planning and Teaching	Assessment	Learning through Play	Four Guiding Principles
All planning takes into account our pre-	Ongoing continuous and rigorous	Our Early Years Practitioners	A Unique Child
formal, semi-formal and formal	assessment is at the heart of the	must be highly skilled in 'play'	Every child is unique and our class
learners and personalised targets are	EYFS curriculum to ensure	so that they can:	needs to observe and understand
set for each child to reflect children's	children are making progress	 provide the right 	each child's learning and
abilities and interests.	towards the Early learning Goals	environment for	development.
Personalised planning and target	and the outcomes of their EHCP.	children to learn;	Positive Relationships
setting places a focus on developing	Baseline assessment is an integral	 provide inclusion for all 	All children learn to be strong and as
the prime areas of learning with a shift	part of the planning and	pupils,	independent as they possibly can be
to include the specific areas as children	assessment procedures within	 role model play and 	through positive relationships with
are ready. Planning for continuous	the EYFS curriculum and this can	learning in the	key workers. Key workers are key to
provision takes into account all seven	take up to 6 weeks to undertake	provision;	our outstanding Early Years provision.
areas of learning.	for a new child to fully	 demonstrate 	Enabling Environments
Teaching and learning is responsive to	understand their learning needs	Characteristics of	Children learn and develop best in
children's learning needs and interests.	and unique profile.	Effective Learning;	enabling environments that respond
Observations of the children	PIVATS, Routes for Learning, the	 scaffold learning within 	to individual needs and where there is
throughout the day is paramount to	Engagement Model and bespoke	the provision;	a strong partnership between
extending learning and providing high	sensory profiling tools are used to		practitioners and parents/carers.

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quality provision. Attention Autism can be used to support learners understanding for all pathways. capture small steps f progress within the EYFS. Evidence for Learning is used to capture daily, ongoing assessments of children towards the outcomes of their EHCP.

- recognise when to stand back and observe and when to intervene to further develop learning;
- provide the right balance of child led and adult directed play;
- provide an engaging learning environment for children.

Learning and Development

Children learn and develop in different ways. For children to become the very best they can be, they need to be in an environment where they are valued as a unique child, where positive relationships are developed and where environments enable all children to be their best.

Our Early Years children will have gained the skills, knowledge and behaviour for learning needed to prepare them for the next phase of their education and learning. They have developed characteristics of effective learning and are able to engage with learning and make progress. Characteristics of Effective Learning will look different for each individual child and progress within them will not necessarily be linear. Progress is evidenced through observation, assessments and recorded through Evidence for Learning.

Playing and Exploring-Engagement

By the end of EYFS, children will have developed an inquisitive nature; a love of exploring and finding things out. They will enjoy playing with toys and activities that are familiar to them and will be willing to 'have a go'. They will be able to engage with activities/games/adults that are familiar to them and that they enjoy. They will be open to exploring and finding out about new things.

Active Learning

Children will be able to engage with activities and learning for longer periods of time and will be able to concentrate on developing a new skill and learning new things. They will have an understanding of what they need to achieve in an activity and will show enjoyment in succeeding and achieving. They will keep on trying if they are not successful at first. Children will show an awareness that they are part of a shared learning activity and that a particular outcome is expected.

Creating and Thinking Critically-Thinking

Children will have their own ideas and be able to share these in their own way. They will start to make links between previous experiences and things they know and apply these to new experiences and learning opportunities. They will show independence in their learning and daily routines and will make decisions about how to do things.