



#### Aldermaston CE Primary School – Our Vision

The roots are our strong foundation, ensuring stability and resilience. We nurture the soil by contributing our individual gifts for the benefit of everyone. Exciting and diverse learning experiences stimulate growth. Strong branches reach towards the light, providing shelter and community. As the tree continues to grow, it blossoms and yields a rich harvest. Each fruit is unique and ready for new beginnings.

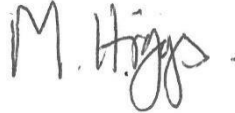



## Early Years Foundation (EYFS) Policy Aldermaston CE Primary School

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### 1. Aims

This policy aims to ensure:

- That children access a broad and balanced curriculum that gives them the broad range of knowledge and skills needed for good progress through school and life
- Quality and consistency in teaching and learning so that every child makes good progress and no child gets left behind
- Close partnership working between practitioners and with parents and/or carers
- Every child is included and supported through equality of opportunity and anti-discriminatory practice

### 2. Legislation

This policy is based on requirements set out in the [2021 statutory framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage \(EYFS\)](#).

### 3. Structure of the EYFS

Aldermaston CE Primary School has available places in EYFS2.

### 4. Curriculum

Our early years setting follows the curriculum as outlined in the 2021 statutory framework for the EYFS.

The EYFS framework includes 7 areas of learning and development that are equally important and interconnected. However, 3 areas known as the prime areas are seen as particularly important for igniting curiosity and enthusiasm for learning, and for building children's capacity to learn, form relationships and thrive.

The prime areas are:

- Communication and language
- Personal, social and emotional development (PSED)

- Physical development

The prime areas are strengthened and applied through 4 specific areas of learning:

- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the world
- Expressive arts and design

#### **4.1 Planning**

Staff plan activities and experiences for children that enable children to develop and learn effectively. In order to do this, practitioners working with the youngest children are expected to focus strongly on the 3 prime areas.

Staff also take into account the individual needs, interests, and stage of development of each child in their care, they use this information to plan a challenging and enjoyable experience. Where a child may have a special educational need or disability, staff consider whether specialist support is required, linking with relevant services from other agencies, where appropriate.

In planning and guiding children's activities, practitioners reflect on the different ways that children learn and include these in their practice.

#### **4.2 Teaching**

Each area of learning and development is implemented through planned, purposeful play, and through a mix of adult-led and child-initiated activities. Practitioners respond to each child's emerging needs and interests, guiding their development through warm, positive interaction.

As children grow older, and as their development allows, the balance gradually shifts towards more adult-led activities to help children prepare for more formal learning, ready for Year 1.

### **5. Assessment**

At Aldermaston CE Primary School, ongoing assessment is an integral part of the learning and development processes. Staff observe pupils to identify their level of achievement, interests and learning styles. These observations are used to shape future planning. Practitioners also take into account observations shared by parents and/or carers.

On entry to the school, staff will complete the Reception Baseline Assessment (RBA) within the first six weeks of the Autumn Term. The RBA is focused on communication, language, literacy and mathematics. The RBA will identify current levels of development and areas for future learning. RBA scores are not reported to parents.

At the end of the EYFS, staff complete the EYFS profile for each child. Pupils are assessed against the 17 early learning goals, indicating whether they are:

- Meeting expected levels of development or,
- Not yet reaching expected levels ('emerging')

The profile reflects ongoing observations and discussions with parents and/or carers. The results of the profile are then shared with parents and/or carers.

## **6. Working with parents**

We recognise that children learn and develop well when there is a strong partnership between practitioners and parents and/or carers.

Parents and/or carers are kept up to date with their child's progress and development. The EYFS profile helps to provide parents and carers with a well-rounded picture of their child's knowledge, understanding and abilities.

Before each child starts school, we will work with parents/carers and prior settings as appropriate to understand that child's individual needs. This also provides an opportunity to establish a good start to communication and partnership with the family. During the first term (Autumn), a parents' meeting will be held to discuss how the child has settled, progress made and if any other support is required. This is repeated in the second term (Spring). In the final term (Summer) an individual written report will be shared including the child's EYFS profile as detailed above.

Regular communication is also supported through the use of face-to-face meetings, phone calls and the use of Tapestry Online, as appropriate.

## **7. Safeguarding and welfare procedures**

Our safeguarding and welfare procedures are outlined in our safeguarding policy.

## **8. Monitoring arrangements**

This policy will be reviewed and approved by FGB every 2 years.

At every review, the policy will be shared with the governing board.

## Appendix 1. List of statutory policies and procedures for the EYFS

Statutory policy or procedure for the EYFS	Where can it be found?
Safeguarding policy and procedures	See child protection and safeguarding policy
Procedure for responding to illness	See health and safety policy
Administering medicines policy	See supporting pupils with medical conditions policy
Emergency evacuation procedure	See health and safety policy
Procedure for checking the identity of visitors	See child protection and safeguarding policy
Procedures for a parent failing to collect a child and for missing children	See child protection and safeguarding policy
Procedure for dealing with concerns and complaints	See complaints policy