



Out of School Club

Early Years Foundation Stage Policy

Brewster Avenue Out of School Provision is committed to meeting the requirements of the *Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage 2014* (EYFS). EYFS applies to all children from birth through to the end of their reception year. More information about EYFS is available from the Department for Education's website.

The designated EYFS coordinator at the Club is Annette Barrett who is responsible for:

- Identifying EYFS children when they join the Club, and informing the other staff
- Acting as key person for each EYFS child
- Liaising with the school and parents to discuss what support the Club offers to EYFS children
- Compiling the individual child's Learning Journal

The Club provides a mix of adult-led and child-initiated activities. The Club always follows play principles, allowing children to choose how they occupy their time, and never forces them to participate in a given activity.

We recognise the four overarching principles of EYFS:

- **A Unique Child:** Every child is constantly learning and can be resilient, capable, confident and self assured. We use positive encouragement and praise to motivate the children in our care.
- **Positive Relationships:** Children learn to be strong and independent through positive relationships. We aim to develop caring, respectful, professional relationships with the children and their families.
- **Enabling Environments:** Children learn and develop well in environments in which their experiences respond to their individual needs and where there is a strong partnership between practitioners and parents/carers. We observe children in order to understand their current interests and development before planning appropriate play-based activities for them.

Children develop and learn in different ways and at different rates. The EYFS framework covers the education and care of all children in Early Years provision, including children with special educational needs and disabilities. We tailor the experiences we offer the children in our care according to their individual needs and abilities.

This policy was ratified by the Governing Body on: 27th February 2019

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