

Early Years Foundation Stage Policy

Blackwell Montessori Nursery Ltd is committed to delivering the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) as set out in the Statutory Framework for Early Years Foundation Stage 2012.

EYFS applies to all children from birth through to the end of their reception year at school.

It sets out the following:

- Legal welfare requirements that everyone registered to look after children must follow to keep your child safe and promote their welfare.
- The seven areas of learning and development which help us as carers to plan your child's play and activities as they learn new skills and gain knowledge.
- Assessments that will tell you about your child's progress through the EYFS.
- Expected levels that your child should reach at age 5, usually at the end of the reception year, these expectations are called the Early Learning Goals.
- There are three prime areas and four specific areas of learning.

The prime areas are:

1. Personal social and emotional development
2. Communication and language
3. Physical development

These prime areas are the most essential to your child's healthy development and future learning.

The specific areas are:

1. Literacy
2. Mathematics
3. Understanding the world
4. Expressive arts and design

It is through these specific areas that the prime areas are strengthened and applied.

The areas are designed to be flexible so that staff supporting your child will make sure that all activities provided are suited to your child's unique needs. Children in the EYFS learn by playing and exploring, being active and through creative and critical thinking which takes part both indoors and outdoors.

Whilst your child is with us at Blackwell Montessori Nursery we will complete an EYFS Pathway Profile. This covers all the prime and specific areas mentioned and will be a journey of your child's development and learning whilst with us. The profile will include photographs, written observations and any information exchanged with you as parents.

There will be a written Progress Check for all 2 year olds carried out by their key worker. This will highlight areas where your child is progressing well and any where they might need extra help or support.

The EYFS Profile should be passed onto the reception teacher at your child's school who will do a final assessment at the age of 5 years. You are free to view your child's profile at any time whilst they are with us at nursery and we encourage you to do so.

Find out more information about the EYFS at www.foundationyears.org.uk