



Early Years Foundation Stage Policy

Mighty Oaks Before and After School Club is committed to meeting the requirements of the Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage, which applies to all children from birth through to the end of their reception year. We understand the importance of maintaining and adhering to, staff to children ratios. More information about the Early Years Foundation Stage is available from the Department for Education's website.

The designated Early Years Lead at the Club is responsible for:

- Liaising with class teachers to discuss how the Club can support the children's learning.
- Ensuring that children's learning is recorded on Tapestry.

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 will never pressurise them to participate in a given activity.

We recognise the four overarching principles of the Early Years Foundation Stage:

- **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 Early Years Foundation Stage 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.

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