

Early Years Curriculum Statement

The Early Years Unit at Holy Family Catholic Primary School takes children from 2 years old. We offer a variety of sessions on a flexible basis, including accepting the 30 hours childcare codes. We do this as we aim to meet the needs of families.

Once children join our Early Years Unit our primary aim is to get to know the children in our care. We do this through careful observations and high quality interactions. We pride ourselves in knowing all of our children well, we tune into their interests and use these to inform our planning of our Early Years environment.

All of the children regardless of age, have a play based curriculum where they can follow their interests and explore both the indoor and outdoor classrooms. As time goes on, children are introduced to adult led activities, which aim to teach age-related expectations from development matters. When children have settled into our 3 year old nursery, we will begin to teach phase one of Letters and Sounds. This will be done through fun, play based activities led by an adult. Children will also have the chance to explore this further by consolidating their learning within the environment, as all aspects of phase one are embedded into our provision both indoor and outdoor. When children reach Reception they will continue with phases 2 - 4 of Letters and Sounds. Throughout the rest of the school, children are streamed for Letters and Sounds to ensure that good progress continues.

We continually observe and assess our children to ensure that the activities that we offer in our environment provide enough challenge and interest to our children. We make our observations in a variety of ways, including using the 2simple app. Through observations we will see the progress that children make and be able to intervene if we feel that a child may need support in a particular area. We have excellent links with the Early Years SEND Team and a range of other agencies that we can get support from if needed.

We feed back to parents at regular intervals throughout the school year (Meet the teacher, Parent Drop in sessions, Parent Review Day, Early Years Open Week) and regularly ask parents to update us on things their children do at home through WOW moment slips or via the class Dojo app.

We hope that this has given you a feel for the curriculum that we offer at Holy Family Catholic Primary School. The best way to get a feel for what we do is to experience it for yourself, so please get in touch for a visit to see our environment in action.