

## The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)

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Your child's earliest years are important in ensuring their healthy development. As your childminder I will be working alongside you planning and supporting your child's unique needs and interests. I will be following the Early Years Foundation Stage Framework that recognises children learn and acquire knowledge through 7 areas of learning and development. It is important to remember that your child will learn in different ways and develop at their own unique rate. All areas of learning are important and inter-connected.

The first 3 areas are known as the Prime Areas of Learning:

Personal, social and emotional  
Communication and language  
Physical Development

These areas are important to babies/toddlers and are the foundations to their learning. I will be focusing on these to ensure your child feels confident, secure and excited about learning as well as supporting healthy development.

When your child is aged between 2 and 3 I will complete a written summary on how they are progressing in those 3 prime areas of learning. This is known as the progress check. Together we will be able to identify where your child is progressing well and where their progress may be less than expected.

As your child grows those 3 prime areas will help your child to develop skills in the 4 specific areas:

Literacy  
Mathematics  
Understanding the World  
Expressive arts and design

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Sharing your child's interests, achievements and actions with me allows us to jointly identify learning priorities and plan opportunities both in my childminding setting and your home. I provide lots of opportunities to share information at informal chats when collecting or dropping off, written notes in the child's daily diary and in their learning journals.

I will make regular observations of your child for their learning journal, using photographs and written observations. The learning journals are confidential, you are welcome to view your child's at any time and I will share it with you periodically. I request that you sign a form giving me permission to carry out and record observations on your child and to take photographs.

For more information on the Early Years Foundation Stage please visit the following:

[www.foundationyears.org.uk/](http://www.foundationyears.org.uk/)

[www.education.gov.uk/publications/standard/AllPublicationsNoRsg/Page1/DFE-00023-2012](http://www.education.gov.uk/publications/standard/AllPublicationsNoRsg/Page1/DFE-00023-2012)