

Supporting Your Child's Journey Through Pre-School

This year is an exciting and important time for your child as they continue to learn, grow and develop through play, exploration and new experiences. Throughout their pre-school year, we will support them to build confidence, independence, communication skills and positive attitudes to learning, helping them to develop the foundations they need for a successful start at school and future learning.

We encourage you to explore the Ready for Reception section on the Early Years and Childcare Service (EY&CC) website. [Getting Ready for Reception](#) It includes practical ideas, activities and advice to support your child's learning and development at home, as well as information about key milestones, including starting school.

We value the important role that families play in children's learning and development and look forward to working with you throughout the year. We will keep you informed about your child's experiences, achievements and any important information relating to their time with us.

Feedback from parents whose children have already started Reception has told us that one of the biggest adjustments can be the change in communication between home and school. Many parents shared that they were surprised by the difference in the level of day-to-day information they received about their child's experiences. To help children and families prepare for this next stage, you may notice a gradual change in the level of day-to-day information shared throughout the pre-school year. We will always communicate important information and discuss any concerns with you, while encouraging children to talk about their own experiences, achievements and learning. This helps children develop confidence and independence and supports families in becoming familiar with the communication approaches commonly used in Reception classes.

Throughout the year, we will also share regular information, ideas and activities that you can enjoy at home to help support your child's confidence, independence and readiness for starting school. These simple activities will help you play an active role in supporting your child's development and celebrate their progress along the way.

Please be assured that your child will continue to be nurtured, supported and encouraged every day. If you have any questions or concerns, please speak to your child's key worker or any member of the team.