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Early Years Education



Kensington Primary School

We want children to love their first years of school. If they develop a positive association with learning from an early age, they will thrive and succeed as they progress through their education. That's why, at Kensington Primary School, we offer an Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum full of memorable experiences. All our children experience a broad, tailor-made curriculum with a carefully considered balance of adult led and child initiated activities. Over many years, these approaches have ensured the best possible outcomes for all our children. Parents and children consistently report how happy they are. We are oversubscribed for entry to Nursery and Reception. And the number of children achieving their Good Level of Development is regularly above the national average.

We want children in our Nursery and Reception to develop physically, verbally, cognitively and emotionally, whilst embedding a positive attitude to school and learning. We understand play is a crucial part of learning and this is at the heart of all we do.



During their time with us, children feel safe, secure and ready to learn, as well as becoming increasingly confident, resilient and independent. We know how important your child's wellbeing is. As a lead school in all aspects of wellbeing, we take our duty of care exceptionally seriously. Your child's health and safety are our number one priority.

We are a highly inclusive school and welcome all children to the school. We are extremely proud of being a flagship school for the Inclusion Quality Mark: demonstrating our commitment to ensuring every child feels special, welcome and cared for.

We want them to believe in themselves and interact positively with others and this is a key focus of the activities and teaching that we provide. We are passionate about creating opportunities for children to communicate more easily through developing their language and communication skills. Our multilingual, diverse community is a great strength. We are currently developing cutting-edge research with a number of universities in regard to the positive impact of multilingualism on children's learning and your children have access to this to support their learning.

One of the key aims of our Early Years Foundation Stage is to continue and extend the education parents and carers have begun at home. We take great pride in working very closely with the parents as well as the local community, and involving them as much as possible in their children's education.

We believe that positive relationships between staff and children, consistent routines and strong relationships with parents are of prime importance. We recognise the crucial role that early year's education has to play in providing firm foundations in order for children to become successful learners.

Children's first years at Kensington provide the best possible start to their education at school. When the time comes, we have a very well-developed transition into Y1, where the children continue to have access to child initiated activities, in-line with much of the latest research and the practice in many high performing countries globally. We are proud to be an Outstanding school and also Primary School of the Year in 2020 but we know that what is most important is every individual child's experience. That is what we turn up for every day and that is what we work so hard to achieve.

