

THE LAWNS CHILDREN'S NURSERY



# CURRICULUM



EDUCATED BEGINNINGS = OUTSTANDING FUTURES

# A Parent's Guide to the Curriculum at The Lawns Children's Nurseries

## What is the curriculum?

The curriculum is everything we want the children to experience and learn whilst they are in nursery.

**Learning** includes new skills, new knowledge and new vocabulary

**Experiences** include trips of the nursery, times when we invite people in, like musicians, charity and community events and intergenerational projects.

- **Children learn a great deal of our curriculum through play and activities they choose.**

- **They also learn through our careful selection of core books, rhymes and songs in the nursery.**

- **We also have 8 curricular goals for every child to work towards.**


## How do young children learn? How do we teach children in the early years?

We have lots of evidence about how young children learn. Here are some key points:

- **Language:** chatting, playing and reading with children every day helps them to learn new words. Language is the foundation of children's thinking. Children who are good communicators at five years of age are most likely to be successful learners throughout their time at school.

- **Relationships:** it is very important for children to feel safe and secure. That is why every child has a Key Person who takes the lead on their care and education. The child also has a secondary Key Person to support the Key Person. Children become more independent when they have strong relationships to fall back on, they also become better at bouncing back when they find something hard, or get upset.



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- Independent play:** children need uninterrupted time to choose their own play and make friends. Adults will often get involved, in a sensitive way, to help children learn whilst they are playing. Adults will think about the important knowledge children need and how they can learn this whilst they are playing.
  - Adult-guided play:** children also need times when adults plan and guide their play. A play activity might be guided so it has a clear focus on learning to count, for example.
  - Direct teaching:** sometimes adults work directly with children to teach them new things. This could include learning to use scissors, ride a trike, or write some of the letters of their name.
  - We offer a balance of all these different approaches.**

### **The Lawns Children's Nurseries 8 Curricular Goals:**

- \* **Settle in and become a confident learner**
- \* **Follow a recipe to bake a bread roll**
- \* **Create an artistic masterpiece**
- \* **Ride a pedal trike or two wheeled scooter (following a map)**
- \* **Grow your own vegetable**
- \* **Create your own dance to a piece of music**
- \* **Make up your own stories**
- \* **Write the first two letters of your name**

**How can parents support children's learning?** Our partnership with parents is a big part of our work. You are the primary educator of your child and your support and encouragement will make a big difference to their learning.

- \*We love observations, sent via your eyParent app.
- \*Please complete your child's 'My World'.
- \*We have a section on our website for 'Learning @ Home' ideas. More ideas can be found on the Hungry Little Minds website.
- \*You will have received a guide for parents called What to expect in the Early Years Foundation Stage'.





We hope your children enjoy the curriculum.

