



Platt Bridge Community School & Start Well Family Centre

Principles of Effective Early Years Practice

At Platt Bridge we aim to provide the best start for children. We work in partnership with their families and other services to ensure they stay safe, are healthy, become school ready and make a positive contribution to their community and the wider world.

We do this by.....

- Inviting all families to access our Start Well services and offering support when they need it the most.
- Providing a nominated key person who works in partnership with parents/carers and other agencies, building trusting and respectful relationships.
- Ensuring our well qualified practitioners continue to learn and develop their practice to benefit the children in their care.
- Providing nurturing, rich and stimulating learning experiences in an environment which offers high quality resources indoors and out to enable all the children to learn with enjoyment and challenge.
- Observing children to build on what they already know and can do and planning next steps for them to achieve, sharing these with parents.
- Identifying children who need extra support at the earliest opportunity so that they can access a personalised learning programme including nurture groups, EAL and speech and languages groups.
- Personalising provision to meet children's individual needs and interests.
- Welcoming all children and families, promoting positive attitudes to diversity.
- Arranging smooth transition between home and early years settings by completing home visits and inspire sessions for every child.
- Enabling parents to share in their child's learning through activities, visits and events.
- Offering a broad range of opportunities by involving children in the community, instilling a natural curiosity for children in their rapidly changing society.
- Providing a wide range of healthy foods and physical activity sessions to promote good health. Children are actively involved in healthy eating, tooth brushing schemes and regular snacks walks to purchase healthy snacks.
- Raising aspirations by providing development and training opportunities for practitioners, parents, trainees and volunteers.
- Engaging in monitoring, review and self-evaluation.

Our philosophy at Platt Bridge is that all young children learn best when they are happy and secure. Our curriculum and practice is based on a child centred approach to learning and informed by the themes, principles and practice within the Early Years Foundation Stage.