

Foundation

Ethos

At Damers we understand that a child's first year in school is one of the most important as it lays the foundations for a lifelong love of learning and a positive attitude towards education. At Damers we endeavour to ensure that we provide this for every child through nurture, exciting learning opportunities and the development of a growth mindset. We aim to do this through a rich curriculum and purposeful play, both of which are fundamental to early learning.

Not only do we provide exciting educational learning opportunities through our curriculum, we also recognise that children's emotional wellbeing and social development is of the utmost importance.



Through our high quality early years provision we promote and teach the following skills and values:

- Positive play
- Friendships
- Sharing
- Kindness
- Bravery
- Respect for others and our environment
- Resilience when faced with challenges and mistakes
- A 'Can do' attitude

Curriculum

The curriculum we follow is the statutory Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) for children aged 0-5. Your child will already have been following this so we build on the good work started by pre-schools and nurseries to enable each child to reach their full potential.

The EYFS is divided into the following areas of learning and their associated Early Learning Goals:

Characteristics of Effective Learning:

Playing and exploring - engagement



Curiosity
Representing experiences
Taking risks

Active learning - motivation

Concentration
Persistence
Sense of Achievement

Creating and thinking critically - thinking

Having their own ideas
Making links
Reviewing

Prime Areas:

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Self regulation
Managing self
Building relationships

Physical Development



Gross Motor
Fine Motor

Communication and Language

Listening and attention
Understanding
Speaking

Specific Areas:

Literacy

Word reading and comprehension
Writing

Mathematics

Numbers
Numerical patterns

Understanding of the world

Past and Present
People, Culture and Communities
The Natural World

Expressive Arts and Design

Creating with materials
Being imaginative and expressive

A child's journey at Damers is unique and one we are proud to take alongside them. Together we learn and grow, we make mistakes and celebrate them when we do. Most of all, we always try our best!