

Early Years Foundation Stage Philosophy

What will we do for your child?

At Tickhill Estfeld Primary School we acknowledge the role that the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) plays in laying the secure foundations for future learning and development of life skills. We feel it is important to view the EYFS as preparation for life and not simply preparation for the next stage of education. As outlined in the EYFS,

'Every child deserves the best possible start in life and the support that enables them to fulfil their potential. Children develop quickly in the Early Years and a child's experiences between birth and age five have a major impact on their future life chances. A secure, safe and happy childhood is important in its own right and it provides the foundation for children to make the most of their abilities and talents as they grow up.'

We aim to provide the highest quality care and education for all our children thereby giving them a strong foundation for their future learning. All children will come to school with their own life experiences and it is our privilege to acknowledge and build upon that prior learning. We create a safe and happy environment in which everyone is included, respected and valued, so that they may grow in self-esteem and develop to their full potential. We provide motivating and enjoyable learning experiences that enable children to become confident, independent, self-disciplined, self-motivated and resilient. We value the individual child and work alongside parents and others to ensure their needs are met and help every child to reach their full potential.

We hope that by taking children on their first steps through education that they will be confident and happy to become lifelong learners, with the enthusiasm to accept challenge and embrace new opportunities. We seek to develop and promote lively and inquisitive minds with the desire and skill to explore new ideas. Foster a sense of awe and wonder and develop natural curiosity, so children enjoy learning in and out of school. We encourage our children to believe in themselves, while equipping them with the fundamental skills to enjoy and achieve in life.