

Why is parents partnership essential?

Respectful and equal partnerships through the EYFS stage and through your child's education journey are so important, keeping your child at the centre of it all.

You know your child best. When you share your child's interests, and experiences with school it helps us to create opportunities that will engage them and support their development.

If you can help your child to be school ready (see over) it will make their settling in period easier for them and they will be proud of their independence.

We will share your child's learning with you - via TAPESTRY—so you can build on this at home with lots of talk and play.

TAPESTRY is our tool to make the link between home and school stronger so you can see what your child has been up to in the school setting.

William goes to school with a big smile every morning and comes home at the end of the day with an even bigger one! He particularly enjoys the opportunity to learn and play in the outdoor spaces.
W's mum



My children love reception class and are excited to come to school every morning. They enjoy the variety of topics they have learnt and can relate the skills they have learnt into every day tasks. My children have absolutely loved learning to read, they like coming home and telling me the sound or phoneme of the week. The staff are amazing and go above and beyond for the children. Communication between school and home has been great through face to face chats or email.
M and H's mum

Parent partnership with Wheatley Lane Methodist Primary School.



We will always seek to work alongside parents to ensure the best outcomes for our pupils and families. If you have any concerns or questions at any time, please contact us.

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What is the Early Years Foundation Stage?

Welcome to the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS), which is how the Government and early years professionals describe the time in your child's life between birth and age 5. This is a very important stage as it helps your child get ready for school as well as preparing them for their future learning and successes. From when your child is born up until the age of 5, their early years experience should be happy, active, exciting, fun and secure; and support their development, care and learning needs.

What is the EYFS Framework – why do we have one?

The EYFS Framework exists to support all professionals working in the EYFS to help your child, and was developed with a number of early years experts and parents.

There are 7 areas of learning and development which guide professionals' engagement with your child's play and activities as they learn new skills and knowledge. ELGs (Early Learning Goals) are the expected levels in these 7 areas that your child should reach at the age 5/end of EYFS.

The 7 areas of learning



Throughout their early years, young children do most of their learning through play. A play based approach allows children to have ideas and make choices, follow their interests and have a go and find things out.

All the areas of communication can be supported through play and is particularly important for communication and language and social skills.

Play can happen inside and outdoors. It helps children to make sense of their world, and be imaginative. Adults support children's play and provide interesting resources.

How you can get your child ready for their exciting journey through primary school.



If your child is **school ready**, it means your child will have an **EXCELLENT START** and they can be making the most of the opportunities that school has to offer from the outset.

Self care and independence

I can wash and dry my hands

I can wipe my nose

I can use the toilet and wipe my own bottom

I can pull down/up my own underwear, trousers and tights

I can put on my own coat and fasten it up

I can put on my own shoes and fasten them.

I can use a knife, fork and spoon.

I can drink from an open cup

I am happy to be away from my mummy and daddy/carers. I know they will be back soon.