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Parent Guide

Introduction

The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) is 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 success. Your child's early years' experience should be happy, active, exciting, fun and secure; and support their development, care and learning needs.

We follow a legal document called the ***Early Years Foundation Stage Framework***.

EYFS Framework

The EYFS Framework exists to support all professionals working in the EYFS to help your child, and has been developed with a number of early years' experts and parents. In 2012 the framework was revised to make it clearer and easier to use, with more focus on the things that matter most and has a greater emphasis on the role of parents in helping your child develop. It sets out:

- The legal welfare requirements that everyone registered to look after children must follow to keep your child safe and promote their welfare.
- The seven areas of learning and development, which guide professionals' engagement with your child's play and activities as they learn new skills and knowledge.
- Assessments that will tell you about your child's progress through the EYFS.
- Expected levels that your child should reach at age 5, usually the end of the reception year; these expectations are called the 'Early Learning Goals (ELGs)'.

There is also guidance for the professionals supporting your child on planning the learning activities, and observing and assessing what and how your child is learning and developing

What does it mean for me as a parent?

There are seven areas of learning and development:

The **prime** areas begin to develop quickly in response to relationships and experiences, and run through and support learning in all other areas. The prime areas continue to be fundamental throughout the EYFS.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development
Communication and Language
Physical Development

The **specific** areas include essential skills and knowledge. They grow out of the prime areas, and provide important contexts for learning.

Literacy
Mathematics
Understanding the World
Expressive Arts and Design

These seven areas are used to plan your child's learning and activities. The key person will make sure that the activities are suited to the child's unique needs.

Learning Journeys

The learning journey (sometimes referred to as learning journals) is a collection of different documents collected by early years' practitioners that provide a picture of a child's development under the seven areas of learning.

It consists of photos, art-work, mark-making, etc., and are interspersed with observations made by practitioners including notes of relevant conversations or comments made by the child.

Practitioners link any observations to the EYFS learning areas, aspects and statements. The aim is to build a unique picture of what each child knows, feels and can do as well as his/her particular interests and learning style. This picture is then used to pinpoint learning priorities and plan relevant and motivating learning experiences i.e. identify next steps and activities.

Security

Security is of key concern in a nursery environment and eyLog takes its security measures very seriously. eyLog offers fully locked-down secure tablet devices to ensure they are not misused in any manner - Facebook, e-mails, etc., are all disabled on these specially configured high-security tablets. Each user has a separate user-ID and password and using a role-based access mechanism, a user is permitted to see only the information that is relevant for them.

eyLog uses the Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) to encrypt all communication between the server and the tablets. All data is stored on secure Cloud-based servers in data centres located here in UK. All data is regularly backed-up onto redundant systems.

What is eyLog?

- The eyLog is a tablet and pc, web based application which enables practitioners to accurately observe, assess and plan for each individual child.
- eyLog enables parents to understand their child's learning and development on a regular basis.
- You receive a unique log in onto the system and are notified by email when a new observation or assessment is published onto your child's learning journey. Allowing you to contribute and remain informed of your child's learning and development.
- You can comment on any of the observations and share your thoughts
- Parents are also able to contribute by providing their own observations from home.
- When a child leaves the nursery, the learning journey can be downloaded and saved or printed as a hardcopy.
- The nursery can also send out messages through eyLog, building a strong two way communication system



eyLog Registration and Consent

Child's Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

I have read the information about the eyLog system and understand that by signing this consent form I will receive an email message and will be able to log in and see observations of my child. These observations may include photographs, video clips or audio recordings.

I hereby give consent for my child to be photographed/videoed for record-keeping purposes and for the use of Early Years Professionals at Bright Bees Beaumont nursery.

I understand that there may be group photographs/videos that incorporate images of my child and other children and teachers. I agree that these photographs/videos may be used in other children's learning journeys. To protect and respect privacy, I agree not to use/upload/share the photographs, videos and audio recordings involving other children on public web-sites such as social media websites and may not utilise information from my child's learning journey for purposes other than understanding the development of my child.

The Bright Bees Beaumont policy on photographs/videos covers this in more detail, which I can access in the Policies Folder located at office.

I agree that my child's observations, learning journey, reports and other documents created through eyLog can be stored on eyLog's systems. I agree to log in using only the personal log-in provided to me. The following email address(es) can be used to send me notifications through the eyLog system.

Parent /carer	Your e-mail ID	Relationship to the child	Your Signature

Date _____