



**EYFS (Early Years Foundation Stage) Policy**  
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Acorn Childcare Centre (the Centre) has a programme of activities, which is full of exciting, challenging and interesting play opportunities. The Centre endeavours to create an environment which is a contrast from school giving children a sense of freedom within a framework of safety. Both outdoor and indoor play activities will be on offer throughout the sessions. The Centre aims to meet all requirements for delivering the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) curriculum.

The EYFS is not a school curriculum. It is a framework for delivering high-quality care and education for children from birth to 31 August following their fifth birthday (Early Years age group). As the Centre provides childcare in the early years' age group and is registered on the Ofsted Early Years register. It will follow the EYFS.

This means that the Centre will:

- Meet the individual needs of all children it looks after
- Support every child so that no group or individual is disadvantaged
- Help every child make the best possible progress in learning and development
- Promote every child's safety and welfare
- Work with others to make sure we provide good-quality early education and care
- Plan for improvement and have effective processes for self-evaluation.
- Allocate a 'Key Worker' and children and parents will be informed of that worker's name.
- Observe children and plan around their interests
- Keep evidence of children's achievements in the form of photographs, examples of work and observations
- Work in partnership with parents and other professionals to ensure that the individual needs of children are met