



Russell Hall
Primary School & Nursery

Our Early Years vision

In the Early Years Foundation Stage at Russell Hall, our mission is to provide a calm and enabling environment which promotes the learning and development of every child attending our setting. Our EYFS curriculum is designed to ensure that children develop the knowledge, learning and skills that they need to succeed in life - becoming life long learners through indoor and outdoor learning. Children are fully immersed in opportunities to explore, think creatively and play imaginatively. Through our ambitious curriculum, we aim to support the children in acquiring the knowledge, skills and cultural capital they will need to succeed in later life. Through our adult-led inputs and daily play, we foster the characteristics of early learning; playing and exploring, active learning and creating and thinking critically. Our EYFS Curriculum is unique and carefully planned to inspire and engage children during the time that they are with us and is driven by specially selected high-quality key texts that our children and staff love. We love to enhance our children's learning in EYFS by incorporating a range of enriching learning experiences alongside the use of high quality, wooden and natural resources.

Positive partnerships

Children learn and develop best in enabling environments when there is a strong partnership between parents and carers and school. We work closely with a wide range of agencies to support our families and to enhance our curriculum. We value and respect all children and families equally.



Positive relationships

Our learning includes a balance of discreet, adult-led sessions and carefully planned continuous provision where children have the opportunity to investigate and apply their learning using both the indoor and outdoor environments. We want our children to become confident, independent learners so it is vital that they feel safe, supported and nurtured at every point of their time with us in EYFS. All staff in our EYFS team have a thorough understanding of the EYFS curriculum and how to support children effectively and how to celebrate each individual's successes.

The unique child

Every child deserves the best possible start in life and the support they need to enable them to fulfil their potential.

We value the importance of getting to know the child's strengths and weaknesses, interests and fascinations as well as their previous experiences and home life.

Play is freely chosen by the child and is under their control.

Enabling environments

Through playing and learning in our EYFS, our children are becoming life long learners; developing skills in problem solving, decision making, reasoning and resilience.

Our environment provides freedom, within safe limits, and enables children to discover a wide range of experiences and opportunities -building on prior knowledge.

We plan for play using open ended resources that are carefully chosen to reflect the interests and needs of the children, enabling highly creative and imaginative play.

We believe that a consistent learning environment enables children to develop deeper levels of thinking as they plan, re-visit and consolidate their learning.