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# **Excel Child Care Services**

# **Early Years Foundation**

# **Stage Parent's Guide**



## **Welcome to Excel Child Care Services and The Early Years Foundation Stage.**

The Early Years Foundation Stage (E.Y.F.S.) is the stage of education for children from birth to the end of the Reception year. It is based on the recognition that children learn best through play and active learning.

At nursery we cater for children from birth to 5 years, where children can access their universal 15 hours in the term after they turn three. 30 hours funding and tax-free childcare may be available for working parents. Some children may also qualify for Pupil Premium which gives the nursery extra resources to use for the children's development and learning.

At Southwark Family Information Service (FIS) for further information

<https://www.southwark.gov.uk/childcare-and-parenting/family-information-service>

The nursery is open daily

8.00am-18.00hrs Monday to Friday - 50 weeks of the year.

We also offer a **Wrap Around Service** where we collect your child from the local school after they finish at 12.30 or at the end of the day at 3pm.

The staff in the Nursery deliver a programme of play based learning suited to the children's development needs.

We are an inclusive nursery. At nursery we believe that every child is a unique child who is constantly learning and who has the capacity to be resilient, capable, confident and self-assured.

As well as a play-based curriculum your child will be taught a range of skills which they will be able to practice independently in the childcare rooms. This is done through whole room learning, small group learning, individual learning and continuous provision.

**Within the theme of Learning and Development there are 7 areas.**

**There are 3 Prime areas of learning:**

- Communication and Language
- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
  - Physical Development

**And 4 Specific areas of learning:**

- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Arts and Design

If you require further information about Early Years provision at Gooseberry Bush Day Nursery, then please see the Manager or one of the Deputies.

## **Early Years Pupil Premium**

Once your child is 3 years old you may be entitled to extra funding. Please speak with the nursery Manager.

The term after a child is three years old, he/she is entitled to universal government funding on an hourly basis for up to 15 hours per week, taken at a time that is suitable to both parent and nursery. Working parents can apply for tax-free childcare and/or 30 hours funded childcare places.

Parent's need to apply online at Childcare Choices website:

<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

If your child attends for more hours than those covered by the Early Years funding, parents will be charged for the other hours at the nursery's current hourly rate. Alternatively, your child may just attend for the free sessions.



These funded sessions are 38 weeks over the year, divided into

three terms. In order to access the FEEE grant funding the nursery has to deliver a plan which shows that the children are working towards the same curriculum as they would be in a school nursery.

**This means following seven Early Learning Goals:**

- **Personal, Social and Emotional Development**
  - **Physical Development**
  - **Creative Development**
- **Knowledge and Understanding of the world**
  - **Mathematics**
  - **Communication Language**
    - **Literacy**

**All children's learning and development is monitored by Key Workers, SENDCo and/or Management.**



All children leaving the nursery to go to “big school” – will be invited to attend **The Excel Child Care Services Mini Graduation Day** – where the children get to put on real graduation gowns and caps and are presented with their gifts and leaving certificates. Parents are of course invited to attend to join in the celebrations.