

Ashfield Nursery School and
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Ashfield Nursery - Personal and Social Development Intent and Implementation

The personal and social development of all of our children at Ashfield Nursery is our first priority. We recognise that children learn most effectively when they are healthy, safe and secure, where they have their individual needs met, and when they have positive relationships with adults who care for them. Our Open-Door policy at Ashfield promotes an effective partnership with parents and encourages positive relationships.

From the initial home visits and Open Days, we build relationships and communicate with the children and their families, gaining an awareness of individual needs and wants. Our aim is for the children to have a smooth introduction and settle easily into nursery, so we have adopted a gradual approach which is flexible to suit individual's needs.

We believe it is important to create a nurturing environment where the children are happy, relaxed, emotionally secure and are ready to learn. Right from the start the 2-year-old unit staff at Ashfield provide warm, loving care and respond to the children's needs sensitively to help build security and attachment. Throughout nursery each child has a Key Worker who builds relationships and positive interactions with both parents and children – sharing any knowledge about the children's individual needs.

Carefully planned environments both inside and outside, with a balance of child-initiated learning opportunities, adult-led activities, small and large group time sessions, and staff acting as play partners and role models foster the development of the children's character and their personal development. Children are encouraged to develop their independence, take risks and have a confident attitude to learning. They are supported to manage their own feelings and behaviours and to develop their social skills by interacting and learning to play cooperatively with other children.

At Ashfield we provide a stimulating environment with staff who are highly skilled, experienced and knowledgeable of the ways in which young children learn and develop best. We want our children to become well rounded, happy individuals who are able to enjoy learning and grow in confidence that helps them to achieve their fullest potential and ready to succeed in our diverse society.