

If you require further information about Early Years provision at Alverton School then please see the school secretary who will be happy to provide you with our handbook for parents, a copy of our prices for Nursery or even book a tour of the school with a member of the Senior Leadership Team for you.



### **Universal Free School Meals**

From September 2014 every child in Reception is entitled to a free school meal.



# Alverton Primary School



## Early Years Foundation Stage

## Parent Guide

Number 18

## **Welcome to Alverton School 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 Alverton School we are lucky enough to have our own on site Nursery (EYFS1) where children can begin their Early Years Education in the term that they turn three. The Nursery is situated in the school grounds and has its own secluded woodland garden.

The nursery is sessional and runs from

8.45-11.45 and 12.30–3.30pm

Children who are starting school the following September are entitled to morning sessions and to stay all day if spaces are available.

Younger children are welcomed into our Nursery for the afternoon sessions. This enables the staff in the Nursery to deliver a programme of play based learning suited to the children's development needs.

We are an inclusive school. At Alverton School 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.

Children in the EYFS 2 enter the school through the Reception class entrance. The classrooms are open from 8.45 am if you wish to spend time settling your child into school at the beginning of the day.

As well as a play based curriculum your child will be taught a range of specific skills which they will be able to practice independently in the classroom environment. This is done through whole class 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