

Putnoe Woods  
Preschool



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## Putnoe Woods Preschool Early learning Opportunities Policy and Procedures

At Putnoe Woods Preschool we recognise that children learn in different ways and at different rates and plan for this accordingly. Our aim is to support all children attending the preschool to attain their maximum potential within their individual capabilities.

We provide a positive play environment for every child, so they may develop good social skills and an appreciation of all aspects of this country's multi-cultural society. We plan learning experiences to ensure, as far as practical, there is equality of opportunity for all children and a celebration of diversity.

Our curriculum is very much based on what we wish the child to learn by the time they leave preschool. This is centred on learning through play and exploration to develop the skills that set the foundations to succeed in life.

We maintain a personalised record of every child's development, showing their abilities, progress, interests and areas needing further staff or parental assistance.

We use an online Learning Journal that parents are able to access via a secure login called IConnect.

For children whose home language is not English, we will take reasonable steps to:

- Provide opportunities for children to develop and use their home language in play and learning and support their language development at home; and
- Ensure that children have sufficient opportunities to learn and reach a good standard in English language during the EYFS, ensuring that children are ready to benefit from the opportunities available to them when they begin year 1.

We ensure that the educational programmes are well planned and resourced to have depth and breadth across the seven areas of learning. They provide interesting and challenging experiences that meet the needs of all children. Planning is based on a secure knowledge and understanding of how to promote the learning and development of young children and what they can achieve.

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We implement the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) set by the Department for Education that sets standards to ensure all children learn and develop well. We support and enhance children's learning and development holistically through play-based activities. We review all aspects of learning and development and ensure a flexible approach is maintained, which responds quickly to children's learning and developmental needs. We develop tailor-made activities based on observations which inform future planning and draw on children's needs and interests. This is promoted through a balance of adult-led and child-initiated opportunities both indoors and outdoors.

Direct observation is supplemented by a range of other evidence to evaluate the impact that practitioners have on the progress children make in their learning including:

- Spotlight assessment on entry, including parental contributions
- two-year-old progress checks (where applicable)
- Integrated Reviews with Health Visitors at 3 years
- on-going (formative) Spotlight assessments every 6 months, including any parental contributions
- the Early Years Foundation Stage Profile (where applicable) or any other summative assessment when children leave.

We acknowledge parents as primary educators and encourage parental involvement as outlined in our Parents and Carers as Partners policy. We build strong home links in order to enhance and extend children's learning both within the nursery environment and in the child's home.

We share information about the EYFS curriculum with parents and signpost them to further support via the following websites:

[www.foundationyears.org.uk/](http://www.foundationyears.org.uk/)

[www.education.gov.uk/schools/teachingandlearning/curriculum/a0068102/early-years-foundation-stage-eyfs](http://www.education.gov.uk/schools/teachingandlearning/curriculum/a0068102/early-years-foundation-stage-eyfs)

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**This policy is in compliance with GDPR (General Data Protection Regulations)  
May 2018**

**Putnoe Woods is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people, employees, students, volunteers, trustees and parents and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.**

Date of Policy: September 2014	Created By: Jo Skelton	
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Review Date	Reviewer	Amendments
September 2015	Jo Skelton	
September 2016	Jo Skelton	
September 2017	Jo Skelton	We use an online Learning Journal that parents are able to access via a secure login called IConnect.
May 2018	Jo Skelton	GDPR statement added
November 2019	Nikki Adams	New email address

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Review Date	Reviewer	Amendments	Policy signed off on behalf of the Board of Trustees
December 2019	Jo Skelton	Integrated Review at 3 yrs added	
January 2022	Jo Skelton	Paragraph added re curriculum Spotlight Assessments added	