



The ARK Pre-School

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES POLICY

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The aim of the Ark Pre-school is to provide high quality practice in EYFS for pre-school children in the Portslade/Hove area. We seek to do this by the following means. We provide:

- A qualified, committed staff who seek to ensure best practice according to guidelines set out by the Department for Education and Skills and the local Early Years Development Care Partnership together with the National Standards.
- A high quality stimulating learning environment which addresses all areas of the curriculum and includes first hand experiences.
- A safe, nurturing atmosphere in which children can grow and develop to their full potential.
- A setting in which equal opportunities is a principle enshrined for all children regardless of their race, religion, sex, or special educational need.
- A partnership relationship with all parents*. We value and esteem our parents as the experts on their own children. We seek to ensure that we have effective systems for communication and welcome their involvement in the life of the Pre-school.
- A partnership relationship with other groups in the community. We value the expertise and particular skills of our community partners who are also involved in the education of young children. We are members of the local Neighbourhood Network set up by the EYDCP and host network meetings.

In a class interview, we received valued comments from the children as to why they come to Pre-school. The following are their quotes:

- “We come to learn things.”
- “Cos we do weather and songs.”
- “We do some playing.”
- “Cos we can play with dinosaurs.”

We also asked them what their favourite things at Pre-school were, and this is what they said:

- “Reading stories.”
- “Playing with friends.”
- “All the dinosaurs.”
- “The trampoline.”
- “Reading books and play.”
- “Vets role play.”

* where parents are referred to in this and other policies, this also includes carers, childminders etc.