EYFS Intent Statement

In EYFS at Ellison Primary Academy, we are committed to providing a nurturing, inclusive, and stimulating environment where every child feels a sense of belonging and is empowered to thrive. Our Early Years provision is designed to foster curiosity, awe, and wonder, encouraging children to become caring, collaborative, critical, and creative thinkers. We believe that learning through play, enriched by first-hand experiences and opportunities for risk-taking, is fundamental to developing the whole child.

We place a strong emphasis on oracy, physical development, and independence. Through high-quality interactions and a language-rich environment, we support children in developing their communication skills, enabling them to express their thoughts and ideas confidently. Our approach to physical development ensures that children build both fine and gross motor skills, encouraging active exploration and physical well-being. We foster independence by giving children the autonomy to make choices, solve problems, and take ownership of their learning.

Positive relationships are at the heart of our ethos. We work in partnership with families and the wider community to create a supportive and respectful learning environment where all voices are valued. By recognising and meeting the individual needs of each child, we ensure equitable opportunities for every learner to make progress from their starting points. We celebrate diversity and promote an understanding of equity versus equality, valuing each child's uniqueness and fostering a culture of acceptance and inclusion.

Our enabling environment is designed to be calming, flexible, and responsive to children's interests and needs. We provide open-ended resources and learning opportunities that encourage exploration, creativity, and deep-level thinking. Through quality-first teaching and high-quality provision, we lay the foundation for essential basic skills and concepts while nurturing original thought and valuing individuality over conformity.

We are dedicated to building resilience by encouraging children to take risks, persevere through challenges, and reflect on their learning. Our curriculum is enriched with experiences that spark curiosity and inspire a lifelong love of learning. Through a holistic approach, we prioritise the development of values such as kindness, empathy, and respect, ensuring that every child is prepared not only for the next stage of their education but also for life beyond the classroom.

Our intent is to provide a rich and meaningful early years' experience, where every child is supported to reach their full potential. We are committed to fostering a love of learning, building strong foundations for future success, and empowering children to become confident, capable, and compassionate individuals.