





## 'a childhood of experiences for a lifetime of success'

The Early years team at Willow Green are committed to ensure children are curious, creative, and ambitious in a stimulating child-centered environment that allows them to become global citizens building positive relationships embracing the world around them.

**"Every child deserves the best possible start in life and the support that enables them to fulfil their potential."**

EYFS Framework 2021

Children are at the center of all that we do at Willow Green and we have created a unique, bespoke curriculum which offers a range of learning opportunities that promote the development of skills. At the forefront of this is play, which acts as a catalyst for active learning. We believe experiences created through play and the love of reading, promoted by inspiring books allows children to explore a world beyond, and prompt children to ask those important questions creating new big ideas.

The holistic nature of learning in EYFS will allow children to be exposed to a range of lifelong skills-based activities such as woodwork, cooking, sewing, dance, and music, amongst other exciting out of school experiences to allow them to immerse themselves within our community and locality.



# FS1

Experiences

## Achievement

Through our systematic phonics scheme children will gain the first fundamental skills in their journey to read and write.

## Safety

Children will understand and identify our expectations and follow them, sharing these with others when needed.

## Pride

Children will develop a connection to their key group and have sense of pride in belonging to a group naming and recognising it as theirs when called upon.

## Independence

Through our open ended play environment children will develop confidence and autonomy to choose their own experiences based on their own likes and dislikes.

## Responsibility

Children will develop a sense of responsibility for making good choices when choosing snack and explain why we need to have a healthier lifestyle.

## Engagement

Children will develop new relationships with adults and peers in a range of play scenarios and gain greater confidence in initiating these using full sentences.

# FS2

Experiences

## Independence

Children will have greater confidence and willingness to share their own thoughts and ideas with adults and peers during hot topic talks to raise real life issues and begin to vote for that they believe.

## Achievement

Through our inspiring book led curriculum children will learn new vocabulary from around the world and apply it to their imaginative writing and narratives in play to reflect their experiences.

## Safety

Children will understand the importance of listening and being safe when using a range of woodwork tools to secure a license and when preparing food and cooking.

## Pride

Children will learn about the range of diverse cultures that make up our country and participate in the celebrating of festivals and traditions through food tasting, dress up and trips.

## Responsibility

Children will gain an understanding of how to be responsible citizens and protect our planet by engaging in upcycling creative projects but also in protecting our wildlife through our forest school sessions and cooking our self grown produce.

## Engagement

Through an inclusive communication tool our children will learn to use Makaton to support all children in the classroom, wider school and visiting users.