



# Edmondsley Nursery and Primary School



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## Welcome to Edmondsley Primary and Nursery School.

With a strong focus on healthy lifestyles, environmental awareness and outdoor learning, we work hard to prepare your children for their future lives ahead.

Our School Vision, which was created by pupils, parents, staff and governors, is to flourish as a family-orientated school with a firm ethos of everyone working together. We will make sure we continue to be recognised as a challenging, nurturing, high quality teaching and learning school, where every pupil fulfils their individual potential.

Everyone is encouraged and inspired to achieve beyond their academic and personal best, ensuring we all are responsible and resilient citizens ready for 21st century life.

With dedicated and caring staff and governors who possess a variety of talents and interests, we are extremely proud of what we can offer your children.

Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) at Edmondsley Primary School consists of our Reception Class and our Nursery Class.

Our Early Years Foundation Stage has extensive grounds split across our school site. Reception class sits within our main school building with easy access to vast outdoor areas. Our Nursery Class has its own building set in leafy, spacious grounds with various different spaces for your children to explore, investigate and engage with our natural surroundings. Reception and Nursery children regularly play and learn together utilising both classes and the beautiful grounds around our whole school.

**We can't wait to welcome you, your child and your family to ours.**

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## Early Years Foundation Stage Key Values and Vision.

At Edmondsley Primary School, our key values in Early Years inform our vision, curriculum, provision and practice. They underpin everything, ensuring that your children will have the best possible start to their school journey. We:

- Provide experiences to encourage a love of the natural world.
- Provide opportunities to learn about our immediate environment and local area (Edmondsley).
- Actively engage children through song, dance and learning opportunities to develop their social and emotional awareness.
- Promote a love of reading and develop reading skills.
- Promote independent learning.
- Promote an awareness of healthy lifestyles (mental, wellbeing, physical).

Our Early Years staff work together towards achieving our shared vision.

We provide opportunities for children to develop a sense of awe and wonder of the natural world. Children are encouraged to be ecologically aware and show respect for the environment and others.

- We provide experiences both in and outside of school to promote knowledge of the wider world. This results in language development and social confidence.
- We engage children with quality reading materials, which act as a stimulus or enhancement to learning experiences.
- We create independent learners who are able to show curiosity and drive their own learning. Children will be equipped with the skills to manage their own risk and take responsibility for their actions.
- Health and wellbeing is a fundamental part of our school's curriculum as this forms the bases to all other learning within Early Years and beyond.



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## Our Staff.

Our nurturing staff are highly qualified to deliver an exciting and engaging curriculum for your child. They work with parents and caterers to make sure all children are happy, safe and enjoy coming to school.

We take Professional Development seriously, making sure we can offer the very best for every child. All staff have Paediatric First Aid Certificates along with many other qualifications, guaranteeing up-to-date first class care, guidance and education for your child.

Communication with parents and caterers is given a high priority. We acknowledge the love and care you have given your child before they arrived at Edmondsley. You will know all your child's mannerisms, from what makes them excited to what makes them grumpy! Although staff can not replace you as parents, we endeavour to mirror what is best for your child by communicating with you regularly and involving you with the many important steps your child will take in their learning journey.





## Our Grounds.

We have many exciting and engaging spaces for your child to learn and develop a love of learning in.

### Our extensive features include:

- Allotment gardens to plant, grow and harvest vegetables.
- An orchard to grow and harvest fruit.
- A wildlife pond to engage in activities to foster curiosity about different habitats.
- Forests located within Early Years grounds and school grounds to develop a love and understanding of the great outdoors.
- A large expanse of flat and hilly green fields to give children the opportunity to run free.
- A large, flat playground and tennis court suitable for trikes and wheeled toys to develop gross motor skills.
- Easy access to the nearby Fell for woodland walks to learn about our natural, local environment and observe the changing seasons.



## How Children Learn Our Curriculum.

We provide a curriculum that meets all aspects of the Statutory EYFS Framework enabling children to:

- Respect and care for the world around them.
- Know and talk about the world beyond Edmondsley.
- Experience a language-rich environment.
- Be confident, independent learners.
- Take care of themselves and others.
- Meet the expectations as outlined in the EYFS framework.
- Develop the expected skills for Reading, Writing and Numbers.
- Be prepared for learning beyond the Early Learning Goals and into Key Stage 1.

## Implementation.

In order to implement the curriculum effectively, we:

- Work closely with you to gain an understanding of your child or children's starting points and previous experiences. We use this knowledge to extend learning throughout their time in Early Years.
- Provide both child-initiated and adult-led outdoor opportunities daily to experience the world around them.
- Provide visits, visitors and real life experiences where possible, in addition to the enhancement of provision to reflect the wider world.
- Have a daily group story time, phonics focus and repeated reading of key texts.
- Enjoy weekly planned circle time sessions with a personal, social and emotional focus.
- Use daily snack time to discuss healthy body and healthy mind.
- Provide well-planned activities that promote learning in all areas of the EYFS to help children achieve the ELG and beyond.
- Provide progressive experiences and teaching sequences in order to develop Reading, Writing and number skills.







## Contact.

To arrange a visit, please contact Mrs A. Rees, Head Teacher.

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**We look forward to welcoming you and your child to Edmondsley Primary and Nursery School.**

