



HAPPY FEET
Nursery & Pre-School

Happy Feet Nursery – Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) – Parent Guide

For This page explains how Happy Feet Nursery delivers the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) in line with the statutory framework issued by the Department for Education and inspected by Ofsted.

This applies to all registered early years providers in England, including Dorset local authority.

What is EYFS?

The EYFS sets the standards that all early year's providers must meet to ensure children:

- learn and develop well
- are kept healthy and safe
- are supported to be ready for school

Our approach follows the EYFS statutory framework (updated September 2023 and in force through 2026).

Our EYFS Principles

At Happy Feet Nursery we are guided by four key principles:

- Every child is a unique child who is constantly learning
- Children learn through positive relationships
- Children learn best in enabling environments
- Children develop and learn at different rates

Areas of Learning and Development

Children learn through seven areas of learning.

Prime Areas

These are particularly important for building the foundations of learning:

- Personal, Social and Emotional Development – helping children build confidence, relationships and emotional resilience
- Communication and Language – developing listening, understanding and speaking skills
- Physical Development – supporting movement, coordination and healthy choices

Specific Areas

These build on the prime areas:

- Literacy – early reading, phonics and writing
- Mathematics – numbers, patterns, shapes and problem-solving
- Understanding the World – people, communities, technology and the environment
- Expressive Arts and Design – creativity, music, movement and imaginative play

Learning Through Play

Children learn best through play. Practitioners carefully plan activities based on:

- observations of each child
- their interests and next steps
- age-appropriate development guidance

Assessment and Progress

We monitor children's progress through ongoing observation and assessment. This includes:

- regular observations
- progress summaries shared with parents
- statutory progress checks where required

Partnership with Parents

We believe parents are children's first educators. We work closely with families by:

- sharing observations and progress
- encouraging home learning links
- supporting transitions into nursery and school

Equality and Inclusion

We are committed to equality of opportunity and inclusion for all children. Support is tailored to individual needs, including SEND, in partnership with parents and relevant professionals.

Local Authority and Inspection

Happy Feet Nursery is registered with Ofsted and operates under Dorset local authority. Our EYFS delivery is monitored through Ofsted inspection and local authority quality assurance.

This page is a summary. Full EYFS policies and procedures are available on request.