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Dear Parents/Careers

We have put together this information to explain the teaching approach we use in Class 1 and how you can help us to help your child.

Planning

During activity times the cycle of observation, assessment, planning, observation will be carried out on a moment-by-moment basis. This is called 'In the Moment'.

You can access photos of your child at school using the online Family site.

For children not already on Famly you will receive a login to access the Family online learning journey, so please look out for the email (it may go to your junk email).

We believe this is best because ...

"Babies and young children are experiencing and learning in the here and now, not storing up their questions until tomorrow or next week. It is in that moment of curiosity, puzzlement, effort or interest – the 'teachable moment' – that the skilful adult makes a difference. By using this cycle on a moment-by-moment basis, the adult will be always alert to individual children (observation), always thinking about what it tells us about the child's thinking (assessment), and always ready to respond by using appropriate strategies at the right moment to support children's well-being and learning (planning for the next moment)."

From National Standards document Learning, Playing and Interacting P.22 - 23

The revised EYFS advises us to continue using this document.

Progress and Development

When children show high levels of involvement, that is when there is progress and development occurring – when the brain is at its most active. High level involvement occurs most often when children are able to pursue their own interests in an enabling environment supported by skilled staff. Planning in the moment helps to make this possible.

An Enabling Environment

We have a **workshop style environment** indoors and outside. The children select what they want to do in each area. The principle is that resources are accessible to the children and they are varied, open-ended and high quality. This gives children the opportunity to select resources to support their chosen activity.

The Role of The Adult

The adults are there to facilitate learning. They do this through observations and interactions.

Our adults know the children very well and have a sound understanding of child development. This ensures that the adults enhance and extend the learning at the appropriate level.

How you can help

Nursery children will have focus pictures uploaded throughout the year. For Reception children at the end of each week we will select a few focus children for the following week. Each child will be a focus child at least once in each term.

Once the focus children have been selected they will be given 3 stars to bring home.

All we ask is that you fill in at least 1 star with something your child has done recently, and take a few photos over the weekend of your child/family.

We then ask that you email your photo's to the Class1@allsaints-ranton.staffs.sch.uk so we can use them your child to discuss and do a show and tell if they wish. Please return the parent consultation sheet at the start of the next week.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Kind Regards

Mrs Stretton & the Class 1 Team