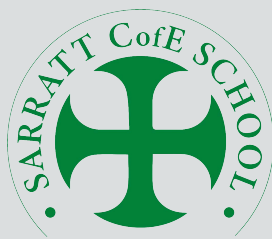


A PARENT'S GUIDE
TO THE

EARLY YEARS
FOUNDATION STAGE

AT
SARRATT C of E
SCHOOL



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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS).

This is how the Government and Early Years' Practitioners describe the time in your child's life between birth and age 5.

Throughout the Reception Year, your child will partake in an ambitious curriculum which is designed in a sequential way to ensure progress towards our end of year curricular goals.

At Sarratt C of E School our curriculum incorporates everything we want the children to experience, learn and be able to do. It meets all the requirements of the educational programmes in the Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) and has the flexibility to allow us to respond quickly to children's new interests and/or needs.

The intent for our children is for them to enter the next stage of their education ready to tackle new challenges with confidence and a positive mindset.



THE SEVEN AREAS OF LEARNING

Your child will be learning skills, acquiring new knowledge and demonstrating their understanding through 7 interconnected areas of learning and development.

Children should mostly develop the 3 prime areas first. These are:

COMMUNICATION AND LANGUAGE

**PERSONAL, SOCIAL AND
EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

These prime areas are those most essential for your child's healthy development and future learning.

As children grow, the prime areas will help them to develop skills in 4 specific areas.

These are:

LITERACY

MATHEMATICS

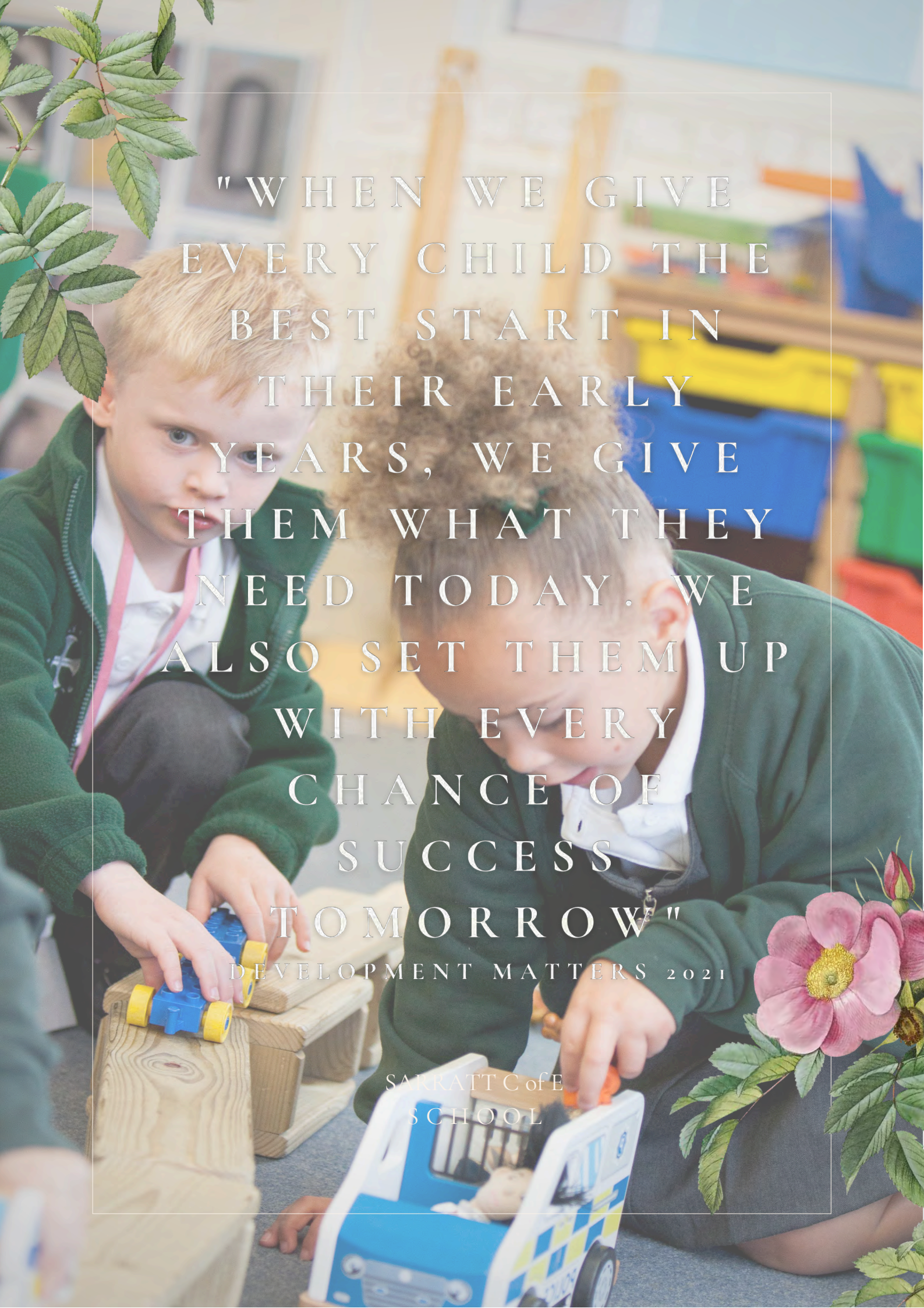
UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD

EXPRESSIVE ARTS AND DESIGN

These 7 areas are used to plan your child's learning and activities. At Sarratt C of E School, our experienced EYFS teaching team ensure that tasks and challenges are suited to your child's unique needs and interests.

Children in the EYFS learn by playing and exploring, being active, and through creative and critical thinking. Our environment, indoors and outdoors, is continually enhanced with resources designed to scaffold and maximise learning.



A photograph of two young children in a classroom. The child on the left is a boy with blonde hair, wearing a green jacket and a pink lanyard, looking intently at a wooden block with a blue and yellow toy car on top. The child on the right is a girl with curly hair, also in a green jacket, focused on a blue and white toy car. The background shows a classroom setting with colorful storage bins and wooden furniture. The text is overlaid in a white, serif font.

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OUR SCHOOL VALUES

Our values make us who we are and help us to stay focused on what we do and how we do it. After consulting our community, we decided that our love for learning, seeking out new challenges, and showing courage when learning encapsulates our vision for our children.

This is reflected in three words;

COURAGE COMPASSION CREATIVITY

When the children enter the EYFS, they quickly learn that experiences, challenges and new learning can be seen through the lens of being brave and resilient in the face of challenge, being kind and responsible people and being curious, creative knowledgeable and imaginative.

We want our children to become learners for life.



HOW CAN I HELP AT HOME?

Building positive relationships with the families of Sarratt C of E School, creating a 'triangle of trust' between children, parents and practitioners begins in the Early Years. We understand that when parents relinquish part of the care and teaching of their child to the staff in our setting it is a big step. We pride ourselves on creating an environment that is warm and welcoming. Each day leads to a deeper knowledge and understanding of each child and their family.

All the fun activities that you do with your child at home are important in supporting their learning and development, and have a really long lasting effect on your child's learning as they progress through school. You are your child's first educators and we greatly value any input, opinions and information you can share with us about your child. Working together as partners will set the scene for your child to thrive at Sarratt C of E School.

Make time for your child to run, jump, climb and **PLAY OUTDOORS!**

Cook / bake together.

Allow your child to see you reading for pleasure or writing for a purpose such as making shopping lists or writing birthday cards.

Play games that encourage sharing and taking turns.

Share a book.



Play board games that involve moving a certain amount of steps on, and play with dice and dominoes.

Sing and tell nursery rhymes.

Plant seeds or bulbs in a pot or garden patch.

Talk to your child at every opportunity – e.g. what you are doing that day.

HOW CAN I FIND OUT HOW MY CHILD IS GETTING ON?

We provide many opportunities for parents and carers to take an active part in their child's education and find out how their child is getting on. These include:

- Access to Tapestry online learning journal. This provides parents/carers with real time access to observations teachers have taken in class.
- Parent consultations - in the Autumn and Spring Term, you will be invited to discuss your child's progress. A summary of their development will be discussed with you along with how you can support their learning at home. Throughout the year, we also have 'open classrooms' an opportunity to see your child's classroom environment and work they would like to share.
- When your child is 5 (At the end of the EYFS), in the Summer Term of Reception, teachers complete an assessment which is known as the EYFS Profile. This assessment is carried out by the Reception Teacher and is based on what they, and other staff caring for your child, have observed over a period of time. A written report will come home towards the end of the Summer Term and opportunities are given for you to come in and discuss this with the Class Teacher.

Throughout your time at Sarratt C of E School, you can find information on current learning on our website, and a weekly Headteacher newsletter will be emailed to you containing school news.





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You can find a more detailed document outlining our philosophy and policy for Early Years at Sarratt C of E School by clicking the link below. This provides a thorough outline about how we teach early reading, phonics, and maths. It shows how we use assessment in the EYFS and how important our interactions are with your child.

