

## Parents' Guide to the Early Years Foundation Stage Framework

### What is the Early Years Foundation Stage? (EYFS)

The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) is for children from birth to five.

It is a very important stage in your child's development. From when your child is born up until the age of 5 their Early Years experience should be **happy, active, exciting, fun and secure**; and support their development, care and learning needs.

Here at Leighswood we aim to deliver a **W. I. L. D.** curriculum where your children can **Wonder, Investigate, Learn** and **Discover** with their peers and practitioners.



### What is the statutory framework for EYFS?

The EYFS statutory framework exists to support all professionals working in the EYFS to help your child.

It sets out:

- The learning and development requirements, including the Early Learning Goals (The expected stage your child should reach by the end of Reception)
- Assessment details for EYFS
- The safeguarding and welfare requirements

### How my child will be learning at Leighswood?

At Leighswood we use the EYFS guidance to develop a broad and balanced curriculum for all our children. We work in partnership with families to create a community environment where we are all working together to ensure the best possible chances for all our children.

We support children to acquire knowledge through the 7 Areas of Learning which are divided into

**Prime** and **Specific** areas of learning.

Prime areas	Specific areas
• Communication and language	• Literacy
• Physical development	• Mathematics
• Personal, social and emotional development	• Understanding the world
	• Expressive arts and design

Please watch the video clips on our website to find out more about EYFS at Leighswood.

[www.leighswood.walsall.sch.uk](http://www.leighswood.walsall.sch.uk)

For information on your child's induction go to - Key information - EYFS.

To meet the teachers and look at our amazing environment go to:

Children – class pages - Reception

