



**Waterhouses CE
Primary Academy**

“Let your light shine.”

Waterhouses CE Primary English Curriculum Statement – EYFS

EYFS intent:

QEGSMAT (the Trust and its schools) believe every child deserves the best possible start in life and support to fulfil their full potential. A child's experience in the early years has a major impact on their future life chances. QEGSMAT greatly values the importance of the Early Years Foundation Stage and believes a secure, safe and happy childhood is important in its own right as it provides the foundation for children to make the most of their abilities and talents as they grow up.

Curriculum Intent:

We will nurture and enrich each individual child, enabling them to access a play-based curriculum and through rich experiential learning children will gain knowledge and vocabulary which will help them to develop a deeper understanding and challenge perspectives. The EYFS provides a secure foundation for future learning and development.

Implementation:

At Waterhouses CE Primary Academy and Nursery we provide high quality teaching across all areas of the curriculum in stimulating learning environments both inside and outdoors.

There will be well planned and organised continuous provision which allows the children to learn through play within a carefully planned balance of adult-led and child-initiated learning opportunities. We teach high quality phonics which is started in Nursery and a systematic approach to teaching reading is in place to support all children in learning to read.

We have close links with local nurseries which support a smooth and settled transition into school and strong parental partnerships which empower parents to support their child's learning at home.

Impact:

We want our children to be happy, kind and confident and through daily learning opportunities widen their knowledge and understanding of the world around them, setting ambitious expectations for all children. Our curriculum celebrates diversity and supports the pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development through the school's vision: ***'Let your light shine!' Make your light shine, so others will see the good you do and will praise your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:16***

Children learn and develop well and are kept healthy and safe. Teaching and learning ensure children's readiness for the next stage of their education, and children are given a broad range of knowledge and skills that provide the right foundation for good future progress through school and life.