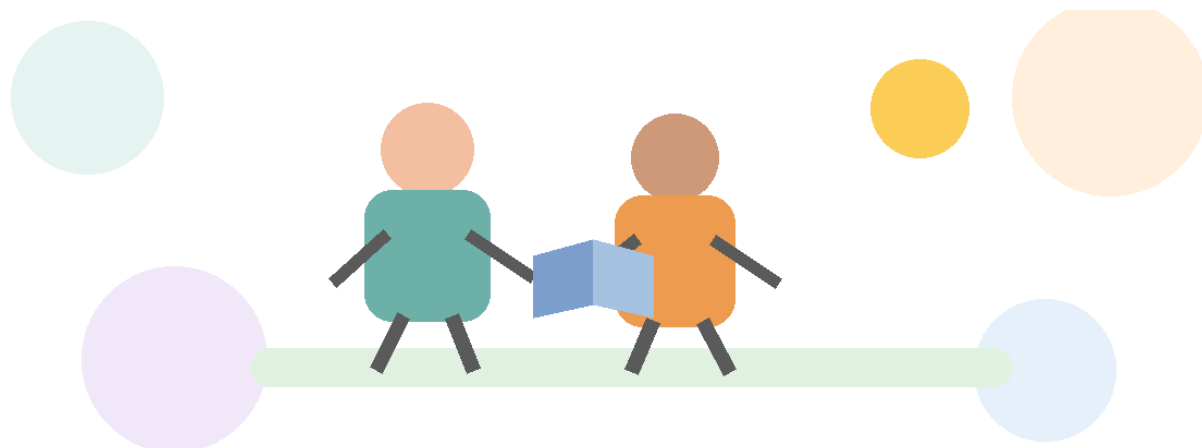


Aspirations for Our Children



Our aim is simple: to help every child feel secure, happy, curious and ready for their next step.

At First Step, we want every child to grow into a secure, happy and curious learner. We support children to build the skills and confidence they need for their next stage - whether that is starting school, moving to another setting, or managing changes in everyday life.

We follow the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS). Alongside the EYFS, we have chosen 12 aspirations that reflect the skills, attitudes and experiences we believe are especially important for our children.

Your child's key person will talk with you about these aspirations and how your child is developing from the time they join us until they leave. We celebrate progress at each child's own pace and work in partnership with families.

Our 12 Aspirations for Every Child

1	Make choices - To feel confident making simple choices and decisions for themselves.
2	Grow in independence - To begin managing their own coat and shoes, with support when needed.
3	Know what comes next - To become familiar with routines and understand what is happening next.
4	Move with confidence - To climb, jump, run, balance and move safely around obstacles.
5	Express their needs - To communicate what they need, want, feel or think in ways that work for them.

6	Develop mealtime skills - To become confident with age-appropriate eating, drinking and mealtime routines.
7	Connect with nature - To enjoy and explore the natural world around them.
8	Build secure relationships - To develop warm, trusting relationships with familiar adults and other children.
9	Explore, create and investigate - To be curious, try ideas, create, experiment and find things out.
10	Keep trying - To develop perseverance and learn that it is okay when something does not work the first time.
11	Value their community - To recognise, enjoy and begin to understand the people and places in the community around them.
12	Enjoy books, poems and rhymes - To experience the pleasure of stories, books, songs, poems and rhymes.

Families are part of this journey too. Please speak to your child's key person if you would like to share ideas, interests or examples from home.