



EYFS - Key Person

It is required by the Early Years Statutory Framework that each childcare setting must have a key person in place before each term starts. A key person forms an important role at the heart of nursery and reception life, guiding and aiding children as they enter the beginning of their educational journey.

A key person approach is a way to ensure that all children and families have one or more persons within the setting with whom they have a special, nurturing relationship. The presence of a key person **helps the child to feel emotionally secure when away from home and provides a reassuring point of contact for parents.**

The key person is an important role model for the child who they can relate to and rely on. The key person observes and interacts with your child to identify how they learn through their play, their next aspect of development, what their interests are and whether there is any cause for concern or need for extra support.

Due to our Foundation 1 (Nursery) and Foundation 2 (Reception classes) being one form entry classes, we feel our children all build a 'key person' attachment to all our EYFS staff. Therefore, your child's named key person is the class teacher. However we understand that due to daily, quality interaction they may be drawn to any of our staff. For this reason all staff see their role as a key person to help by:

- ✓ Helping your child settle in when he/she first arrives at our school.
- ✓ Making sure that any questions you have are answered asap.
- ✓ Helping your child with their personal care (for instance changing clothes, support going to the toilet, washing hands & accessing lunch).
- ✓ Observing your child's play and providing suitable resources and activities.
- ✓ Keeping up-to-date records about your child's learning and sharing these with you.
- ✓ Encouraging your child to develop independent skills, such as putting on their own shoes/coat.
- ✓ Letting you know what your child has enjoyed doing and has been successful at.
- ✓ supporting your child to make progress in the seven areas of EYFS learning.

If you have any questions about the key person approach, or about how it will help your child, please do not hesitate to ask. Alternately you can access our Trinity Croft C of E Primary Academy website or email enquiries@tc.dsat.education.