

Stay and Play sessions

What is the purpose of our stay and play sessions?

Creating and maintaining positive relationships with our parents is crucial within Hollywater School. By providing opportunities for our parents and carers to experience play with their child within the school environment, we are sharing the following information, as stated within the EYFS statutory framework;

- How the EYFS is being delivered in the setting, and how parents and/or carers can access more information.
- The range and type of activities and experiences provided for children, the daily routines of the setting, and how parents and carers can share learning at home.
- How the setting supports children with special educational needs and disabilities.

We understand that some of the activities and programmes we follow may be unfamiliar to our parents. Our stay and play sessions offer parents and carers time to explore these with their child alongside teachers and learning support assistants. Within these sessions, we offer information for parents and carers to enable them to gain a further insight into their child's education.

Consistency of communication methods and physical development across school and home supports the pupil's holistic development. Therefore, within the stay and play sessions, we aim to support our parents in using communication methods and programmes to enhance physical development at home wherever possible.

Our stay and play sessions also offer a place for our parents and carers to have fun and play with their child in a safe environment.

What do the stay and play sessions look like?

Our stay and play sessions have a focus on functional communication, fine motor skills, regulation and creative play. We invite our parents and carers in for half an hour prior to the stay and play sessions, where they have the opportunity to talk with the Early Years lead and the class teachers. Within this half an hour, teachers will spend the time talking to parents about the focus of the term and what learning has been happening. The parents and carers then have an hour to spend playing with their child either in the hall or in the outside environment, weather dependant.

Who are the stay and play sessions for?

Our stay and play sessions are for pupils in Early years and Key Stage One. We have had really good feedback on how beneficial the stay and play sessions are for pupil's.