



EYFS Curriculum Statement for Parents

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The Statutory Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) and exemptions

The Statutory Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) Birth – 5 years, applies to all settings including ours. It sets out both learning and development requirements and safeguarding and welfare requirements for children from birth to 31 August following their fifth birthday. You can find out more about the EYFS in the Guide to the EYFS in Steiner Kindergartens on <http://www.steinerwaldorf.org>. You can also find a Parent's Guide to the EYFS on the government website <http://www.foundationyears.org.uk>.

Due to our curriculum which is inspired by Steiner and which features the Steiner Waldorf early childhood principles and practice, we have received some 'Exemptions and Modifications' to the EYFS Learning and Development requirements and Assessment regulations under the 'Established Principles' route for Steiner Waldorf settings. These are mostly to do with the introduction and in some cases formal teaching of reading, writing, mathematics and use of IT/media and electronic gadgetry. There is no exemption from the safeguarding and welfare requirements.

5-6yrs+ Curriculum

Children over 5 are of statutory school age and should be attending Kindergarten full time. We recognise that they need a more challenging experience, including a programme of work appropriate to their age, (Key Stage 1 in other school settings). At The London Acorn School 'formal education' begins in Class 1. Our Kindergarten now its own curriculum which shows progression from the EYFS, differentiation and expected outcomes for those children of statutory school age.

We have a rationale of activities we provide for these children as well as a document, which shows what we expect of the older children and what they will learn through the curriculum provided.

Parents will be kept informed of their child's developmental progress throughout their time in the Kindergarten and can be assured of a smooth transition into school.