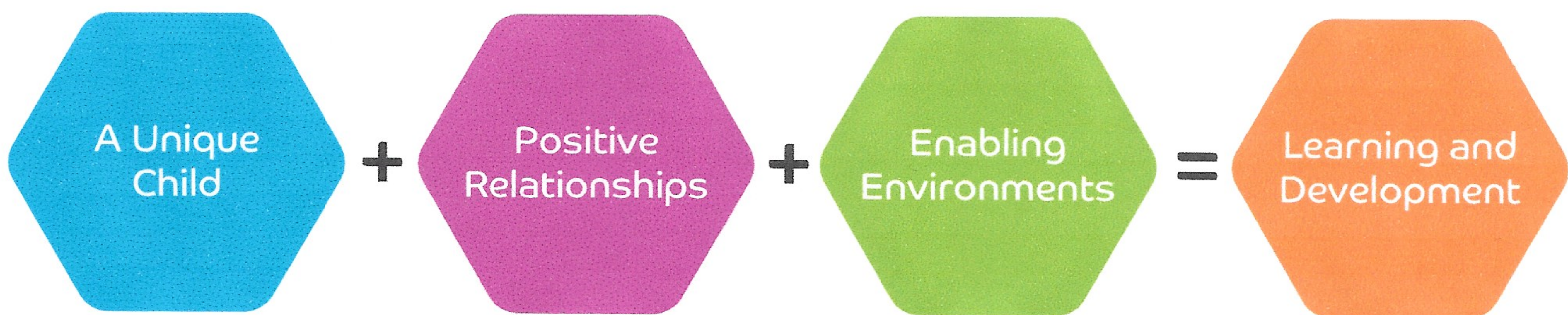


Foundations of highest quality provision

Principles of the EYFS

The four principles of the EYFS underpin all the guidance in Birth to 5 Matters, which is designed to show how these principles work together for children in the EYFS.

All children develop in different ways and development is not a linear or automatic process. It depends on each unique child having opportunities to interact in positive relationships and enabling environments that encourage their engagement and recognise their strengths. All children have agency and curiosity to learn, and will interact with other people and the world around them in different ways. Understanding these different ways of knowing about the world is central to understanding who children are and how best to support their development.



Every child is a **unique child**, who is constantly learning and who can be resilient, capable, confident and self-assured.

EYFS Statutory Framework

Children learn to be strong and independent through **positive relationships**.

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Children learn and develop well in **enabling environments** with teaching and support from adults, who respond to their individual interests and needs and help them to build their learning over time.

EYFS Statutory Framework

(Recognise the importance of **learning and development**. Children develop and learn at different rates.

EYFS Statutory Framework

Practitioners

- observe and understand each child's development and learning, assess progress, plan for and act on next steps
- support babies and children to develop a positive sense of their own identity and culture
- identify any need for additional support
- keep children safe
- value and respect all children and families equally

Positive relationships are

- warm and loving, and foster a sense of belonging
- sensitive and responsive to the child's individual needs, feelings and interests
- supportive of the child's own efforts and independence
- consistent in setting clear boundaries
- stimulating
- built on key person relationships in early years settings

Enabling Environments

- value all people
 - value development and learning
- They offer
- stimulating resources and spaces, inside and outside, relevant to all the children's cultures and communities
 - rich learning opportunities through play and playful teaching
 - support for children to take risks and explore

Learning and Development

- Practitioners teach children by ensuring challenging, playful opportunities across the Prime and Specific areas of development and learning.
- They foster the characteristics of effective early learning
- Playing and exploring
 - Active learning
 - Thinking creatively and critically