

Wollaston Primary School  
Nurture Group

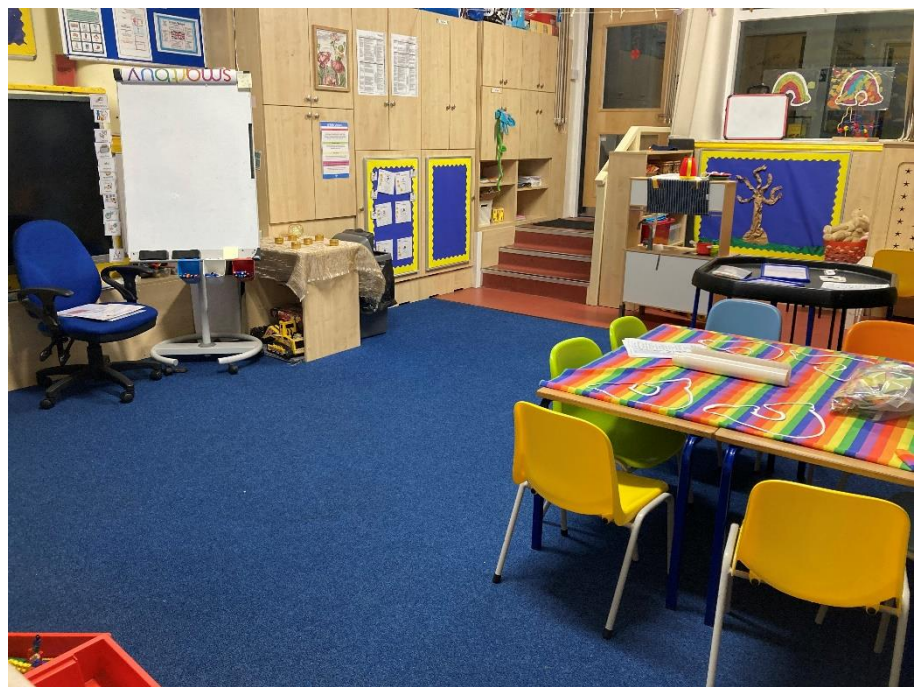


## What is the Rainbow Room?

The Rainbow Room at Wollaston Primary School is a small group of children with identified social, emotional and mental health needs. They may be children who feel insecure in school or who are in need of more adult support than can be provided in their class.

Children have the opportunity to develop one-to-one relationships with the teacher and other children in a consistent and predictable environment, building self-esteem, confidence and independence.

The main aim of the nurture group is to give children the skills needed to effectively return to their mainstream class with coping strategies to support them in their social/emotional skills.





## How are the children taught in the Rainbow Class?

The Nurture teacher plans a child-centred timetable ensuring that different learning styles are catered for, that learning is purposeful and practical and fun for the children to engage in.

Whilst there is a focus on social skills within the Rainbow class the children still have full access to the areas of the curriculum covering key skills in Maths, Literacy and Phonics.



In order to help children access the curriculum, lessons are shorter but more structured than in a mainstream class, the tempo is often slower and the constraints more immediate and evident. Children work one to one with an adult, in pairs and in small groups and their levels of achievement are raised by carefully targeted teaching/learning opportunities.

In order to teach various social skills such as turn taking and sharing, the children prepare and eat brunch together every morning. During this time, the teacher models positive relationships and there is also an emphasis on the development of language and communication skills.

The children also have access to the sensory room throughout the day. This is used for some calming meditation sessions and the children can also access the sensory room, if they feel they need it.



### **How is progress assessed?**

The children focus on two specific social targets each term. The targets are displayed in the classroom and the children are encouraged to self-assess them at the end of every morning thus giving them some responsibility for their own learning. Through carefully planned lessons and evaluations academic progress is continually assessed and is in accordance to normal school guidelines.

### **Can I come and visit the classroom?**

All parents/carers and base class teachers are invited to visit the classroom. We have termly parent-activity sessions where you are invited to join your child for various different activities throughout the year. We believe that in order for a child to succeed there should be a strong partnership between parents/carers, nurture staff, class teacher and the children themselves. This helps to encourage close working relationships and also gives you an opportunity to chat with other parents/carers.

In order to help achieve this we feel that close communication is vital and therefore each child has a home/school communication book which is an opportunity for both teacher and parents/carers to write any comments, share news or ask questions when needed.

### **Who will be working in the Rainbow Class**



Mrs Coates



Mrs Green

The children are also supported during some playtimes in order to support their social skills with their class peers. Some of the children also have the opportunity to attend lunch club with Mrs Wagstaff who sets out some lunch play activities for them.

### **What happens after the Rainbow Class?**

The child's targets will be carefully monitored each half term and there will be a discussion with the nurture teacher, class teachers and SLT to discuss whether the child is ready to return to their class full time. After re-integration into their class has been successful the Rainbow Class organises a graduation party for the child so they may celebrate their success in Rainbow Class.

### **Any questions?**

Please feel free to contact the nurture group for more information about Rainbow Class at Wollaston Primary School on

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