**Monkchester Road Nursery School - Personal and Social Development Intent**

The personal and social development of all of our children at Monkchester Road Nursery School is our first priority. We recognise that children learn most effectively when they are healthy, safe and secure, where they have their individual needs met and when they have positive relationships with adults who care for them. Our Open-Door policy at Monkchester Road Nursery School promotes an effective partnership with parents and encourages positive relationships.

From our initial home visits and Open Days, we build relationships and communicate with our children and their families, gaining an awareness of individual needs and wants. Our aim is for all of our children to have a smooth introduction and settle easily into nursery, so we have adopted a gradual approach which is flexible to suit individual’s needs.

We believe it is important to create a nurturing environment where all of our children are happy, relaxed, feel secure emotionally and are ready to learn.

Right from the start our staff at Monkchester Road Nursery School provide warm and loving care and respond to the children’s needs sensitively to help build security and attachment. Throughout nursery each child has a Key worker who builds relationships and positive interactions with children and their parents/carers, sharing any knowledge about the children’s individual needs.

Carefully planned environments both inside and outside support children’s love of learning and emotional stability. A balance of child-initiated learning opportunities, adult-led activities and small group sessions ep children learn. Staff observe, assess and intervene where appropriate, acting as play partners and role models to foster the development of the children’s character and their personal development.

We encourage children to develop their independence, take risks and have a confident attitude to learning. We help them to manage their own feelings and behaviours with lots of support at first to help them co-regulate their actions until they are able to self-regulate more easily as they become older and more aware of their emotions. We help our children to develop their social skills by interacting and learning to play cooperatively with other children, in many different environments and activities.

At Monkchester Road Nursery School we provide a stimulating environment with staff who are highly skilled, experienced and knowledgeable of the ways in which young children learn and develop best.

We want our children to become well rounded, happy individuals who are able to enjoy learning and grow in confidence. This gradual approach helps them to achieve their fullest potential and so they are ready for their next steps and able to succeed and flourish in our diverse society.

