

The Brighter Learning Approach

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Brighter Learning Approach?

The Brighter Learning Approach is our own unique pathway to Creating Brighter Futures Together. Complementing the Early Years Foundation Stage, the Brighter Learning Approach enhances and enriches our core pedagogy and <u>curriculum</u>.

What is the aim of the Brighter Learning Approach?

The Brighter Learning Approach focuses on the key skills, knowledge and attitudes which we believe each child needs for an enriched, happy, healthy and successful life. It offers the opportunity to secure foundations for lifelong learning.

How does the Brighter Learning Approach differ from traditional teaching methods?

The Brighter Learning Approach provides real opportunities for children's natural curiosity to be enhanced, with emphasis on handson experiences, child-led learning, and holistic development, promoting active engagement and critical thinking. It encourages exploration, creativity, and collaboration, and for individual learning to be challenged and extended.

What age groups does the Brighter Learning Approach cater to?

The Brighter Learning Approach is designed for children aged 0 to 5 years, covering the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) <u>curriculum</u> in a holistic and child-centred approach.

What are the 6 quality promises?

Our 6 quality promises form the foundations of our approach, as we deliver high quality learning experiences and opportunities to all children. <u>Click here</u> to read more about our 6 quality promises.

What are the 4 key values?

The Brighter Learning Approach not only offers enhanced learning opportunities, but also helps support our <u>4 key values</u>, which are centred around:

Our Children
Learning
Our People
Our Families

The Brighter Learning Approach is just one of the ways The Old Station Nursery Group commits to Creating Brighter Futures Together.

To read more about our values, and how we deliver our mission, feel free to visit www.theoldstationnursery.co.uk/our-group/mission- and-values/ or click here.

How does the Brighter Learning Approach promote social and emotional development?

The Brighter Learning Approach recognises the importance of social and emotional skills in a child's holistic development. Through experiences such as sharing stories and role play, children learn to communicate, empathise, resolve conflicts, and develop self-confidence.

Is outdoor learning a part of the Brighter Learning Approach?

Yes, the Brighter Learning Approach enhances the opportunities children already have for outdoor learning. It allows children to connect with nature, engage in physical activities, and explore the world around them. Outdoor spaces are designed to inspire curiosity and provide opportunities for learning through play.

How are parents involved in the Brighter Learning Approach?

The Old Station Nursery believes in fostering a strong <u>partnership</u> <u>with parents</u>. They provide regular communication channels, parent workshops, and opportunities for parents to actively participate in their child's learning journey. Parental involvement is encouraged to ensure continuity between home and nursery experiences.

Are the staff members trained to implement the Brighter Learning Approach?

Yes, the staff members at The Old Station Nursery undergo regular training and professional development to effectively implement the Brighter Learning Approach. They are knowledgeable about child development, the EYFS <u>curriculum</u>, and techniques to support children's learning and growth.

Can I visit the nursery to learn more about the Brighter Learning Approach?

Absolutely! The Old Station Nursery welcomes parents to visit their nurseries and learn more about the Brighter Learning Approach.

Contact your preferred nursery to arrange a visit, where you can meet the staff, see the Brighter Learning Approach in action and ask any questions you may have.

What are 'Raving Readers'?

Raving Readers encourages children to foster a love for books and reading. This enrichment is broken down into three key aspects: Super Story Tellers, Ready Readers & Book Bugs. Read more by clicking here.

What are 'Confident Speakers and Communicators'?

Confident Speakers and communicators boost confidence in children's communication and learning, with learning aspects: Music Maestros, Budding Writers, and Terrific Talkers. Read more by clicking here.

What is 'Mini Maths'?

Mini Maths supports the development of children's maths skills and is supported through the following aspects: Confident Counters, Meaningful Maths and Number Detectives. Read more by <u>clicking here</u>.

What is 'Super STEAM'?

Super STEAM explores Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics. Enabling early experiences in Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics (STEAM). Nurturing our next generation of investigators, inventors, and innovators. Read more by clicking here.

What is 'Wonderful World'?

Wonderful World teaches children about our Wonderful World, how to take care of it and helping the future generation of global citizens to understand the world they live in and to believe they can make a difference. Wonderful World consists of the aspects, Planet Protectors, Nature Explorers, and My Community and Me. Read more by clicking here.

What is 'My Happy and Healthy Self'?

My Happy and Healthy self supports children's social and emotional development. At our nurseries, we champion children's holistic health and lay the foundations for a happy and healthy life. The three aspects, Magnificent Movers, Healthy Me, and Marvellous Me, work alongside one another to enhance children's understanding of their physical and mental health and how to take care of themselves and others. Read more by clicking here.

What is considered a 'WOW moment'?

A "wow moment" typically refers to a significant or memorable experience that elicits a strong reaction or sense of awe from a child. It is often used to describe instances when a child makes a new discovery, achieves a developmental milestone, or expresses enthusiasm and wonder about something they have learned or experienced.

As part of the Brighter Learning Approach, we sometimes use stickers to celebrate 'wow' moments that link to something a particular child has done that is specific to their interests, age, and stage of development, prompting communication and conversations. Read more by clicking here.

Where can I find photos and videos of my child taking part in these experiences?

Follow us on social media to discover photos from our nurseries taking part in purposeful play and developmental experiences by searching the hashtag #BrighterLearning Approach.

How can I enrol my child in a nursery following the Brighter Learning Approach?

To enrol your child in a nursery that uses the Brighter Learning Approach, you can visit The Old Station Nursery's website and

explore their locations. Contact the nursery of your choice directly to inquire about availability and the enrolment process