



Calmore Infant School Nurture Group Leaflet



Miss Fennell and Miss Young welcome you to the Rainbow Room
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What is the purpose of Nurture Group & its Philosophy?

Nurture Group is a small class of pupils (8-10). Its composition is carefully well thought-out to create a balanced and functional group. Its purpose is to offer children opportunities to re-visit early learning skills and promote and support their social and emotional development. There is much research evidence that children's learning is most effective when they have a sense of emotional well-being, good self-esteem and a feeling of belonging to their school community. The Nurture Room provides children with this opportunity and so helps to develop their maturity and resilience. The Nurture Room is a place of learning.

Who is Nurture Group for?

It is for children and young people who:

- have friendship difficulties – keeping/making friends
- are quiet, shy, withdrawn
- find it hard to listen to others or join in
- can be disruptive towards others
- find it hard to accept losing a game
- find it hard to share and take turns
- find it difficult to cope in the classroom
- have low self esteem
- find it hard to manage their emotions appropriately



What is a Nurture Group?

Calmore Infant School's Nurture Group is a class:

- of around 8 - 10 children
- taught by 2 members of staff
- providing play based opportunities to help children learn to negotiate, turn take, share, listen to others, concentrate and plan.
- providing bespoke teaching activities suited to individual needs based on their Boxall Assessment (see below).
- rich texts (fiction and non-fiction) are used to inspire and promote learning.
- providing children with a chance to develop positive relationships with the teaching staff and each other.
- promoting children's self-esteem and build their confidence
- where snack time is used to help with social learning and encouraging children to attend to the needs of others
- closely linked with the child's mainstream class and children remain members of both classes.
- helps with transitions e.g new class/new school



What difference does Calmore Infant School Nurture Group make?

Children who have attended our Nurture Group have developed their:

- confidence and self esteem
- belief in themselves as learners, which can impact hugely on their academic success
- language, literacy and maths skills
- friendships
- enjoyment of school
- concentration
- management of emotions including sharing/turn taking

What will the Nurture Group at Calmore Infant School be like?

Our Nurture Group is called Rainbow Group. It will:

- run for 5 afternoons a week
- be available for children in year R, 1 and 2
- take place in a specially resourced classroom
- be run by 2 highly skilled members of staff
- assess children's needs and work on individual goals
- have close liaison with parents/carers



Our Nurture Group has been awarded the Nurture Group Mark which recognises the success of our Nurture Group. If you would like more information please contact Adele Weaver (Inclusion Manager).