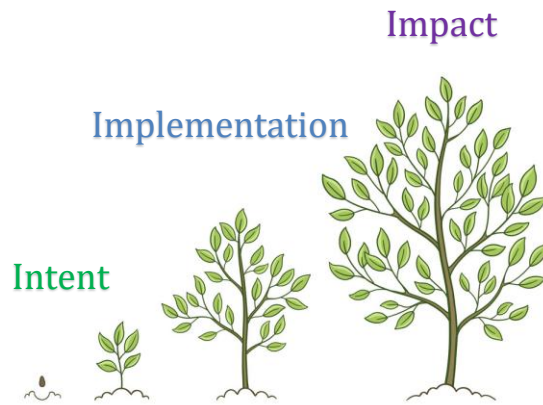




The 'Three I's' at Elmtree Preschool

Intent – Our aim

- To provide a safe, nurturing, healthy and inclusive environment
- To support and encourage children to develop independence, curiosity and resilience
- To ensure our environment and ethos reflects equality, diversity and British Values
- To ensure all children and adults feel valued, respected and cared for at Elmtree Preschool
- To provide a curriculum that prioritises learning through play and responds to children's interests
- To support every child to make the best possible progress
- To prepare children for transition to school
- As a small not-for-profit charity, we want to remain a sustainable setting whilst ensuring we are as financially accessible as possible to all families
- Ensure our budget is centered around how it benefits the children

💡 At Elmtree Preschool, our intent is to support and encourage all children to be confident, curious and engaged learners, who feel a sense of belonging, who are listened to and valued. This helps children feel safe and secure within their environment and will support them to learn, develop and have a positive preschool experience. We aim for all to feel welcome, supported and to have an ethos which embraces and celebrates individuality.

Implementation – How we do it

- Play-based, child-led learning and activities
- Enabling environments indoors & outdoors
- Skilled interactions, scaffolding learning and engaging in sustained shared thinking
- We use positive behaviour strategies and model respectful interactions to support self-regulation and wellbeing
- Continuous provision enriched with stories, songs, nature and creative play
- We have an established and consistent routine, which allows for flexibility for the ebb and flow of the day, and the individual needs of the children

- We observe, assess and communicate using clear and efficient methods and management software
- We work in partnership with children, parents and outside agencies
- We are a reflective team, using a 'plan, do, review' approach to continually improve our practice
- We keep up to date and adhere to the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)
- We offer the funded hours without restrictions and keep extra costs to an absolute minimum - ensuring families can make the most of their funding entitlement
- As a not-for-profit charity, we use our entire budget to directly benefit the children, ensuring resources, environments and experiences are high-quality and accessible

💡 We bring our intent to life through play experiences based on the children's interests. Our routine incorporates uninterrupted child-led free flow play indoors and outside, group times and self-care. We are a small group, which lends itself to building meaningful relationships with the children and families. Our methods of observation and assessment have the individual child at the focus. Parents are involved in their child's learning and receive regular communication.

Impact – What difference it makes

- Children settle in well
- Children learn through exploring and experimenting – helping build communication, independence, confidence and self-regulation
- Children and their families build positive relationships with our team – helping us to effectively support families
- We can support and encourage individual children's progress across the Prime & Specific areas of learning, and the Characteristics of Effective Learning
- Children experience an environment and curriculum that reflects their interests, helping them feel engaged and content in their play
- Families tell us their children are happy, settled, and thriving at Elmtree
- Families feel supported and valued, knowing that our provision is affordable, inclusive and fully focused on the benefits for the children
- They are prepared for school and life beyond preschool, leaving Elmtree as curious, capable and resilient learners

💡 The impact is observed in children's engagement, enjoyment, friendships, achievements, and readiness for their next steps. We have positive, trusting and supportive relationships with our families and receive positive feedback and reviews. As a proud not-for-profit charity, everything we do is rooted in our caring, welcoming ethos - ensuring all income directly supports children and families, especially those who need it most.