

## **Polly Anna's Nursery**

### **Ethos**

We believe that quality early years education does not come from a book. It cannot be purchased or delivered to your door. It's not pre-cut pumpkins or circles for snowmen. It's not two dimensional colouring sheets or outdated dittos. It certainly isn't hours of teacher directed activities or forced participation. It's not an end product. It isn't rigid detailed schedules hanging on the wall. It does not have to come from a school or classroom setting. It doesn't mean designer furniture and perfectly landscaped playgrounds. Quality early year's education is much more than that. It's about engaging in meaningful conversations and every day experiences. It's developing a relationship with each child and embracing their individuality. It's allowing them to use all of their senses. It's child led and driven by their desire to understand more. It trusts them as capable learners and supports their choices. It's about exploration and freedom of creativity. It allows them to accomplish goals in their OWN time. It's about respecting them where they are developmentally. It understands the value of play. It's unhurried and embraced. It's being in the moment. It's taking the time to pick the dandelions and dancing in mud puddles. It's mixing paint just for the sake of mixing it. Its play dough in their hair and grass stained knees. Some may argue that the parents want to see "proof" of learning. We say, if they want to see proof tell them to look in the eyes and hearts of their children. It's there they will find what they are looking for.

We want our parents to be able to leave their children safe in the knowledge that they are happy and being well looked after by staff that are suitable, well qualified and experienced, and who are committed to the highest standards of childcare & education practices for young children.