



Children, Young People and Families

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To whoever it may concern,

Re-WEAVE, Leamington Spa

The Early Years Foundation Stage states “when children have opportunities to play with ideas in different situations and with a variety of resources, they discover connections and come to new and better ways of doing things. Adult support in this process enhances their ability to think critically and ask questions.”

It is now a requirement that “children’s creativity must be extended by the provision of support for their curiosity, exploration and play. They must be provided with opportunities to explore and share their thoughts, ideas and feelings.”

The philosophy and vision underpinning the innovative WEAVE project in Warwickshire has opened up many opportunities to develop and extend Early Years practitioners’ own creativity and critical thinking and has had a tremendous impact on the quality of experiences offered to our very youngest children in numerous settings across the county including childminders, settings in the Private, Voluntary and Independent sector and maintained nurseries and schools.

Working with skilled and innovative artists has provided practitioners with the inspiration to raise the quality of creative experiences being offered to children across the Early Years Foundation Stage. Through using the open ended resources offered at WEAVE, children have the opportunity to express their ideas in so many different ways which enables them to access the whole EYFS curriculum through creative experiences. Children have been observed initiating their own learning and making choices and decisions. They are able to explore many processes, responding to a wide range of experiences in their own individual ways.

The Early Years Improvement Team has observed the impact WEAVE is having across the county. The resources are used extensively in our Inspirational Learning Spaces

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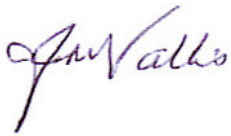
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where we aim to support, inspire and encourage practitioners who are working with children from birth to five.

Practitioners are now creating opportunities for children to express their ideas through a wide range of types of representation. Practitioners are valuing children's own ideas, focussing on process rather than expecting them to have an end product.

Our practitioners are so fortunate to be able to access WEAVE. It is a fantastic resource and has contributed greatly to raising quality experiences for babies and children across the county and beyond.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Joanne Vallis".

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