



Nurture 2026-27



What is a nurture group?

A nurture group is a small group that provides additional support for pupils who may be finding school difficult because of social, emotional or developmental needs. The focus is on building positive relationships, developing emotional regulation, improving confidence and helping pupils feel safe and ready to learn.

Why is it needed?

Nurture groups are an important part of our support for young people. Nurture groups are needed in schools because some young people face social, emotional, or behavioral challenges that make it difficult for them to learn effectively in a regular classroom. Nurture groups provide consistent, positive experiences and relationships that help pupils develop skills, confidence and resilience over time.

What is the impact?

Nurture groups are not a quick fix. They cannot and do not undo years of trauma, adversity or difficult life experiences. Progress can be gradual, and the impact is often seen in small but meaningful changes such as improved relationships, better emotional regulation, increased engagement in learning and a greater sense of belonging in school.

Term 1 Nurture

At the moment, we are focusing on identifying pupils who may benefit from nurture support. As part of this process, we will be using the Boxall Profile to help us better understand pupils' social and emotional needs. Class teachers will be invited to complete a Boxall Profile for selected pupils. This will help ensure that places are offered to the pupils who are most likely to benefit and that the support we provide is matched to their individual needs.

Name Change

We are renaming the Nurture Group as The Oakfield Group. We hope that a more neutral name will help pupils feel proud to be part of the group and reduce any stigma that can sometimes be associated with targeted support.

Thank you!

As we move forward, we will continue to share information about the nurture group and how staff can support the work being done with pupils both in and out of the classroom.