

**Ralston Primary School  
Active Start**

**What is Active Start?**

- A less formal, more relaxed start to the day's learning
- All children and staff are busy
- It sets the tone of the day and is valued by all
- It gives the staff time to observe and to interact
- It enables time to give one to one support to children
- Staff have time to talk and to listen
- Children are engaged in a variety of activities
- Children have choices
- Children can consolidate and experiment
- Children can build and develop relationships

**How is an Active Start class area organised?**

- It contains a variety of activities that consolidate and extend learning
- Activities can be revised as a starting point for future learning
- Children make choices
- Children can work alone, in pairs or small groups
- Self registration takes place to allow children a prompt start to activities
- Staff interaction with, and observation of children is a vital part of the process

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- It shows the child a link between home and school and that the link is valued by all
- It can give the child an opportunity to explain and share
- It can give parents ideas on how to support their child's learning at home.

**Your role during Active Start**

- To enter via the class entrance
- To sign the register in your child's class
- To interact and share the learning with your child
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- You are coming into your child's environment so you will experience rules devised by the children
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Yours faithfully

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