

Early Photography at Nära Nurseries

Photography is a powerful medium for developing children's understanding of themselves and the world around them. It enables children to put themselves at the centre of their learning, engages awe and wonder, increases curiosity, and provides a fantastic starting point for enquiries and conversations. Photography is a language of its own and is accessible to all children, either as individuals or in small groups. It supports and develops children's communication and language skills through the use of technology, whilst promoting independence, inventiveness, problem solving and making things work.



Our Early Photography Programme provides Educators with a unique insight into the way a child sees the world around them, making their interests visible whilst opening up opportunities for developing lines of enquiry. It enables Educators to develop children's ability to document their process and product whilst providing an interesting way of consulting with children, gathering their ideas, and feeding these into their evaluations.

Children's Photography

Our Early Photography Programme enables children to:

- Switch a camera on and off.
- Focus on taking a photo.
- Capture images from different angles.
- Explore a range of different photography methods such as using a light box.
- Enjoy sharing their images and achievement with their key Educators and peers.

Our Early Photography Programme includes access to:

- Children's cameras
- Instax cameras
- Light boxes
- Lenses
- Tripods

Educators plan time and space for children to develop their own ideas and creations using the resources available. Children are encouraged to take their own photographs within the setting of favourite activities or places, to help them describe their individual preferences and opinions. When on visits in the community to places such as the park, they are encouraged to take photographs of things that interest them, ready to revisit later. This activity is aided by the adult carefully scribing (writing down) the words that children use and displaying these words, with photos. To help children maintain focus on things that interest them over a period of time, staff also help them to keep ideas in mind by talking over photographs of their previous activities.



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Our Early Photography Programme enables children to thrive on four main principles:

- Ambitious, capable learners, who use digital technologies creatively to communicate and analyse information, and who are ready to learn throughout their lives.
- Ethical informed citizens, who are knowledgeable about their culture, community, society, and the world around them.
- Enterprising, creative contributors who, think creatively to reframe and solve problems, and are ready to play full part in life.
- Healthy, confident individuals who, form positive relationships based upon trust and mutual respect, and are ready to lead fulfilling lives as valued members of society.

