



HOLMLEIGH PRIMARY SCHOOL INSIGHTS

Helping Children Thrive in Early Years

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Your child's early years journey begins here at Holmleigh Primary School, where children are welcomed into a warm, nurturing and inclusive environment that supports them to feel safe, confident and ready to learn.

As EYFS Lead at Holmleigh Primary School, I bring over 27 years of experience and an unwavering passion for teaching, something that has always been my true vocation.





My journey in education began in 1997 after graduating from Goldsmiths, University of London, and I have been proud to be part of the Holmleigh community since 2010. From a young age, I knew I wanted to teach; I would line up my dolls and eagerly take on the role of “teacher”, a playful beginning to a lifelong commitment to education.

Throughout my career, I have developed a strong interest in conflict resolution and in equipping children with the lifelong skills they need to navigate challenges, build positive relationships and understand their own wellbeing.

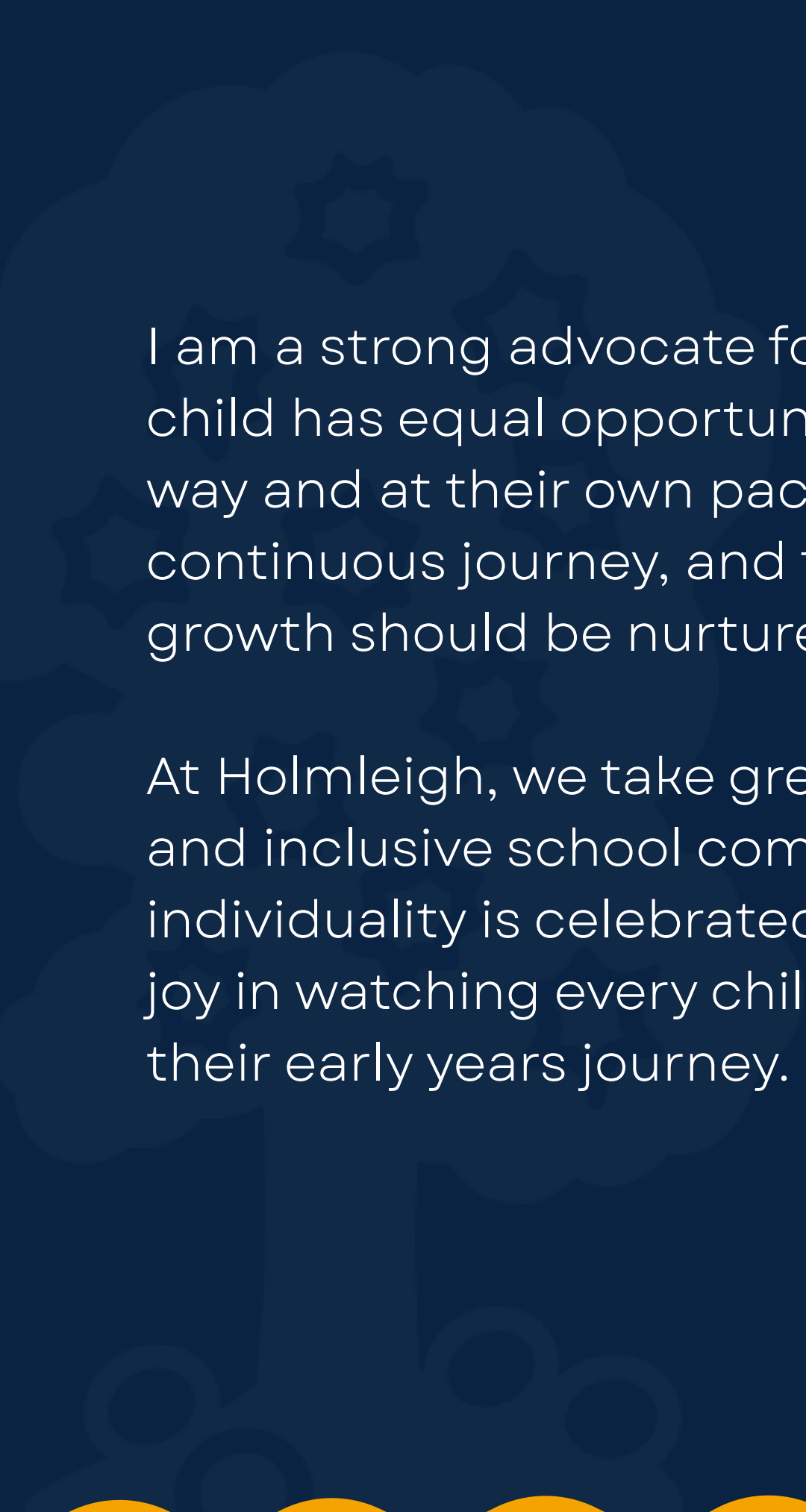




Supporting children's Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED) is at the heart of everything I do.

I am deeply committed to helping children learn to regulate through co-regulation, develop respectful relationships, recognise and manage their emotions, and build the confidence to resolve conflicts independently. I firmly believe that secure PSED foundations underpin all learning, enabling children to feel safe, valued and ready to take risks.





I am a strong advocate for ensuring that every child has equal opportunities to learn in their own way and at their own pace. I believe learning is a continuous journey, and that curiosity and growth should be nurtured at every stage of life.

At Holmleigh, we take great pride in our diverse and inclusive school community, where individuality is celebrated and we find genuine joy in watching every child flourish throughout their early years journey.





We place great importance on building strong, trusting partnerships with parents and carers from the very beginning, recognising that collaboration is key to each child's success.

By working closely together, we ensure that every child is supported socially, emotionally and academically, regardless of their starting point. Through high-quality interactions, thoughtful provision and a shared commitment to excellence, we strive to give every child the very best start, laying strong foundations for lifelong learning and future success.





At the heart of our work is a commitment to creating a vibrant and enabling environment where every child feels happy, secure, valued and fully included. We nurture children to be kind, honest and resilient, building trust and fostering integrity as they grow and explore the world around them.

Our experienced and dedicated Early Years team works collaboratively to provide a rich, stimulating environment that promotes exploration, creativity and independence through play-based learning.





The Early Years is a vital and transformative period in a child's life.

These early experiences shape not only their educational journey but also the individuals they become, supporting them to grow into responsible, compassionate and active members of their communities and wider society.

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