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HEADTEACHER

Rebecca Cheetham Nursery School and Children's Centre

Nursery School Context

An Outstanding nursery at the heart of Stratford, we are an integrated school and Family Hub dedicated to "giving children the best start in life." Our ambitious, book-led curriculum prioritizes communication, ensuring diverse learners—including those with SEND—are ready for the next stage of their educational journey.

Navigating complex socio-economic challenges, we provide a vital safety net through inclusive practice and IQM Flagship-rated support. As systemic leaders, we drive Early Years excellence across Newham through strategic school partnerships.

What we specialise in:

We have spent years working on developing **calm classrooms** so children can thrive. Our **mindfulness** strategies help children and adults feel calm.

We empower children through our work as **developing sustainable citizens** and the **Rights Respecting Schools** process.

Strong **anti-bias** ethos and practical **inclusive strategies** supporting children and families.



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Headteacher Profile

I have worked at Rebecca Cheetham for 12 years. I am originally from Australia, commencing my career in secondary education—specialising in English, PE, and ICT—than transitioning to primary and EYFS leadership in London. Having led the school for eight years, I am a dedicated advocate for staff and student wellbeing.

I have worked to cultivated a nurturing "oasis of calm" by integrating mindfulness and emotional regulation into the curriculum.

I am committed to fostering an inclusive environment where children celebrate and embrace the rich diversity of their community, ensuring every child feels a profound sense of belonging.

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