

**Name:** Dipti Arora

**Position:** Early Education Teacher (Primavera)

**Qualifications:** Masters of Teaching

**How long have you been working in childcare?**

I've been working in childcare for 11 years.

**What do you love about teaching?**

I always wanted to teach younger children. I've had the opportunity to work in both primary education and early childhood education, but I enjoy the opportunities of free play and play-based learning in early childhood education more than the structured learning that happens in primary school.

**What do you love about The Brook Early Education and Care?**

The resources! The fact that we have our own playground. Separating different ages makes it a much safer environment for all children. The management team is so supportive and approachable. They're very knowledgeable as well, so it makes me feel comfortable that they know what they're doing.

**What is your own personal philosophy?**

Catering to different children's needs and interests. I have different areas set up around the room, so I give the children some freedom and choice over what they want to do. For example, we've recently packed away the fairy garden and replaced it with animal figurines, because I've noticed how much the children love those at the moment.

I also make sure we have some intentional learning stations set up. Right now, children are learning to recognise their names and spell their names, and I also make sure to listen to parents and incorporate their voices as well – at the moment we are practicing scissor cutting, as parents have said their children are experiencing some issues with that at home.

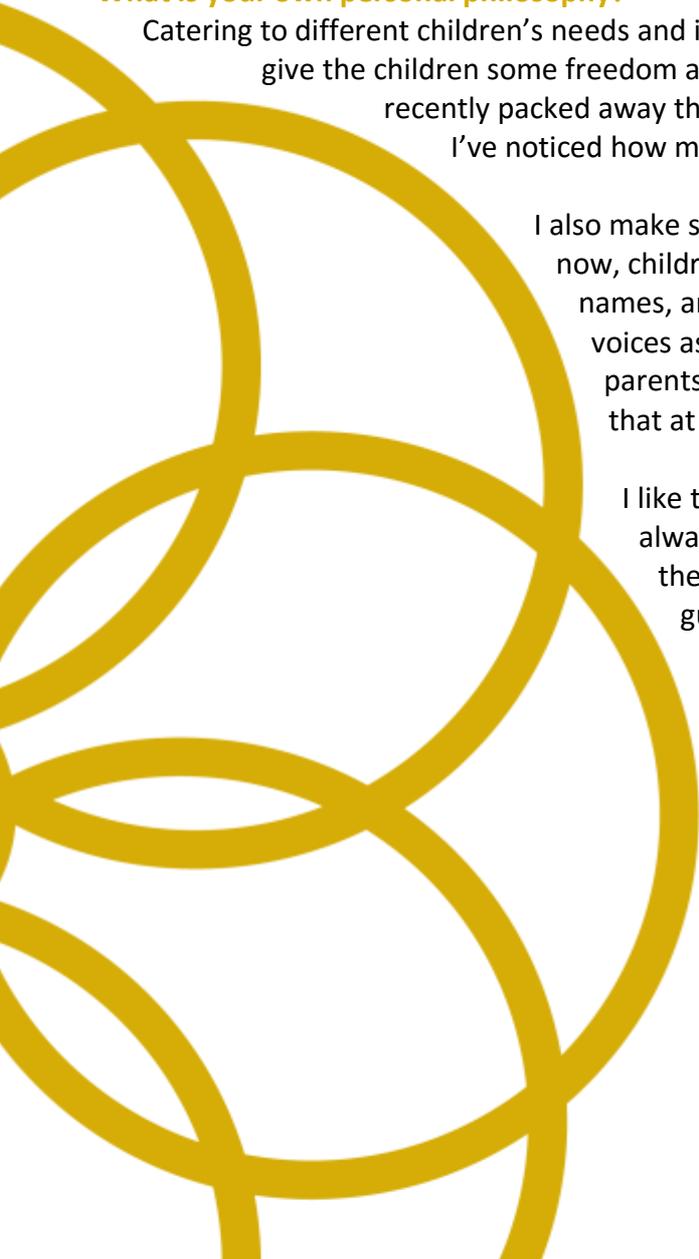
I like to mix up play based learning with intentional learning, while always making sure both parents and children are being heard. At the end of the day, I provide children with different choices, and guide and support their learning based on their natural interests.

**Favourite thing to do in your spare time?**

Spend time with my children – working on hands-on project for them.

**Do you have any children or pets?**

Yes, I have 2 children: one is in grade 2 and the younger one is almost 3.



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