

Curriculum Policy

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We at The Devonshire Hill Nursery and Primary School, have a duty to ensure compliance with the revised National Curriculum and with the application of the new programmes of study and attainment targets. We use the flexibility in the National Curriculum to meet the needs and talents of the pupils in this school.

We are aware that by providing the National Curriculum we are satisfying the requirements of a broad and balanced curriculum and which:

- Promotes the spiritual, moral, cultural, mental and physical development of pupils at the school and of society, and
- Prepares pupils at the school for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of later life.

We believe we give all our children full access to National Curriculum and we enable them to achieve the highest academic and personal standards of which they are capable by providing them with challenges and the life skills that they need in order to take their place in society. We want all our children to succeed.

We provide for all children a broad and balanced curriculum that promotes their spiritual, moral, cultural, mental and physical development while preparing them for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences in adult life in democratic Britain.

We see the development of English, Mathematics, Science and I.C.T. as central to our curriculum work, balanced with the humanities and expressive arts. Also, the experiences of the children will be enriched by a range of planned extra-curricular activities.

We strive to provide a curriculum that all pupils will find enjoyable with them understanding the relevance of their lessons. This can only be achieved by using the experience, enthusiasm and specialism of individual teachers who provide interesting, relevant, purposeful and challenging lessons based on real-life experiences, in a structured well-ordered classroom environment.

We wish to work closely with the School Council to hear their views and opinions as we acknowledge and support Article 12 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child that children should be encouraged to form and to express their views.

We as a school community have a commitment to promote equality. Therefore, an equality impact assessment has been undertaken and we believe this policy is in line with the Equality Act 2010.

This policy is to be read in conjunction with the following documents:

- The National Curriculum in England for KS1 and KS2 framework (DfE) – **Guidance A**

Aims

- To provide a curriculum that provides pupils with the essential knowledge they need to be educated citizens in democratic Britain.

- To provide an environment that is fun, stimulating and challenging to all pupils.
- To promote an awareness of and respect for a diversity of cultures, values, beliefs and abilities.
- To equip children with a range of skills and a desire for lifelong learning.
- To work with other schools to share good practice in order to improve this policy.

Responsibility for the Policy and Procedure

The Governing Body has:

- Delegated powers and responsibilities to the Headteacher to ensure all school personnel and stakeholders are aware of and comply with this policy;
- Responsibility for ensuring compliance with the legal requirements of the National Curriculum and religious education and taught in accordance with the locally agreed SACRE syllabus (<http://amv.somerset.gov.uk>);
- Responsibility for ensuring the syllabus for religious education reflects Christianity and all main world religions;
- Responsibility for ensuring a daily act of worship takes place for all pupils;
- Responsibility for ensuring that the school complies with all equalities legislation;
- Nominated a designated Equalities governor to ensure that appropriate action will be taken to deal with all prejudice related incidents or incidents which are a breach of this policy;
- Responsibility for ensuring funding is in place to support this policy;
- Responsibility for ensuring this policy and all policies are maintained and updated regularly;
- Responsibility for ensuring all policies are made available to parents;
- The responsibility of involving the School Council in the development, approval, implementation and review of this policy;
- Nominated a link governor to visit the school regularly, to liaise with the Headteacher and to report back to the Governing Body;
- Responsibility for the effective implementation, monitoring and evaluation of this policy

The Headteacher will:

- Ensure all school personnel, pupils and parents are aware of and comply with this policy;
- Ensure compliance with the legal requirements of the National Curriculum and religious education;
- Consider removing a pupil from all or part of the National Curriculum for a period of time if this will benefit the child;
- Encourage parents to take an active role in curriculum development;
- Work closely with the link governor;
- Provide leadership and vision in respect of equality;
- Provide guidance, support and training to all staff;
- Monitor the effectiveness of this policy by:
 - Observing teaching and learning
 - Planning scrutiny and 'book looks'
 - Discussions with pupils and members of the school council
 - Scrutiny of subject leaders action plans and work logs
- Annually report to the Governing Body on the success and development of this policy

The Link Governor will:

- Work closely with the Headteacher;
- Ensure this policy and other linked policies are up to date;
- Ensure that everyone connected with the school is aware of this policy;
- Report to the Governing Body every term;
- Annually report to the Governing Body on the success and development of this policy

The Subject Leader

- There will be a subject leader for each curriculum subject.
- Each subject leader reviews progress of their curriculum subject and reports this to the Headteacher, members of staff and governors.
- Each subject has an action plan which forms part of the School Development Plan.

School personnel will:

- Comply with all aspects of this policy;
- Undertake careful planning of all areas of the curriculum but will be encouraged to take time to react and to develop those unexpected moments which will further develop children's experiences;
- Develop mathematical fluency, numeracy and mathematical understanding in all subjects;
- Develop pupils' spoken language, reading, writing and vocabulary in all subjects;
- Be encouraged to develop the curriculum by using the range of cultures that we have within the school;
- Maximize learning opportunities by encouraging and developing parental involvement;
- Plan challenging lessons which are interactive and engaging;
- Use a range of teaching and learning styles to address the needs of all children;
- Have high expectations for all children and will provide work that will extend them;
- Assess, record and report on the development, progress and attainment of pupils;
- Implement the school's equalities policy and schemes;
- Report and deal with all incidents of discrimination;
- Attend appropriate training sessions on equality;
- Report any concerns they have on any aspect of the school community

Pupils will:

- Be aware of and comply with this policy;
- Learn to take pride in their work;
- Produce work of a high standard;
- Be encouraged to bring in their own items and information in order to enhance and to take ownership of a topic;
- Listen carefully to all instructions given by the teacher;
- Ask for further help if they do not understand;
- Participate fully in all lessons;
- Participate in discussions concerning progress and attainment;
- Treat others, their work and equipment with respect;
- Support the rules to ensure the smooth running of the school;
- Talk to others without shouting and will use language which is neither abusive nor offensive;
- Hand in homework properly completed and on time;
- Wear correct uniform
- Liaise with the school council;
- Take part in questionnaires and surveys
- When invited, present and talk about their work to governors and other visitors.

The House Captains and House Representatives will be involved in:

- Discussing improvements to this policy during the school year;
- Reviewing the effectiveness of this policy with the Governing Body

Parents/carers will:

- Be aware of and comply with this policy;
- Be encouraged to become involved in curriculum development by helping in school, taking part in curriculum focus weeks and by maximizing learning opportunities between home and school;

- Be informed via website of their child's topics;
- Be made aware that they have the right to withdraw their child from all part of the religious education curriculum;
- Be encouraged to take an active role in the life of the school by attending:
 - Parents and open evenings
 - Parent-teacher consultations
 - Class assemblies
 - School concerts
 - Fundraising and social events
 - Becoming a Parent Governor
 - Becoming a member of the PSA
- Be encouraged to work in school as volunteers;
- Be encouraged to organise after school clubs or groups;
- Be asked to take part periodic surveys conducted by the school on curriculum development;
- Ensure regular and punctual attendance;
- Notify school on the first day of pupil absence;
- Encourage effort and achievement;
- Encourage completion of homework and return it to school;
- Provide the right conditions for homework to take place;
- Ensure homework is handed in on time;
- Support the school Code of Conduct and guidance necessary to ensure smooth running of the school;
- Ensure correct school uniform is worn

National Curriculum Subjects 2015 / 2016

The structure of the national curriculum, in terms of which subjects are compulsory at each key stage, is set out **Appendix A**.

Programmes of Study

Please see **Appendix B**

Time Allocation

Phase	English	Mathematics	Science
KS1 (21-hour week)	24-36%	18%	7%
KS2 (23.5-hour week)	21-32%	18-21%	9%

Planning

Long, medium and short term planning is in place for all subjects.

Subject Policies

Policies are in place for all subject areas and are updated every three years.

Monitoring

Standards will be monitored by:

- Looking at pupil's work
- Subject observations
- Pupil discussions
- Audit of subjects

- Scrutiny of planning
- General curriculum discussions

Monitoring will be undertaken by subject coordinators and members of the Senior Leadership Team.

Subjects

Core subjects: English, Mathematics, Science

Foundation subjects: Art and Design, Computing, Design and Technology, Languages, Geography, History, Music, Physical Education.

The Foundation Subjects will be taught mainly through 'Topic Work' which will include RE & PSHE as appropriate to the topic but may be taught separately.

Educational Visit and Visitors

- We actively encourage educational visits to link in with topic work.
- Invited speakers will enhance the experiences of the children.

Equal Opportunities

- We aim to promote an awareness of and respect for a diversity of cultures, values, beliefs and abilities.
- We look for ways to encourage both boys and girls in all subject areas.
- By careful monitoring we support those underachieving in certain areas.

Special Needs

Teachers' planning caters for the wide ability range by including differentiated opportunities in order for all children to make progress.

Raising Awareness of this Policy

We will raise awareness of this policy via:

- The school website
- The Staff Handbook
- Meetings with parents such as introductory, transition, parent-teacher consultations and periodic curriculum workshops
- School events
- Meetings with school personnel
- Communications with home such as weekly newsletters and of end of half term newsletters
- Reports to the Governing Body
- Information displays in the main school entrance

Training

All school personnel:

- Have equal chances of training, career development and promotion
- Receive training on this policy during induction which specifically covers:
 - National Curriculum programmes of study and attainment targets for all subjects
 - Teaching and learning

- Planning
 - Assessment
 - Key skills
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- Receive periodic training so that they are kept up to date with new information
 - Receive equal opportunities training on induction.

Equality Impact Assessment

Under the Equality Act 2010 we have a duty not to discriminate against people on the basis of their age, disability, gender, gender identity, pregnancy or maternity, race, religion or belief and sexual orientation.

This policy has been equality impact assessed and we believe that it is in line with the Equality Act 2010 as it is fair, it does not prioritise or disadvantage any pupil and it helps to promote equality at this school.

Monitoring the Effectiveness of the Policy

The practical application of this policy will be reviewed annually or when the need arises by the coordinator, the Headteacher and the link governor.

A statement of the policy's effectiveness and the necessary recommendations for improvement will be presented to the Governing Body for further discussion and endorsement.

This policy was reviewed and endorsed by the Full Governing Body of The Devonshire Hill Nursery and Primary School on Tuesday 20th December 2016.