

Rickleton Primary School



Curriculum Policy

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School Vision

Our vision is that every child at Rickleton Primary School feels happy and has a passion for learning. This is the result of a rich and varied curriculum driven by excellent teaching and access to a wealth of exciting, challenging and motivating opportunities. All children will come to a safe and inclusive school, where everyone is celebrated for who they are.

We believe that children should be curious about their learning. Through our engaging curriculum, we ensure that children can foster a passion for learning that will help to develop high aspirations and a lifetime of memories. We believe in ensuring that children receive a well-rounded curriculum; where individual talents can be spotted and nurtured to ensure that all children experience success and reach their full potential

This policy outlines our dedication to establishing a well-rounded and robust curriculum, as well as the provisions surrounding its creation.

1. Our Curriculum

Pupils' learning and development is at the heart of our school's curriculum; it is broad and balanced and equips pupils with the skills necessary to succeed in life after school.

Our curriculum vision statement outlines how the school has created the curriculum and the benefits it will bring to pupils' learning and self-improvement.

Curriculum Vision

We aim to provide a creative, inclusive, challenging real-world curriculum relevant to the local and world-wide context of Rickleton Primary School today. Learning, built on the development of strong basic skills, will inspire deep knowledge and transferable skills which progress from each individual's starting points.

We want to inspire curious and ambitious learners, with a passion for education, giving them a thirst for knowledge to become the innovators and problem solvers of the future. By immersing children in an environment which celebrates tolerance and equality, children will learn to communicate their thoughts and opinions in respectful ways.

At Rickleton Primary School, we believe that children thrive and build resilience in an environment which is safe, inclusive and supportive of their well-being. By providing this environment, we believe every child is able to achieve their best possible outcomes and feel celebrated for who they are. Our curriculum supports learners to be proud to achieve their potential academically, socially and emotionally whilst encouraging them to become ambitious, life-long learners.

2. School ethos and aims

2.1. The overall aims of the curriculum are to:

- Enable all pupils to understand that they are all successful learners.
- Enable pupils to understand the skills and attributes needed to be a successful learner.
- Enable pupils to develop their own personal interests and develop a positive attitude towards learning, so that they enjoy coming to school, and acquire a solid basis for lifelong learning.
- Teach pupils the basic skills of literacy, numeracy, ICT and science.
- Enable pupils to be creative through art, dance, music, drama and design and technology.
- Enable pupils to be healthy individuals and appreciate the importance of a healthy lifestyle.
- Teach pupils about their developing world, including how their environment and society have changed over time.
- Help pupils understand the fundamental British values, and enable them to be positive citizens in society who can make a difference.
- Fulfil all the requirements of the national curriculum and the locally agreed syllabus for RE.
- Teach pupils to have an awareness of their own spiritual development, and to understand right from wrong.

- Help pupils understand the importance of truth and fairness, so that they grow up committed to equal opportunities for all.
- Enable pupils to have respect for themselves and high self-esteem, and to be able to live and work co-operatively with others.
- Enable pupils to be passionate about what they believe in and to develop their own thoughts on different topics.
- Enable pupils to develop their intellect including their emotional development, ask questions and take appropriate risks.
- Enable pupils to experience playing a musical instrument.
- Teach pupils about the importance of forming healthy relationships with friends, family and peers.

2.2. Through the aims outlined above, pupils will benefit by:

- Learning how to lead safe, healthy and fulfilling lives.
- Understanding that failure is part of the road to success.
- Being rewarded for academic successes.
- Being supported with their next stages in education and feeling prepared for life after school.
- Becoming responsible individuals who contribute to community living and the environment.
- Achieving to the best of their ability.
- Acquiring a wealth of knowledge and experience.
- Becoming critical thinkers.
- Finding a sense of belonging to the school and its community.
- Learning how to cooperate with their peers and respect one another inside and outside the classroom.

3. Legal framework

3.1. This policy has due regard to all relevant legislation and statutory guidance including, but not limited to, the following:

- The Education Act 2002
- The Children Act 2004
- The Equality Act 2010
 - DfE (2017) 'Special educational needs and disability code of practice: 0 to 25 years'
 - DfE (2013) 'The national curriculum in England'
 - DfE (2017) 'Statutory framework for the early years foundation stage'
 - DfE (2019) 'School attendance'

3.2. This policy operates in conjunction with the following school policies:

- Homework Policy

- Assessment Policy
- Equal Opportunities Policy
- PSHCE Policy
- Relationships and Health Education Policy
- More Academically Gifted and Talented Policy
- SEND Policy

4. Roles and responsibilities

4.1. The headteacher and curriculum lead are responsible for:

- Ensuring long-term and medium-term plans are devised for the curriculum in collaboration with teachers and other members of the SLT.
- Ensuring the curriculum is inclusive and accessible to all.
- Assisting teachers with the planning and implementation of the curriculum, ensuring their workload is manageable.
- Ensuring the curriculum is implemented consistently throughout the school and ensuring any difficulties are addressed and mitigated as soon as possible.
- Making any necessary adjustments to the curriculum where required.
- Keeping up-to-date with any relevant statutory updates and taking action where required.
- Creating and maintaining an up-to-date curriculum intent statement.
- Ensuring the curriculum is created in accordance with this policy.
- Updating and maintaining this policy.

4.2. Teachers are responsible for:

- Implementing this policy consistently throughout their practices.
- Ensuring lesson plans are reflective of the school's curriculum.
- Implementing the curriculum in creative ways, appealing to different learning types and keeping pupils engaged in content.
- Creating short-term plans for the curriculum with fellow colleagues and reporting these plans to the headteacher.
- Creating weekly lesson plans in collaboration with colleagues and sharing these with the SLT where required.
- Collaborating with the headteacher and the SENCO to ensure that the curriculum is inclusive and accessible to all.
- Working closely with the SENCO and TAs to ensure those in need receive additional support in lessons.
- Ensuring academically more able pupils are given additional, more challenging work to celebrate their talents.
- Celebrating all pupils' academic achievements.

- Reporting progress of pupils with SEND to the SENCO and ensuring any difficulties identified are discussed and resolved.
- Monitoring the progress of all pupils and reporting on this to the headteacher.
- Working to close the attainment gap between academically more and less able pupils.

4.3. Subject leaders are responsible for:

- Providing strategic leadership and direction to their team.
- Supporting and offering advice to colleagues on issues relating to the subject or curriculum area.
- Monitoring pupil progress within the department and reporting on this to the headteacher.
- Providing efficient resource management for their department.
- Ensuring the curriculum is inclusive and accessible to all.
- Ensuring there are specialist resources and equipment available for pupils in need so that everyone can have full access to the curriculum.

4.4. The SENCO is responsible for:

- Collaborating with the headteacher and teachers to ensure the curriculum is accessible to all.
- Ensuring teaching materials do not discriminate against anyone in line with the Equality Act 2010.
- Carrying out SEND assessments where necessary and ensuring pupils receive the additional help they need.
- Liaising with external agencies where necessary to ensure pupils who require additional support receive it.

5. Organisation and planning

5.1. The school's curriculum will be delivered over 190 days and will be delivered equally throughout the school week.

5.2. Each school day will be split into two sessions and pupils will receive at least one break (lunch).

5.3. In general, lessons will be separated into three core stages:

- **Introduction to the topic and thinking time** – this is the time where lesson objectives will be set.
- **A main teaching event** – this will vary day-to-day based on the teacher's plan.
- **Plenary** – this will summarise what pupils have learnt in the lesson and will address what will be covered in the next lesson.

- 5.4. Lessons will use a range of teaching techniques to appeal to different learning types, e.g. visual, audio and kinaesthetic.
- 5.5. The different learning techniques include:
- **Using different kinds of questions** to engage pupils and prompt them to apply their knowledge to different examples, e.g. using why and how questions.
 - **Opening discussions** around topics so pupils can learn from their peers and learn how to hold conversations with others.
 - **Holding structured debates** to expose pupils to different points of view and teach them how to negotiate situations where there is a potential conflict of interest, whilst still respecting others' beliefs.
 - **Using assessments** to test pupils' knowledge and consolidate learning; these can be through both informal and formal assessments.
 - **Role playing and acting** to develop pupils' empathy and give them the opportunity to explore topics in a more interactive way.
 - **Labelling, ordering and identifying** key themes within texts, dialogues and films to help pupils' coordinate series of events.
 - **Written and spoken tasks** to encourage different methods of expressing ideas, as well as identifying key differences between writing and speaking conventions.
- 5.6. Teachers will plan lessons which are challenging for all pupils and ensure that there are provisions in place for more academically able pupils, e.g. completing additional work that is above the academic level of their peers.
- 5.7. Teachers will plan lessons to accommodate for pupils of mixed ability, making cross-curricular links where possible.
- 5.8. A full list of subjects covered in school can be found in [section 6](#) of this policy.
- 5.9. Teachers will have due consideration for pupils who require additional help within their planning and organisation of lessons.
- 5.10. Disadvantaged pupils and those with SEND and EAL will receive additional support – this will include dedicated time with TAs and access to specialist resources and equipment where required.
- 5.11. TAs will be deployed within lessons strategically so that they can assist with pupils who require additional help, but are also able to minimise disruptions where necessary.
- 5.12. Pupils with EAL will be given the opportunity to develop their English ability throughout lessons where necessary.
- 5.13. Planning will be used to identify any possible difficulties within the curriculum and will break down barriers to learning.
- 5.14. Any difficulties identified will be addressed at the outset of work.

- 5.15. Classrooms will be organised so that pupils have full access to resources and equipment – they will be provided with a rich and varied learning environment that will enable them to develop their skills and abilities.

6. Subjects covered

- 6.1. The school will have due regard to the national curriculum at all times throughout the academic year.
- 6.2. The school will have due regard for the ‘Statutory framework for the early years foundation stage’.
- 6.3. The school will ensure every pupil has access to the following core subjects:
- English
 - Maths
 - Science
 - RE
 - Sex and relationships and health education
- 6.4. The school will ensure pupils also have access to the following foundation subjects:
- Art and design
 - ICT
 - Design and technology
 - [KS2 only] Languages
 - Geography
 - History
 - Music
 - PE

This policy should be read with individual subject narratives which outline the intention, implementation and impact across the curriculum.

7. Reporting and assessment

- 7.1. Homework will be challenging and assess pupils’ knowledge and understanding of concepts covered within lessons.
- 7.2. Homework will be set on a weekly basis in accordance with the school’s Homework Policy.
- 7.3. Informal assessments will be carried out termly to measure pupil progress. The results of the assessments will be used to inform future planning and target setting.

- 7.4. Results of informal assessments will be recorded and reported back to the headteacher, pupils and pupils' parents.
- 7.5. Pupils will also complete national assessments. The results of these assessments will be reported back to the headteacher, pupils and their parents.
- 7.6. Assessment of pupils with EAL will take into account the pupils age, length of time in UK, previous education and ability in other languages.
- 7.7. Special measures will be given to pupils who require them, e.g. pupils with SEND, pupils who are ill, or pupils who suffer from conditions that inhibit their academic performance.
- 7.8. All reporting and assessments will be conducted in line with the school's Assessment Policy.

8. Equal opportunities

- 8.1. There are nine protected characteristics outlined within the Equality Act 2010, these are:
 - Age
 - Disability
 - Gender reassignment
 - Marriage and civil partnership
 - Pregnancy and maternity
 - Race
 - Religion or belief
 - Sex
 - Sexual orientation
- 8.2. The school does not tolerate any form of bullying or discrimination against people with one or more of these characteristics. Any pupil or teacher found to be discriminating against any of these characteristics will be disciplined in line with the relevant school policies.
- 8.3. The school's curriculum will celebrate diversity and the SLT has a responsibility to ensure that the curriculum does not discriminate against any of the above characteristics.
- 8.4. The school will have due regard for the Equal Opportunities Policy at all times when planning and implementing the curriculum.

9. Supporting pupils with SEND

- 9.1. Pupils with SEND will receive the additional support they require both academically and with their personal development, in line with the school's SEND Policy.
- 9.2. Pupils with SEND will work with TAs in smaller groups once a week to work on topics covered in lesson to ensure they do not fall behind their peers.
- 9.3. Pupils with SEND will not be discriminated against in any way and they will have full access to the curriculum.
- 9.4. The progress of pupils with SEND will be monitored by teachers and reported to the SENCO.
- 9.5. The SENCO will work closely with teachers to help them break down any barriers pupils with SEND have to education.

10. Extra-curricular activities

- 10.1. The school offers pupils a wide range of extra-curricular trips and activities to enhance their academic learning and personal development.
- 10.2. Extra-curricular trips and activities occur outside school hours and can include overnight stays both in the UK and abroad.
- 10.3. All pupils are able to participate in the activities and trips available. Wherever there is an instance where a pupil would find it difficult to participate, the trip or activity will be adapted so that the pupil can take part.
- 10.4. All extra-curricular activities and trips will be planned and executed in accordance with the school's Extended Services Policy.

11. Monitoring and review

- 11.1. This policy is reviewed annually by the headteacher.
- 11.2. Any changes made to this policy will be communicated to all members of staff and relevant stakeholders.

Review Date	Changes made	Ratification Date by Governing Body
September 20	The majority of the policy remains unchanged except for the changes to the school vision and curriculum vision statements as those have been updated so it	October 2020

	reflects the current curriculum in intention.	
September 22	Removed PSHE section as this will be covered as a stand alone policy Updated Curriculum Vision added to policy.	