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Lyngford Park Primary & Nursery School

Curriculum Policy

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Statement of intent

At Lyngford Primary School, the pupils and their learning are at the very heart of every decision we make. This policy reflects our school community, does not discriminate against any protected characteristics.

At Lyngford Park Primary School:

> We believe that every child is unique and valued. We aim to provide an environment in which all pupils feel safe and can flourish. We will respond to individuals in ways which take into account their varied life experiences and particular needs. We are committed to providing an education with aspirational outcomes, which enables all pupils to make progress, become confident individuals living life in all its fullness.

At Lyngford Park Primary School we value pupils' education and aim to provide a broad and balanced curriculum that is accessible to all. We do not tolerate discrimination of any kind, and our curriculum celebrates the diverse nature of our society, enabling pupils to embrace the world around them, and encourages adherence with the fundamental British values. It also promotes the spiritual, moral, social, cultural, mental and physical development of pupils at our school and of society.

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

Legal framework

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

- Education Act 2002
- Children Act 2004
- The Equality Act 2010
- DfE (2015) 'Special educational needs and disability code of practice: 0 to 25 years'
- DfE (2013) 'The national curriculum in England'
- DfE (2021) 'Statutory framework for the early years foundation stage'
- DfE (2024) 'Working together to improve school attendance'

This policy operates in conjunction with the following school

policies:

- Homework Policy
- Assessment Policy
- Equality and Diversity Policy
- RSHE Policy
- SEND Policy

2. Roles and responsibilities

The governing board is responsible for:

- Approving this policy.
- Liaising with the headteacher, subject leaders and teachers with regards to pupil progress and attainment.
- Formulating a curriculum committee who assists the school with the creation and implementation of the curriculum.
- Ensuring the curriculum is inclusive and accessible to all.

The headteacher is responsible for:

- Devising long- and medium-term plans for the curriculum in collaboration with teachers and other members of the SLT.
- Communicating the agreed curriculum to the governing board on an annual basis.
- 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.
- Receiving reports on the progress and attainment of pupils and reporting these results to the governing board.
- 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.
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- 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.

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 SENDCo to ensure that the curriculum is inclusive and accessible to all.
- Working closely with the SENDCo 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 SENDCo 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.

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.

The SENDCo 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.

3. Curriculum intent

We have designed our creative curriculum with pupils' learning at the heart, around our school vision of loving learning, one another and life itself. We recognise an enriching curriculum has to be broad, balanced and offer pupils opportunities to grow as individuals within our community. We intend for it to be empowering enabling pupils to develop their interpersonal skills, creativity and independence. We aim to ensure pupils enjoy learning and feel prepared for life after school. We also intend to offer our pupils new and exciting experiences through extra-curricular activities that are designed to build resilience, confidence and self-esteem. We recognise all pupils should be challenged; learning from failures, and celebrating successes through our Growth Mindset, Spots of Emotion and Mindfulness approach.

Individual subject specific intent statements are available upon request.

Core learning: Our staff value the different ways in which pupils learn and plan lessons to account for these differences, this includes the use of themed Wow / Enrichment Days and Weeks. We deliver a topic-based curriculum which encourages teachers to make cross-curricular links wherever possible within their lessons to allow pupils to draw upon knowledge from different subjects and understand how each topic plays a part in everyday life.

Teachers use a wide range of resources to teach core content. By using different techniques, we intend on keeping pupils engaged with learning and accommodate pupils who learn differently to their peers.

The school carries out a range of interventions to support individuals or small groups in the areas of cognition and learning, social and emotional, communication and interaction and physical and sensory needs as required.

Extra-curricular activities: Although we are a small school, we provide a wide variety of extra-curricular activities for pupils to further enhance their learning experience. The activities

range from after-school clubs, inviting visitors into the school, instrumental and singing lessons and educational trips, experiences and a residential in Year 6.

Some of the extra-curricular activities currently available: netball, football, creativity, country dancing, cross country, Art, tag ruby, mindfulness and multi-skills.

4. School ethos and aims

The overall aims of the curriculum are to:

- Enable all pupils to understand they are all successful learners.
- Enable pupils to understand the skills and attributes needed to achieve in life, regardless of ability.
- Enable pupils to develop their own personal interests and develop a positive attitude towards learning, so they enjoy coming to school, and acquire lifelong learning skills.
- Teach pupils the basic skills of English, Maths, Computing 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.

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.

5. Organization and planning

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

Each school day will be split into 4 sessions and pupils will receive at least three breaks including lunch.

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.

6. Lessons

Lessons will use a range of teaching techniques to appeal to different learning types, e.g. visual, audio and kinesthetic.

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.

Teachers will plan lessons which are challenging for all pupils and ensure that there are provisions in place for more academically able pupils.

Teachers will plan lessons to accommodate pupils of mixed ability, making cross-curricular links where possible.

A full list of subjects covered in school can be found in Section 8 of this policy.

Teachers will have due consideration for pupils who require additional help within their planning and organisation of lessons.

Disadvantaged pupils and those with SEND and EAL will receive additional support – this will include dedicated time with LSAs and access to specialist resources and equipment.

LSAs will be deployed within lessons strategically so they can assist with pupils who require additional help but are also able to minimise disruptions where necessary.

Pupils with EAL will be given the opportunity to develop their English ability throughout lessons where necessary.

Planning will be used to identify any possible difficulties within the curriculum and will break down barriers to learning. Any difficulties identified will be addressed at the outset of work.

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.

7. Remote learning

Attendance at school is mandatory for all pupils; however, there may be circumstances where in-person attendance is either not possible or contrary to government guidance.

The school's Remote Education Policy sets out how education will be delivered if pupils cannot attend school in person.

8. Subjects covered

The school will always have due regard to the national curriculum throughout the year.

The school will have due regard for the 'Statutory framework for the early years foundation stage'.

The school will ensure every pupil has access to the following core subjects:

- English
- Maths
- Science
- RE
- Personal, Social and Health Education
- Relationships and health education

The school will ensure pupils also have access to the following foundation subjects:

- Art and design
- Computing

- Design and technology
- Languages (at KS2)
- Geography
- History
- Music
- PE and Sport
- Sex education

Details of what is included in the curriculum for each subject can be found in subject specific intent statements which are accessible via the school website.

9. PSHE

Part of the national curriculum includes PSHE lessons where everyday topics, e.g. raising awareness of different cultures or anti-bullying, can be addressed. We use the SCARF scheme of work to support the teaching and learning of PSHE throughout the school. All provisions made regarding PSHE lessons will be made in line with the school's RSHE Policy.

10. Reporting and assessment

Homework will be challenging and assess pupils' knowledge and understanding of concepts covered within lessons.

Homework will be set on a weekly basis in accordance with the school's Homework Policy.

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. Results of informal assessments will be recorded and reported back to the headteacher, pupils and pupils' parents.

Pupils will also complete national assessments. The results of these assessments will be reported back to the headteacher, pupils and their parents.

Assessment of pupils with EAL will consider the pupils age, length of time in UK, previous education and ability in other languages.

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.

All reporting and assessments will be conducted in line with the school's Assessment Policy.

11. Equal opportunities

The school will not discriminate against, harass or victimise any pupil, prospective pupil, or other member of the school community because of their:

- Age
- Disability
- Gender reassignment
- Marriage and civil partnership
- Pregnancy and maternity

- Race
- Religion or belief
- Sex
- Sexual orientation

Any pupil or teacher found to be discriminating against any of these characteristics will be disciplined in line with the relevant school policies.

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.

12. Supporting pupils with SEND

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.

Pupils with SEND will not be discriminated against in any way and they will have full access to the curriculum.

The progress of pupils with SEND will be monitored by teachers and reported to the SENCo. The SENCo will work closely with teachers to help them break down any barriers pupils with SEND have to education.

13. Extra-curricular activities

The school offers pupils a wide range of extra-curricular trips and activities to enhance their academic learning and personal development.

Extra-curricular trips and activities occur outside school hours and can include overnight stays in the UK.

All pupils can participate in the activities and trips available. Wherever there is an instance where a pupil cannot participate, the trip or activity will be adapted so the pupil can take part.

All extra-curricular activities and trips will be planned and executed in accordance with the school's Educational Trips and Visits Policy.

14. Monitoring and review

This policy is reviewed annually by the headteacher and the governing board.

Any changes made to this policy will be communicated to all members of staff and relevant stakeholders.

The scheduled review date for this policy is September 2029