

CURRICULUM POLICY

WOLSEY HOUSE PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Statement of intent

At Wolsey House 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.

All maintained schools in England must offer the basic statutory curriculum as set out in Section 80 of the Education Act 2002 (as amended), comprising of:

- The national curriculum (NC)
- Health education
- Relationships education
- RE

The DfE's 'National curriculum in England' document has been used to inform this policy.

1. 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 'Special educational needs and disability code of practice: 0 to 25 years'
- DfE 'The national curriculum in England'
- DfE 'Statutory framework for the early years foundation stage'
- DfE 'Working together to improve school attendance'
- DfE 'Maintained school governance guide'

This policy operates in conjunction with the following school policies:

- Teaching and Learning Policy – please refer to this policy as it links closely to the Curriculum Policy
- Homework Policy
- Assessment, Recording and Reporting Policy
- Pupil Equality, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Policy
- PSHE Policy
- Relationships and Health Education Policy
- Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Policy
- All Subject Policies

2. Roles and responsibilities

The governing body 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.
- Ensuring enough teaching time is provided for pupils to cover the National Curriculum and other statutory requirements.
- Proper provision is made for pupils with different abilities and needs, including children with SEND.

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 body 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 body.
- 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.

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.

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 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.

3. Curriculum Intent, Ethos and Aims

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.

This curriculum aims statement outlines how the school has created the curriculum and the benefits it will bring to pupils' learning and development of a range of skills.

At Wolsey House Primary School, we have designed our curriculum with pupils' learning at the centre. We understand that a curriculum has to be broad, balanced and offer pupils opportunities to grow as individuals as well as learners. Our school values the input of its pupils, parents and the local community with regards to the planning and delivery of the curriculum. We believe pupils get a well-rounded education if everyone is involved in its design.

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. Our curriculum is delivered in accordance with the Equality Act 2010, through a variety of methods, including those outlined below.

Classroom-based learning: Accessing different learning resources and equipment to broaden pupils' knowledge and making cross-curricular links where possible within lesson plans, so that pupils can draw on knowledge from different subjects and understand how each topic plays a part in everyday life. Classroom teaching also includes one-to-one and small group tuition for pupils who require additional support.

A full list of the subjects available to our pupils can be found in section 7 of this policy.

Extra-curricular activities: We provide a variety of extra-curricular activities for pupils that enhance their learning experience, form personal connections with their peers, and teach skills essential for life after school.

The overall aims of our curriculum are to:

- 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 & Design, 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 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.

4. Organisation, planning and delivery

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

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

In general, lessons are separated into three parts:

- **Introduction to the topic and thinking time** – this is the time where lesson objectives are communicated to the pupils.
- **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.

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

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, e.g. completing additional work that is above the academic level of their peers.

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

A full list of subjects covered in school can be found in section 7 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 pupils with SEND and EAL will receive additional support – this will include dedicated time with TAs and access to specialist resources and equipment where required.

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

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

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

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

5. 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 would be delivered if pupils cannot attend school in person.

6. Subjects taught

We understand that the subjects included in the National Curriculum (NC) at each Key Stage are prescribed in Sections 84 and 85 of the Education Act 2002. We have ensured that, when planning our curriculum, we adhered to our legal obligations and follow the requirements of the NC in England. Details of what is included in the curriculum for each subject can be found in a specific curriculum policy for that subject via the [School Website - Curriculum & Subjects](#)

The table shows the subjects included in the primary school National Curriculum and are taught at Wolsey House in KS1 and KS2.

	KS1	KS2
English	✓	✓
Maths	✓	✓
Science	✓	✓
Art and design	✓	✓
Computing	✓	✓
D&T	✓	✓
Languages (French)		✓
Geography	✓	✓
History	✓	✓
Music	✓	✓
PE	✓	✓
RE	✓	✓

Early Years Foundation Stage

We demonstrate due regard to all elements of the 'Statutory framework for the early years foundation stage' and follow the requirements set out in the school's Early Years Policy.

Health education and relationships education

The school is aware that **all** state-funded primary schools have a statutory obligation to deliver these subjects, as appropriate, to their relevant age phase.

The school will plan and deliver the content set out in [DfE guidance](#), in the context of a broad and balanced curriculum.

Sex education

The school understands that sex education is not compulsory in primary schools; however, it is also cognisant of the fact that the DfE recommends that all primary schools should have a sex education programme tailored to the age and the physical and emotional maturity of the pupils in order to support their ongoing emotional and physical development during the transition to secondary school.

When planning the sex education curriculum the school will consult with parents about the school's overall policy, and about the detailed content of what is taught.

The school will allow parents the right to withdraw their children from sex education lessons.

Personal Social Health Economic (PSHE)

The school understands that PSHE is a non-statutory subject that the DfE recommends **all** state-funded schools should offer.

As the DfE does not specify subject content, the school will tailor the programme of study to reflect the needs of pupils. The school will use PSHE education to build on the statutory content outlined in the NC, and the statutory guidance on health and relationships education, forming the basic statutory school curriculum.

All provisions made regarding PSHE lessons are made in line with the school's PSHE Policy.

RE

We ensure that RE is taught according to Leicester's locally agreed syllabus.

Parents and carers have the right to request that their child be withdrawn from all or part of the RE provided - known as 'the right to withdraw'. The school understands that they do not have to provide a reason, and the school must comply with their request.

In addition to the teaching of RE, the school is aware that all state schools are required to make provision for acts of worship.

7. Reporting and assessment

Homework will complement what the children have learnt in school.

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

Assessments are carried out termly to measure pupil progress and attainment. The results of the assessments are used to inform future planning and target setting. Results of informal assessments are recorded and are used to inform future planning.

Pupils also sit national assessments. The results of these assessments are reported to the headteacher, governors, pupils and their parents & carers.

The national assessments are:

The Phonic Screening Check in Year 1.

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

Special measures and support are made for 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 is conducted in line with the school's Primary Assessment Policy.

8. Equal opportunities

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

- Disability
- 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.

The school will have due regard for the Pupil Equality, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Policy at all times when planning and implementing the curriculum.

9. 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 work with TAs in smaller groups to work on topics covered in lesson to ensure they do not fall behind their peers.

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 is 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 achieving.

10. 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 both in the UK and abroad.

All pupils are able to participate in the activities and trips available. Wherever there is an instance where a pupil cannot participate, the school will consider what reasonable adjustments could be made to the trip or activity as appropriate.



All extra-curricular activities and trips are planned and executed in accordance with the school's Extended Services Policy.

11. Monitoring and review

This policy is reviewed annually by the Curriculum leader, headteacher and the governing body.

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 November 2026.

Headteacher:		Date:	November 2025.
Chair of Governing Body:		Date:	November 2025.

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