



Curriculum Policy

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Kilburn Grange School keep themselves up-to-date about its requirements and developments; much of what is taught draws upon the best practice of what is happening nationally and in other schools. As part of our responsibility to keep abreast of national issues, our subject coordinators are committed to reviewing the government's revised National Curriculum and should we feel that content and skills are relevant and useful to our context, we will take account of them, being guided without being limited by the content. Coordinators take account of the new elements of the curriculum and adopt and adapt these as they feel appropriate.

The curriculum aims to marry together the strengths of the National Curriculum with the aims and ethos of the school. The school will fulfill the requirements of any pupil's SEND or support guidelines, including pupils with a statement or EHC plan.

The curriculum is balanced and broadly based, and strongly promotes the spiritual, moral, social, cultural, mental and physical development of our pupils. We recognise that the personal development of pupils, spiritually, morally, socially and culturally, plays a significant part in their ability to learn, achieve, thrive in a supportive highly cohesive learning community and develop into responsible citizens. Spiritual, moral, social, cultural and personal development is promoted not only through all the subjects of the curriculum but also through the ethos of the school and through the development of positive attitudes and school values, celebrating British values, such as: democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs. It prepares our pupils well for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of life in British Society, including the provision for their economic well-being. It enables pupils to acquire skills in speaking, reading, writing, listening and numeracy. Where a pupil has English as an additional language and in the rare event that they need specialist teaching to develop appropriate fluency, parents will be guided and supported in finding such support outside school, as well as being advised of the support the school can provide.

The school provides full time supervised education for pupils between the ages of 4 - 8. Up to the age of 5, pupils follow a curriculum which meets the learning, development and assessment requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS), further details of which can be found in separate EYFS documentation. Throughout the school, the curriculum provides pupils with experiences in life skills and linguistic, mathematical, scientific, technological, human and social, physical and aesthetic and creative education, appropriate for their ages and aptitudes. At each level it provides opportunities, responsibilities and experiences, in preparation for the next stage of their education and their adult lives. The school is committed, through its curriculum and extra-curricular pursuits, to helping pupils to understand how to stay safe and promotes the welfare and safeguarding of children at all times.

Aims of the curriculum:

We believe in a broad curriculum, delivered in innovative ways to excite and engage children and we believe that exceptional results should be a by-product of the education that we offer, not the exclusive focus. Pupils are encouraged to aim high and we aim to provide them with everything they need to succeed. It is our aim to furnish each child with the appropriate skills to develop fully their academic potential, as well as developing their personal and social values in preparation for life in British society. It offers a robust understanding of safeguarding through the comprehensive PSHCEE and e-safety programmes.

Objectives of the curriculum:

We are committed to providing an educational environment that challenges, nurtures, excites and involves every single pupil in the school through a curriculum which

- At each level prepares pupils for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of the next stage of their education and lives
- Challenges the individual academically and allows them to discover their own intellectual strengths in the pursuit of academic excellence and encourages a love of learning
- Encourages independent learning and critical thinking skills and provides opportunities for pupils to express their learning and understanding in different ways
- Is balanced and broadly based and encourages pupils to explore a breadth of academic, cultural, aesthetic, creative and sporting interests
- Is flexible enough to respond to change and incorporates innovation as appropriate
- Enables pupils to acquire skills in speaking and listening, literacy and numeracy
- Uses technology effectively in supporting teaching and learning and gives pupils opportunity to present work in personalised ways.
- Ensures pupils have an understanding of their own personal safety and that of others, including awareness of safeguarding
- Enables our pupils to work collaboratively and successfully develop the 'soft skills' needed to equip them for life.
- Encourages respect for other people, paying particular regard to the protected characteristics stated in the 2010 Equality Act (i.e. age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation).
- To ensure that pupils develop an understanding of fundamental British Values and uphold these throughout the curriculum (refer to the Kilburn Grange School PSHE and SMSC Policy for further information).

Curriculum

We aim to provide an engaging and meaningful curriculum that focuses on children learning through real life experiences and exciting activities. We believe, that out of school are integral in creating a stimulating and motivating learning environment. The curriculum follows a topic overview plan, where planning is based around a main theme. Each topic has a super starter to grab the attention of children and a 'meaningful' experience during the topic, e.g. a trip, special event or visitor. Six topics are planned per year in Foundation stage, Years 1 to 6. Within each topic, enquiry based learning is planned, which culminates in a special event (fantastic finale) at the end of the topic such as a performance, display, short presentations or assembly, dependent on the nature of the topic.

Foundation Stage (Age 4 – 5 yrs)

Pupils have a broad programme of study, based on the reviewed EYFS Framework (Sept 2014), which focuses on the

- Three prime areas of learning most essential for children's readiness for future learning and healthy development; Communication and Language, Physical Development, and Personal Social and Emotional Development
- Four specific areas of learning which build on the prime areas; Literacy, Mathematics, Understanding the World and Expressive Arts and Design

Within these the EYFS setting works to ensure that

- Children develop the characteristics of effective learning including, Playing and Exploring, Active Learning, and Creating and Thinking Critically
- There is a balance of structured activities and child initiated play with opportunities for learning both

indoors and outdoors. The curriculum includes music and physical education.

Key Stages One and Two

Pupils have a broad and balanced curriculum with plentiful opportunities for active and personalised learning, both independently and collaboratively. Pupils learn the following subjects:

Academic - English, mathematics, science,

Linguistic – Spanish (taught in Key Stage 2)

Human and Social - history, geography, religious education

Aesthetic and creative education - art, music, dance, drama

Life Skills – general studies, personal education and personal, social, health and citizenship education, Philosophy for Children.

Physical – Individual and Team Sports, Gymnastics, Clubs

Technological - ICT, design and technology

Equal Opportunities and Safeguarding:

The curriculum at Kilburn Grange School is designed to ensure equal opportunities for all learners, regardless of ability, gender, ethnicity, religion or disability. As a non-selective school, we follow our Teaching, Learning and Assessment Policy to ensure the needs of all learners are met.

Details of the personalised learning for more able pupils is covered within the More Able and Talented Provision Policy.

Within our curriculum, we build in opportunities for our pupils to understand safeguarding issues which may affect them and to ensure they feel safe and supported at school. Our PSHCE curriculum affords opportunities to be responsive to arising issues, and E-safety awareness is taught throughout the curriculum and particularly within the Computing and IT curriculum. Sex and relationships education is provided as appropriate for the pupils' ages and stages of development. Further details can be found in the Sex and Relationships Education Policy.

Pupil Progress and Assessment:

Every term, a detailed report analysing the attainment and achievement pupils are making is compiled. Pupil progress meetings held half-termly help to determine if pupils are reaching the required milestones in relation to their own ability and national and school indicators. Where pupils are not making adequate progress, they will be identified for close monitoring/ small group intervention or 1:1 intervention as appropriate. If it is determined that the children are still not making adequate progress they may be referred to the school's SENCo for further investigation into their needs and determine further support needed. This in depth report informs all the subsequent actions, plans, intervention groupings, provision, teacher training and resourcing that will take place the following term.

In EYFS, the school will assess according to the Early Outcomes and the statutory Early Years Profile. Results of the Early Years Profile is provided to parents and Brent Local Authority on request.

English as an Additional Language (EAL):

We maintain an EAL register, which is updated annually. Across the school, there is a percentage of children for whom English is classed as an additional language, as defined by the DFE, though the majority would be considered to be fluent in English. Our annual cohort composition, determines what extra facilities and activities we will incorporate into our classrooms and environments.

We aim to provide opportunities for children to share their home language in learning as appropriate and ensure they have opportunity to share their heritage. We work to ensure that children have sufficient opportunities to learn and reach a good standard in English from EYFS through Year 6. Where

a pupil has English as an additional language and in the rare event that they need specialist teaching to develop appropriate fluency, parents will be guided and supported in finding such support outside school, as well as being advised of the support the school can provide. Where needed we will also provide an interpreter to facilitate parent meetings and any opportunity that affords communication regarding a child's progress.

Further Information:

Further information about our curriculum can be found on our school website:

<http://www.kilburnrangeschool.org.uk/curriculum/>