



Curriculum Policy

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Statement of intent

We are proud to be part of the Community Inclusive Trust (CIT), whose mission is to ensure every pupil receives the best education and care, and whose vision is to create inclusive, thriving communities where pupils, staff, and schools can excel. At our school, we bring this to life by providing excellent teaching, tailored support, and a nurturing environment where every child is known, supported, and empowered to succeed.

At Spalding St Paul's 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.

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 'Academy trust governance guide'

This policy operates in conjunction with the following school policies:

- Assessment Policy
- Pupil Equality, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Policy
- PSHE Policy
- Relationships and Health Education Policy
- Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Policy

1. Roles and responsibilities

The Local School Board is responsible for:

- Approving this policy.
- Liaising with the headteacher, subject leaders and teachers with regards to pupil progress and attainment.
- Ensuring the curriculum is inclusive and accessible to all.
- Ensuring the school is complying with its funding agreement and teaching a "broad and balanced" curriculum.
- 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 Local School 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 Local School 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.
- 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.
- Working to close the attainment gap between academically more and less able pupils.

Subject leaders are responsible for:

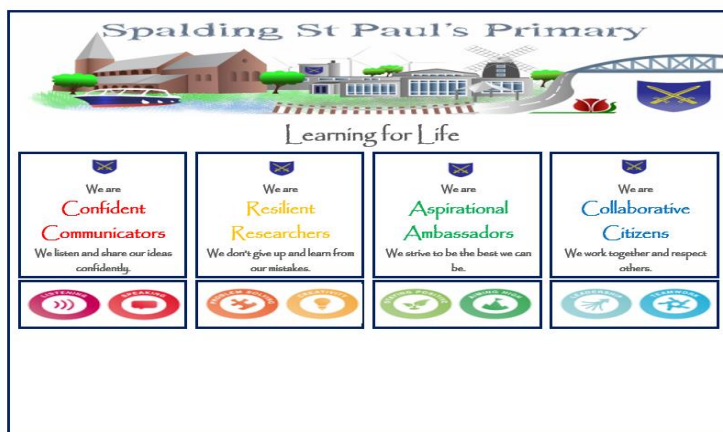
- Providing strategic leadership and direction to their team.
- Supporting and offering advice to colleagues on issues relating to the subject or curriculum area.
- Monitoring pupil progress within the department and reporting on this to the headteacher.
- Providing efficient resource management for 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 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.

2. Curriculum intent

Our school Values



Our curriculum is shaped by our school values, which are woven into the fabric of school life and run through every aspect of our community. As a school, we are committed to these values and take every opportunity to promote them. They also guide our curriculum, influencing both the content we teach and our approaches to teaching and learning, ensuring that our values are embedded in everything our children experience.

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

Curriculum intent

At Spalding St Paul's Primary School we have designed our curriculum with pupils' learning at the centre. We recognise 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 shaping it.

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 confident, resilience, aspiration and collaboration. Our curriculum will be 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 upon 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.

3. School ethos and aims

At Spalding St Paul's Primary School, we want all of our children to have a Lifelong Love of Learning.

We want our children to be **CONFIDENT COMMUNICATORS** who listen and share their ideas confidently through **speaking** and **listening**.

We want our children to be **RESILIENT RESEARCHERS** who don't give up and learn from their mistakes through **problem solving** and **being creative**.

We want our children to be **ASPIRATIONAL AMBASSADORS** who strive to be the best they can be by **staying positive** and **aiming high**.

We want our children to be **COLLABORATIVE CITIZENS** who work together and respect others by using their **leadership** and **teamwork skills**.

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.
- 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.

4. Organisation and planning

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

In general, lessons follow the “**I do, we do, you do**” approach, structured in three core stages:

- **I do – Introduction and modelling:** The teacher introduces the topic, sets the lesson objectives, and models the skills or concepts to be learned.
- **We do – Guided practice:** Pupils work with the teacher to apply new knowledge and skills, with support and collaborative discussion.
- **You do – Independent application and plenary:** Pupils practise independently, demonstrating their understanding, while the plenary summarises learning and previews the next lesson.

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 if required—this will include dedicated time with TAs and access to specialist resources and equipment where required.

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.

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.

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 will be delivered if pupils cannot attend school in person.

6. Subjects covered

The school is aware 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, as amended. As an academy, we are not legally required to follow the NC in full; however, our school chooses to follow most of the National Curriculum while also ensuring that statutory requirements for health education, relationships education, religious education, English, mathematics, and the sciences are fully met. Details of the curriculum for each subject can be found in the relevant subject-specific areas on the school website. The table below outlines the subjects delivered across KS1 and KS2.

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

Early Years

The school will show 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

While Relationships and Health education are compulsory, parents retain the right to withdraw children from *sex education* lessons that are not part of the statutory National Curriculum science.

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 will be taught.

Personal Social Heath 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 will be made in line with the school's PSHE Policy.

Religious Education

The school will ensure that it teaches RE and provides for a daily act of collective worship.

Parents will 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.

7. 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 take into account 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.

8. Equal opportunities

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

- 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.

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

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 will be planned and executed in accordance with the school's Extended Services Policy.