



CURRICULUM POLICY

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Introduction

The majority of the learners accessing provision at Parkview Academy do so as a result of a placement breakdown often resulting in disaffection or because of their high level complex needs and the difficulties of the local authority in securing a permanent SEND placement. Due to their diverse needs, the curriculum is carefully structured and personalised to individuals. All pupils are taught in small groups, some with one to one support. This facilitates the possibility of developing more creative approaches to delivering the curriculum, using local facilities and the immediate environment.

Intent

The curriculum is all the planned activities which we organise in order to promote learning and personal growth and development. The overarching aim for all learners is to teach them how to grow into positive, responsible people who can work and cooperate with others while developing the knowledge, skills and understanding to enable them to lead fulfilling lives.

Our curriculum drivers underpin the direction and development of all areas of school life and to ensure our curriculum is enriched and personalised in order to meet the needs, interests and ambitions of our children and families

Curriculum Drivers

Key Skills

Cross curricular Reading, Writing and Numeracy
Encouraging positive behaviours
Changing attitudes towards learning
Learning to have a growth mindset
ICT competency and application
Confident sitting an assessment
Developing Life-Skills
Preparation for employment and life after school

Language and Communication

Discussion, debate, audience
Language enriched environment
Expand vocabulary
Reasoning
Presenting to an audience
Understanding the difference between formal and informal communication

Broad Experiences

Fun, memorable, purposeful
Connective/ practical learning (linked to the real world)
Active PSD
Cultural opportunities - including people, places and experiences

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Local environment
Outdoor learning
Incorporating SMSC into enrichment activities

Challenges

Challenging texts
Challenging thinking
Higher order questioning
Developing challenging strategies
Challenge for ALL

Happiness and Well-Being

Celebrate achievement and diversity
Developing Life-Skills
Physical development
Lego therapy, Homunculi Approach, Animal Interventions, SALT
Positive reinforcement in lessons
Celebrating milestones
Displaying work/achievements in classes

Working With Others

Student Ambassador Award (leadership and volunteer opportunities)
Parent Engagement
Sharing best practises
School Partnerships
Whole-school approach - training and courses

Implementation

KS2 pupils study English, Maths, ICT, Science, Geography, History, RE, Art, PHSE, Computing, P.E and Design & Technology following the National Curriculum tailored to meet each pupil's needs. Each half term, students focus on a different theme which allows them to complete cross-curriculum activities, enforcing their learning and allowing them to make meaningful links between the subjects studied. Assessment is completed through B Squared which tracks and monitors individual pupil attainment and progress and provides further advice on the next steps to ensure continuity within the curriculum. In order to triangulate the data / teacher assessments the NGRT (New Group Reading Test), NGST (New Group Spelling test) and PTM (Progress Test in Maths), which are online standardised tests, are used to baseline and monitor progress in Reading, Spelling and Maths. Due to the transient nature of some of the pupils, only medium term plans are drawn up following a baseline assessment on entry.

KS3 pupils work towards Functional skills qualifications in English, Maths and ICT. They also study Science, Geography, History, Art, RE, Careers, Citizenship, PHSE, and P.E following the National Curriculum tailored to meet each pupil's needs. They work towards NCFE Employability. Each half term, students focus on a different theme which allows them to complete cross-curriculum activities, enforcing their learning and allowing them to make meaningful links between the subjects studied. Assessment is completed through Skills Forward Diagnostics and B Squared which tracks and

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Key Stage 4 and Post 16 pupils follow a schedule of Foundation Learning. This ensures that all of our learners are working towards nationally recognised qualifications or developing their skills and knowledge in three areas; Functional Skills, IGCSEs, Vocational Learning and Personal and Social Development. For Functional skills, learners are assessed and then work towards appropriate levels in Maths, English and ICT. Learners who become/ or are already accredited with a Level 2 in Functional Skills, then study for a GCSE in the given subject should they wish to do so. For vocational learning subjects, learner's programmes can be individualised to suit their own interests. This may mean that learning takes place off-site at various alternative provisions which are quality approved by ourselves. For personal and social development, learners will be assessed via our well-being measure and then given appropriate educational learning experiences that assist their individual needs. The progress a learner makes in all three elements of foundation learning is recorded on tracking and monitoring documents.

Students who due to their complex needs cannot access the curriculum are offered a semi-formal curriculum which focuses on Life-Skills. They work towards the ASDAN Life Skills Challenge, ASDAN Towards Independence and ASDAN Independent Living (modules cover Employment, Community and Inclusion, Good Health and Independent Living skills). If appropriate, they may also study towards Functional Skills English, Maths and ICT.

The school offers Animal Assisted Activities, Lego Therapy, Speech and Language therapy, Occupational Therapy and Emotional and Social Skills Interventions. These interventions may take place offsite, and after an initial assessment.

Formal curriculum activities are frequently enriched by the inclusion of life skills experiences such as shopping in the local stores, educational visits (museums, theatre e.t.c.) or trips to the caravan park and the Lodge to help generalise learning and promote their SMSC development. In addition, the school offers pupils a range of clubs within the school including Drama, Dungeons & Dragons, Board Games, Arts & Crafts, Gaming and German club. These provide opportunities for pupils to develop their communication and social skills, whilst gaining skills in new areas.

Impact

Pupils are prepared for their next stage in education, training or employment (monitored by outcomes and evidenced by destination data).

Pupils are able to read at an appropriate level with fluency in order to access the curriculum and not fall behind their peers.

Impact is being continually monitored through work moderation, lesson visits, termly assessments, previous attainment data and through student voice.

Pupils are able to communicate effectively, contributing to and taking turns in a range of activities. They play an active role in their school and home communities by forming positive relationships.

Parents are encouraged to play an active role in their pupil's learning and are invited to regular parent workshops to develop their understanding of the curriculum.

As such, Parkview Academy ensures pupils know more, remember more and are able to do more from bespoke curriculum offers.

Curriculum Monitoring and Review

The Head Teacher is responsible for the overall school curriculum supported by the Local Management Group (LMG). The schools Executive Board are responsible for ratifying and monitoring the implementation of the curriculum policy.

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