

Norton CEVC Primary School
Primary Curriculum Policy

Learn Believe Achieve
Hand in hand with God and each other



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Statement of intent

At Norton CEVC 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'

This policy operates in conjunction with the following school policies:

- Homework Policy
- Assessment Policy
- Pupil Equality, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Policy
- PSHE Policy
- Relationships and Health Education Policy
- SEND Policy

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.

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.
- Working to close the attainment gap between academically more and less able pupils.

Subject leaders are responsible for:

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

At Norton CEVC Primary School, we strive to promote a love of learning through encouraging and challenging inquisitive minds. The foundations of our curriculum are driven by the school's Christian values and Curriculum Drivers which are intertwined in every aspect of school life. We take pride in delivering high quality teaching and learning experiences to enable all children to achieve the highest possible standards in all areas of the curriculum.

A strong Christian ethos permeates through the daily life which gives the children a safe and nurturing environment. We develop and celebrate children's personal and academic potential whilst broadening their horizons and helping them to make positive contributions to their local community and the wider world. Children at Norton learn to persevere and become resilient, respectful and considerate individuals who are ambitious, lifelong learners. Children feel challenged and supported and have the confidence to aim high and aspire to more.

As part of their Norton learning journey, all children experience a rich, broad and balanced curriculum that is coherently planned and sequenced in order to ensure that they have opportunities to develop the knowledge, skills and attributes they need to adapt, think critically and flourish in today's world. We provide a rich curriculum that enables pupils to see the world from a wide range of perspectives; a curriculum that responds to evidence-based research, feedback from the school community and data to ensure it is bespoke to the needs of our children and reflects the ever-changing world, locally and globally.

The curriculum ensures that vocabulary and knowledge development, creativity and problem solving, including well-being and mental health, are key elements to support the development of the whole child.

As a church school we have an appreciation, understanding and respect of the Christian faith and recognise the need to develop an awareness of other beliefs. Throughout the children's time at Norton, they are taught how to respect each other, show compassion and take responsibility for themselves regardless of their differences.

Ultimately, we want all of our children to making a positive contribution to the world they live in and to be the best they can be.

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.

4. School ethos and aims

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.
- 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. Organisation 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 two sessions, morning and afternoon, and pupils will receive a morning and lunch break.

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.

Lessons will use a range of teaching techniques to appeal to different learning types, e.g. visual, audio and kinaesthetic. There is a real emphasis on modelling and a I do, we do, you approach. Learning is scaffolded to meet the needs of pupils.

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.
- **Modelling** is a teaching strategy where a teacher demonstrates how to complete a task or think through a concept before students try it themselves
- **Scaffolding** the process of breaking lessons into manageable units, with the teacher providing decreasing levels of support as students grasp new concepts and master new skills.
- **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 SEND and EAL will receive additional support – 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.

6. Subjects covered

The school will have due regard to the national curriculum at all times throughout the academic 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, health and Education (PSHE)

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

- Art and design
- ICT
- Design and technology
- Languages (at KS2)
- Geography

- History
- Music
- PE

Details of what is included in the curriculum for each subject can be found in a specific curriculum policy for that subject. All of these policies are accessible via the school website.

7. 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. As a school we follow the Jigsaw where the following topics are taught age appropriate and to allow for progression of knowledge and vocabulary:

- Being Me In My World
- Celebrating Difference
- Dreams and Goals
- Healthy Me
- Relationships
- Changing Me

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

8. Reporting and assessment

Homework will be set on a 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.

9. 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.

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

10. 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.

11. Extra-curricular activities

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

All pupils are able to 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 that the pupil can take part.

12. Monitoring and review

This policy is reviewed every two years by the 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 October 2026