



CURRICULUM POLICY

FOR

EAGLE PARK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL

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Curriculum at Eagle Park School

Intent

All students who attend our school have a learning disability and/or Autism and as such our unique curriculum must be both adaptive and responsive to these needs whilst preparing them for experiences in later life. Our curriculum must be able to teach explicitly the knowledge and skills required to facilitate meaningful participation in society with as much independence as possible.

Curriculum Aims

- To match the curriculum offer to the cognitive ability and individual strengths of all students
- To prepare students for adult life after school through a cross-curricular programme.
- To embed a therapy perspective (SLT, OT) throughout our curriculum offer to ensure we meet the complex learning and behavioural needs of our students through evidenced based multi-agency differentiation.
- To provide a well-planned and sequenced curriculum throughout the key stages
- To develop a clear accreditation pathway (ASDAN, Entry Levels, Functional Skills 1 and 2, BTEC) for students that underpins their learning and acknowledges the progress that has been made throughout their secondary education.
- The curriculum is designed around a strand based model with core subject areas which complements the individualised outcomes in students' EHCPs and ensures we meet our statutory obligations as laid out in the Code of Practice.
- Social and Emotional independent regulation (e.g. feelings, behaviour, interaction)
- Cognition and Learning (e.g. Functional skills – English, Maths, Science, ICT)
- Communication and Interaction (e.g. expressive communication - short sentences, single words, non-verbal (use of Body Language/facial expression/signing/pictures or symbols/objects)
- Sensory and Physical (e.g. Health needs/Engagement in physical activities/Sensory processing/Special diets/Puberty)
- Independence (e.g. Community access/travel training/Work placements/Personal Care)



Strands

Independence	Communication	Social and emotional	Sensory and Physical	Cognition (Includes Functional skills)
Personal care Making choices Expressing preferences Assertiveness skills Taking responsibility for self and belongings Asking for help Behaviour Transitions Private/public Community access Travel training Carrying out jobs in class and wider school environment Taking the lead in lessons Work experience	Language/symbols, Makaton/augmentative communication systems or devices Motivation to communicate Expressive/receptive language Ways to communicate needs/wants/preferences Play behaviour and communicating with others Conversation skills (intensive interaction to verbal conversation) Inclusion Forming and developing relationships with staff and students	Self-awareness Self esteem Showing a preference - likes/dislikes Appropriate behaviour Social communication Social understanding Playing alone and with others Structured/unstructured play Positive Thinking Resilience Problem Solving Turn taking Winning/losing Sharing adults/space with others Self-control Self-regulation Making positive choices Empathy Facial expression/body language Relationships Positive social interaction with others	Gross motor skills Fine motor skills Personal care Feeding and eating Sensory diet Accessing a range of physical activities Body autonomy Health needs and puberty	Functional skills Literacy and numeracy ICT Understanding and using cause and effect Sequencing Looking Listening Concentrating Problem solving Ownership/responsibility To be able to respond appropriately to changing environment/plans/people Investigate and be curious Generalising skills across a range of contexts Create through different creative mediums



Implementation

- We implement the curriculum through contextual learning experiences, supporting students to generalise their skills across a range of settings.
- The curriculum is further split into 6 areas of learning. Teaching and learning in each discrete subject area will vary according to the needs of the pupils for each of the curricula, but these headings are used for timetable purposes to ensure a common language throughout the school:
- Functional Skills: Literacy, Maths
- Creative Development: Music, Art, Drama,
- Physical Development: PE, swimming, sports activities
- Independent Living Skills: PSHE, RSE, Food Technology, Personal Care, Careers,
- My community Awareness: travel training, community visits, environment, forest school
- Science and Technology, ICT



Eagle Park School		Ongoing across all topics and taught each term	Key Stage 1	Key Stage 2	Key 3 and 4
Communication, Language Functional skills	Literacy	<p>Across the key stages our students are allocated literacy bands according to their needs and ability. We develop personalized reading programs for students, teach story-telling, sensory stories, symbol recognition, word banks, phonics, whole word recognition, shared reading, guided reading & handwriting/ developing fine motor skills. We ensure that all students have the opportunity to familiarize themselves with different genres including Stories and novels, Poetry, Biography and Autobiography, Drama, Journalism and Recount</p> <p>At KS3 and 4 students have access to accreditation – ASDAN, Entry Levels, Functional Skills 1 and 2, GCSE</p>			
		Band 1: Independent readers	<p>Experience and engage with a variety of fiction / non-fiction texts, regular opportunities to read throughout the day Be offered a range of chapter books, poetry, audio books, graphic novels, newspapers and comics Follow and write written instructions to complete tasks in lessons e.g., using a recipe book in food tech, following a set of directions /using a shopping list in community Access books to research topics e.g., history, science Regularly being read to by an adult or independently. Discuss what has been read and ask questions about the text encouraging them to identify likes, dislikes, make predictions, cross-check</p>		
		Band 2: Emerging readers	<p>Experience and engage with a variety of fiction / non-fiction texts, regular opportunities to read throughout the day A reading book at their own level, changed regularly An engaging book above their reading level that they can enjoy having read to them/social sight vocabulary Follow and write instructions to complete tasks in lessons e.g., written recipes in cooking, lists of jobs Engage in group stories with props and role play – lots of repetition Respond and contribute to questioning and discussion following stories to develop comprehension Participating in call and response sessions Regularly being read to by an adult</p>		



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		Band 3: Early Readers	Experience and engage with a variety of fiction / non-fiction texts, regular opportunities to read throughout the day A reading book at their own level, changed weekly Word banks of high frequency and familiar words concerning their everyday lives Recognising social sight vocabulary; reading signs, notices, instructions; finding out specific information passing on information both verbal and with the use of symbols Following instructions presented in words and some symbols Engaging with group stories with props and role play - lots of repetition Responding to questioning and discussion following stories to develop comprehension Participating in call and response sessions Regularly being read to by an adult		
		Band 4: Pre-readers	Recognising familiar symbols Sequences of symbols (e.g., sequence strip for personal care) Choosing boards Instructions presented in symbols Social sight vocabulary Sensory stories, drama, role play – lots of repetition Participating in call and response sessions Regularly being read to by an adult		



		<p>Personalised learning objectives covering Number/ calculation, Geometry, Measure</p>	<p>Awareness & understanding of money concepts. i.e., coin recognition, values, addition, subtraction, counting, matching numbers to quantity - Awareness & understanding of time. i.e., telling the time, recognising sequences/ daily routines/ days of week etc. - Sorting objects according to shape, size, colour etc.</p>	<p>- Awareness & understanding of money concepts. i.e., coin recognition, reading prices and price lists - Recognition of numbers in immediate environment & in the community. i.e., bus numbers, shop/house numbers, relevant telephone numbers, numbers on the clock, timetables, packaging - Ability to use telephones/mobile phones calculators -Counting, matching numbers to quantity -Sorting objects according to shape, size, colour etc. -Using apparatus - calculator, ruler, weighing scales, measuring spoons/jugs</p>	<p>- Awareness & understanding of saving, budgeting, taking responsibility for own funds. - Awareness and understanding of weights, quantities & measures in a variety of contexts - Ability to organise/recognise data in different forms - Ability to shop independently - Ability to use telephones / mobile phones - Ability to read bus timetables - Ability to recognise bus numbers; estimating travelling times; using coin operated machines; reading opening and closing times; understanding the meaning of distances e.g., 1 mile to The Angel -Sorting objects according to shape, size, colour etc. -Using apparatus - calculator, ruler, weighing scales, measuring spoons/jugs - Access to accreditation – ASDAN, Entry Level, Functional Skills Levels 1 and 2 GCSE Foundation - Personal Finance accreditation</p>
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Science & Technology	Numera cy Maths				
	Science Personalised learning objectives covering, working scientifically & seasonal change through sensory science activities	Human Body, Seasons, Senses, Animals , Plants and life cycle, Materials & their properties, Chemical reactions The delivery of these topics are differentiated and personalised according to individual need/interests			
Science & Technology Use logical reasoning to predict the behaviour of simple programs	Computing/ ICT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Level of interest in computers/ range of equipment i.e., iPad, DVDs, cameras, mobile phones, T.V.s, photocopiers etc. - Levels of independent use of computer/ amount of support needed for basic tasks - Ability to recognise specific keys / functions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ability to organise data/information - Ability to work with/operate range of equipment. i.e., iPad, DVDs, cameras, mobile phones, T.V.s, photocopiers etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recognition of I.T. equipment in the community - Ability to use the self-service checkout in a supermarket - Ability to use I.T. for communication purpose i.e., text/email - For navigational purposes i.e. google maps - Simple coding with programs such as Scratch - Access to accreditation – ASDAN Entry Level and Functional Skills 1 and 2 	
Physical Development	PE Physical development activities linked to PCP's and functional skills	Sensory exploration / circuit Bowling Field Games e.g., football, Tag Rugby Athletics Precision Bean bag Gymnastics	Football Fitness Handball introduction Basketball Boccia Cricket Athletics Precision Bean bag	Football Fitness Bowling Basketball Boccia Cricket Athletics Precision Bean bag Access to accreditation – ASDAN, Sports Leadership	
Opportunities to attend sport events and competitions					



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Physical Development	Swimming	Ongoing development of independent swimming skills	Differentiated curriculum following the 'Water Skills' program according to student's starting point and developing skills in entries, aquatic breathing, spatial awareness, buoyancy, co-ordination and exits.		
Independent Living Skills	RSE	Self-care and independence Routines Choice making Forming Relationships (Please refer to RSE policy for further details)	Relationships My Body Feelings Keeping Safe and looking after myself Life Cycles People who help me (Please refer to RSE policy for further details)	Relationships My Body Feelings and attitudes Lifecycles / Human Reproduction Keeping Safe and looking after myself People who help me / getting help and advice (Please refer to RSE policy for further details)	Relationships My Body Feelings and attitudes Keeping safe and looking after my sexual health Self-confidence, Well-being and Resilience (Please refer to RSE policy for further details)
	Food Technology	Sensory exploring food and showing preferences and recognition Independent life skills, making choices, Following instructions Learning hygiene skills	Basic food preparation skills and making a list of ingredients Shopping for ingredients at a local supermarket Following a simple recipe and	Students increase and develop their skills by reading and following recipes more independently, work as a team and share responsibilities in the preparing food, problem solve, plan and cook balanced meals, basic budgeting, appropriate quantities of food/ingredients for one person	Preparing own meals – simple & complex Emphasis on budgeting, nutrition, health & safety, healthy eating, home care skills, choosing where to shop for ingredients ASDAN Personal Progress modules BTEC accreditation in Food Technology
	PSHE	School assemblies covering SMSC themes	Self-care: personal care – teeth cleaning, hand/ face washing, bathing, use of deodorant, dealing with menstruation, using the toilet, dressing/ undressing, eating, drinking, personal safety etc. Home care: Clearing up, washing up, wiping surfaces, sweeping, using washing machine/ tumble dryer, safety/ hazards, hygiene etc. Personal Finance – Budgeting, personal banking, money management		
	RE	Assemblies covering a broad range of SMSC themes and British Values e.g., Remembrance Day, Anti-Bullying, Rosh Hashanah, Diwali, Eid, Christmas, International Week, Black History Study of religions, festivals and beliefs			



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	Careers & Work Related Learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Independent routines Choice making Visiting places and meeting new people Investigating jobs and training opportunities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Role-play of work-related activities -Joining with and observing older students carrying out vocational activities in school 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Functional Skills lessons understanding what jobs are for and introducing concepts of making money and budgeting where appropriate -On site work related learning activities such as administrative jobs around school 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -On-site work related learning activities to include administrative tasks around school, supporting younger students in class, horticulture and mini-enterprise projects -To develop understanding of processes involved in searching for and finding a job. including developing CV -Education, Health & Care Plan Transition Review in Year 9 -Working together with students and families to identify aspirations and goals for the future -Visits to Skills and Employment Fairs and Colleges to develop understanding of the training and jobs for the future

Enrichment and wider development

The curriculum provides many enriching creative learning contexts. Other wider opportunities are provided such as whole school with projects linked to citizenship such as World Book Day, Arts or Science days, Remembrance Day, Religious Festivals, Red Nose Day and Comic Relief, the Olympics, national celebrations.

We use external coaches/ professionals to ensure the quality of our PE curriculum and we also use external agencies to support us with PSCHE, RSE and Careers and Work Experience

We take part in competitions and cultural initiatives, including Poetry by Heart and local sports events

Therapy and the Engagement Model

At Eagle Park we are a transdisciplinary school and our therapist collaborate with us on all areas of the curriculum. Therapy informs all aspects of our curriculum planning and implementation ensuring that each pupil receives the input needed to ensure that they are able to make the best progress possible and enjoy and thrive at all times.



For those pupils working below NC levels and unable to access subject based studies we employ the engagement model. This is based on the four key areas of:

- Exploration
- Realisation
- Anticipation
- Persistence
- Initiation

Their curriculum is designed in conjunction with our therapists, SLT and class teachers and is specially tailored to their ECHP targets and their individual needs.

Impact

- At Eagle Park our pupils meet or exceed their expected progress
- Pupils develop outstanding behaviour over their time at Eagle Park School, increasing their ability to self-regulate independently
- Pupils leave with good functional communication skills that will prepare them for their next step in education and their journey into employment
- Pupils develop good literacy and numeracy skills that allow them access to accreditation and a pathway in further education
- Pupils develop independent living skills that will ensure they are able to access their community and employment opportunities
- Pupils develop self-esteem, resilience and study skills
- Pupils learn to access their community and the wider world safely
- Pupils are able to build strong relationships with families, friends and relationships that ensure growth and fulfilment in the future
- Pupils gain a secure understanding of the world around them, including different cultures and belief systems

Links to other policies

- RSE
- PSICHE
- Teaching and Learning