

Newsham Primary School
Teaching and Learning Policy



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Introduction:

At Newsham Primary School we believe in the concept of lifelong learning and the notion that learning should be a rewarding and enjoyable experience for everyone; it should be fun. Through our teaching we equip children with the skills, knowledge and understanding necessary to be able to make informed choices about the important things in their lives. We believe that appropriate teaching and learning experiences help children to lead happy and rewarding lives.

Aims & Objectives:

This teaching and learning policy is intended to promote consistency and high standards and the achievement of the school vision. At Newsham we aim to provide a caring, supportive and stimulating environment with high quality teaching through which to foster;

- High levels of literacy and numeracy;
- An enquiring and creative mind;
- Independent young people who are confident, flexible and able to cooperate with others;
- Imagination and creative expression through a wide range of media;
- Conscientious young citizens of our multi-cultural society who are tolerant and respect others' values;
- Pride in achievement and a desire to succeed;
- Effective links between the school, the child's home and the community which promote aspiration and high expectations;
- Equality of opportunity for all;

When you come into our school you will see...

- A welcoming entrance foyer displaying aspects of school life
- A place that considers itself to be an important part of the local community with evidence of community links and community information.
- A place which displays its global and environmental awareness
- School grounds which are interesting and enjoyable, provide an outdoor learning environment and which complement the school buildings
- A place that is:
 - Bright and attractive
 - Well-maintained and well-resourced
 - Clean and tidy and clearly well cared for

- A variety of display boards giving examples of the range of work children produce; displays that are representative of the full range of the curriculum we cover including examples of the high quality of work we expect from children
- An environment that is conducive to learning
- Children and staff working together in a way that shows that they care about their school and each other.

When you come into our classes you will see...

- Children and staff purposefully engaged in enjoyable learning activities
- Smiling faces and happy children
- A neat and tidy learning environment
- Appropriately stored and clearly labelled resources that allow children to develop independence in resourcing their own learning
- Displays that reflect
 - the diversity of ability of the individual classes
 - targets for achievement
 - targets for attainment
 - Reward and sanction systems
 - Our "6R curriculum"
 - Our visual timetable for learning
 - Our emotional intelligence systems

When children are learning you will see...

Children displaying our 6 R qualities.

- Attentive children who are clearly keen to learn and enthusiastic.
- Children who are good listeners and ask appropriate and searching questions
- A desire and eagerness to learn about the fascinating world in which they live.
- Children and staff engaged in meaningful dialogue about learning
- A variety of learning styles in use
- Whole Class Teaching
- Peer group and partners working together
- Small group work
- Listening
- Discussion
- Individual focused activities
- Teamwork
- Children experiencing a variety of learning styles, visual, kinaesthetic and auditory
- Children developing an appropriate level of independence.
- That the lesson is part of a well-structured curriculum framework
- Clear learning objectives
- Technology that is used effectively
- A teacher who has a good understanding of the needs of each and every child and that these needs are met in each lesson.
- A teacher who responds to children's work in a positive and developmental way
- Assessment opportunities built into the lesson

- Good use being made of additional support staff to enhance children's learning and their individual needs.

When people describe our school they say that...

- Our children love coming to school and enthuse about their learning
- This is a good school with helpful, hardworking, kind, well-behaved and polite children
- Parents feel well informed and they know how to support their child's learning at school and at home
- Newsham School is a friendly, family focused and welcoming place
- Parents know their children are well-cared for and stimulated in their learning
- We recognise our areas of strength and development and we constantly strive to achieve all elements of our school vision.