



# STANLEY ROAD CURRICULUM POLICY

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## Document History

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18/6/2018	AKC	Pg 3 – Changed Perry Hall Multi-Academy Trust to ‘in our Trust schools’. Pg 4 as above. Pg 5 para 4 Changes Executive Headteacher to ‘Headteacher and Head of School, para 8 changed Executive Headteacher and Headteacher to ‘Leadership’.
16.6.20	SM	p.1 added: Stanley Road has written and developed a bespoke curriculum for its learners. The REAL curriculum aims to offer depth and breadth through the use of Bloom’s taxonomy, philosophy and by promoting and incentivising higher-order thinking. p.1 changed ‘cross-curricular themes where children will learn different strands of the curriculum from a range of subjects, all within one common theme for a term’ to ‘text-based curriculum, rooting learning in high quality and culturally rich fiction and non-fiction.’ p.1 changed ‘Our approach to the curriculum is through a skills-

		<p>based approach.' To 'our approach to the curriculum involves promoting high order thinking which deepens skills and accrues knowledge through progressive challenge, year upon year.</p> <p>p.1 changed 'Please read on to find out more details about each subject that forms part of the national curriculum.' For 'details of the content and progression in our subjects can be found in our individual REAL Curriculum documents and individual subject policies.' p.4 changed 'topic-based' for 'text-based' P.4 changed 'we plan our curriculum in two phases. We agree curriculum frameworks (long-term plan) for each Key Stage. This indicates what topics are to be taught in each term, and to which groups of children. We review our long-term plan on an annual basis. With our medium-term plans, we give clear guidance on the objectives and teaching strategies that we use when teaching each topic.' to 'we work from the REAL curriculum as a long term plan, agreeing text based topics termly.</p> <p>In year 6 and year 5 parallel year teachers plan together in pairs. In Year 3&amp;4 and 1&amp;2 teachers plan in mixed phases of 3 classes, due to one mixed class per phase. A medium term plan is produced indicating cross curricular links and thematic learning. This is shared with parents at the start of each term.</p>
17.06.20	SM	<p>p. 4 changed 'Staff plan on a weekly basis for Mathematics and English and topic.' to 'Staff plan for all subjects weekly and deliver maths and English lessons daily. In Key stage 1 and Early years there are daily planned phonics lessons.</p>
19.07.21	LA	<p>Included an Appendix (1) To reflect the curriculum at Stanley Road Primary School.</p>

## **Stanley Road Primary Curriculum Policy**

Perry Hall Multi-Academy Trust School's Curriculum follows all the requirements of the National Curriculum but we are proud to offer a much broader curriculum than that, making the most of many and varied opportunities to broaden and enrich the curriculum for our children.

The National Curriculum provides the school with the outline of knowledge, skills and understanding that we are required to cover in school. We choose to teach much of this through creative, cross-curricular themes where children will learn different strands of the curriculum from a range of subjects, all within one common theme for a term/half term.

This policy makes reference to The New National Curriculum 2014. It is linked to our Equality, Gifted and Talented, Home Learning, SEND, SMSC and British Values and Teaching and Learning policies.

We aim to teach our curriculum in an engaging, interesting and stimulating way primarily through a thematic approach. Our approach to the curriculum is through a skills based approach. Please read on to find out more details about each subject that forms part of the national curriculum.

The curriculum is all the planned activities that we organise across our schools in order to promote learning, personal growth and development. It includes not only the formal requirements of the National Curriculum, but also the range of extra-curricular activities that the school organises in order to enrich the experience of the children. It also includes that which the children learn from the way they are treated and expected to behave.

## **Values**

Our schools' curriculum is underpinned by the values that we hold dear at Perry Hall Multi-Academy Trust Schools. The curriculum is the means by which the schools achieve their objectives of educating children in the knowledge, skills and understanding that they need in order to lead fulfilling lives.

## **Aims and Objectives**

The curriculum, whilst paying due regard to achieving high standards in English and Maths, is also broad, exciting and challenging, developing the whole child, and embraces the five outcomes set out in Every Child Matters:

- Stay safe;
- Be healthy;
- Enjoy and achieve;
- Achieve economic well-being;
- Make a positive contribution;

The aims of our schools' curriculum are:

- To show children respect as learners and individuals
- To enable all children to learn and develop their skills to the best of their ability
- To promote a positive attitude towards learning, so that children enjoy coming to school, and acquire a solid basis for lifelong learning
- To build upon children's natural curiosity for learning
- To provide children the basic skills of literacy, numeracy and science
- To provide children with the basic skills of information communication technology (ICT) and an understanding of how it will affect their lives
- To enable children to be creative and to develop their own thinking
- To enable children to recognise and utilise their own best learning style
- To enable children to reflect upon their own learning, what they need to do to improve and where they would like to take it further
- To teach children about their developing world, including how their environment and society has changed over time
- To help children understand Britain's cultural heritage and values
- To enable children to be positive citizens in their community and wider society
- To reflect upon and understand their own religious beliefs and those of others
- To help children understand the importance of truth and fairness, so that they grow up committed to equal opportunities for all
- To provide all children with the opportunity to celebrate their successes
- To enable children to have respect for themselves and high self-esteem, and to be able to live and work co-operatively with others

### **In our Trust Schools we do this by:**

- Providing a safe, fun, stimulating and challenging learning environment
- Providing accurate and helpful feedback on how well they are doing and what they need to do to improve
- Providing a cross-curricular themed, topic based approach in all year groups
- Reflecting our high expectations through encouraging independent learning and self-discipline
- Establishing a mutually supportive partnership in which parents, carers, governors and staff share responsibility for the education of our children
- Promoting an awareness of and respect for a diversity of cultures, values, beliefs and abilities
- Working together to create a caring community of learners where every child feels safe and valued
- Ensuring that all children have appropriate and equal access to the curriculum
- Providing a stimulating and interesting termly homework project to promote learning in the home
- Allowing pupils to participate in a variety of activities that enrich the curriculum. For example: visits, residential experiences, performances, sports and arts.

## **Organisation and Planning**

Within the Trust schools we plan our curriculum in two phases. We agree curriculum frameworks (long-term plan) for each Key Stage. This indicates what topics are to be taught in each term, and to which groups of children. We review our long-term plan on an annual basis. With our medium-term plans, we give clear guidance on the objectives and teaching strategies that we use when teaching each topic. Each subject area has a curriculum map of the skills and knowledge to be covered in a particular area. Staff plan on a weekly basis for Mathematics and English and topic. All curriculum maps are evaluated as skills are taught.

In the Early Years Foundation Stage, staff plan the curriculum carefully, so that there is coherence and full coverage of all aspects of the early learning goals and their planned progression in all curriculum areas.

## **Children with Special Educational Needs and Disability**

The curriculum at Stanley Road is designed to provide access and opportunity for all children who our school, adapting the curriculum to meet the needs of individual children, after consultation with parents.

As a Trust, we comply with the requirements set out in the SEND Code of Practice in providing for children with Special Needs. Teachers make an assessment if a child displays signs of having special needs. In most instances the teacher is able to provide resources and educational opportunities which meet the child's needs within the normal class organisation. If a child's need is more severe, we consider the child for an Education and Health Care Plan (EHCP), discuss with the parent/carer the possibility of seeking advice from the appropriate external agencies and undertake statutory assessment.

We provide additional resources and support for children with special needs. The schools produce an Individual Provision Map (IPM) for each of the children who are on the School Action register or have a statement. This sets out the nature of the special need and outlines how the schools will aim to address the need. It also sets out targets for improvement, so that we can review and monitor the progress of each child at regular intervals.

## **The Early Years Foundation Stage**

The curriculum that we teach in the Early Years classes meets the requirements set out in the revised Early Years Foundation Stage. Our curriculum planning focuses on the Early Learning Goals and on developing children's skills and experiences, as set out in this document.

We fully support the principle that young children learn through play and by engaging in well-planned structured activities. Teaching in the Early Years classes builds on

the experiences of the children in their pre-school learning. We build positive partnerships through visits by the Foundation Stage teachers at local nursery schools and through other professional liaison.

During the Foundation Stage, the teachers make continual observations to record the children's progress. These assessments form an important part of the future curriculum planning for each child and are shared with staff, parents and carers and the Local Governing Boards.

We are well aware that all children need the support of parents and carers and teachers to make good progress in school. We strive to build positive links with the families of each child by keeping them informed about their child's progress through the Learning Journey.

## **Roles and Responsibilities**

The Headteachers and Heads of Schools have overall responsibility for the leadership of the curriculum and for monitoring its provision. The Senior Leadership Team at each school have responsibility for developing and updating the curriculum and ensuring, with the Headteacher/Heads of School, that the curriculum has appropriate coverage shows progression and is consistently monitored.

Curriculum coordinators, including the Senior Leadership Team, are responsible for ensuring the content and delivery of their subject, for monitoring provision, for keeping up to date with curriculum developments and providing or organising Inset where necessary. This will ensure that progress is tracked, challenge is appropriate and support and intervention is successfully directed.

The SENCO at each school is responsible for the development of provision mapping and coordinating the work of support staff to achieve the best possible outcomes for individual pupils.

Class teachers ensure that the curriculum is thoroughly planned, appropriately delivered and that the aims are achieved for their class. They regularly review and, if necessary, update medium-term plans.

The Local Governing Boards of each school monitor the success of the curriculum at committee level and at whole Governing Board meetings through the Leadership report to the Governors.

# STANLEY ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Academy Curriculum Policy

### Appendix 1

#### Curriculum Intent Statement

Life at Stanley Road Primary School is underpinned by our four core principles: to be trusted, take responsibility for our own successes and mistakes, respect for people and property and to join in and contribute to school life. The heart of what we do lies within the development of our pupils' moral, spiritual, social and cultural understanding allowing our pupils to succeed for life in modern Britain. Every pupil is recognised as a unique individual. During their time in the Early Years Foundation Stage, pupils will have the opportunity to explore, investigate, problem solve, build relationships and become resilient.

We understand the importance of how language unites and educates our pupils; therefore, language enrichment is a seamless thread throughout our broad and balanced curriculum. Our safe, inviting and inspiring environment will ignite a passion for learning allowing all to grow. Early experiences ensure a solid foundation for pupils to progress throughout their time at Stanley Road Primary School and beyond.

In designing our inclusive curriculum, first hand learning experiences, developing interpersonal skills and becoming creative and critical thinkers are essential in allowing pupils to discover their own passions and strengths. In a similar vein, community involvement is an integral part of our curriculum. We welcome families and visitors to share experiences and facilitate learning of new skills. Alongside this, extra-curricular activities such as trips, school performances, residential, after school clubs and local visits foster curiosity and prepare pupils for life-long learning.

Having prospered in the diverse community of our school, pupils are ready to begin their next phase of education. By the time they leave our school, we endeavour that all pupils will respect themselves, respect others and become upstanding citizens of the world.

#### Implementation

##### Impact

At Stanley Road Primary School we are enabling pupils to gain the skills they need to excel in an ever developing and diverse world by creating a broad and balanced curriculum.

Teaching and learning is adapted to cater for the needs of all pupils; providing support for pupils with special educational needs and enrichment and challenge for more able pupils.

Assessment is made based upon observations of learning, written and non-recorded outcomes, marking and day-to-day assessments.

The Head of School has overall responsibility for the leadership of the curriculum and for monitoring its provision. The Curriculum lead then has responsibility for developing and

updating the curriculum in line with the needs of the school and pupils' interests and ensuring, with the Heads of School, that the curriculum has appropriate coverage shows progression and is consistently monitored.

Subject leads, including the Senior Leadership Team, are responsible for ensuring the content and delivery of their subject, for monitoring the provision, for keeping up to date with curriculum developments and providing or organising CPD where necessary. This will ensure that progress is tracked, challenge is appropriate and support and intervention is successfully directed.

The SENCO is responsible for the development of provision mapping and coordinating the work of staff to achieve the best possible outcomes for individual pupils.

The Pupil Premium Champion is responsible for ensuring that all children are receiving the full curriculum and have the same opportunities as all other pupils.

Class teachers ensure that the curriculum is thoroughly planned, appropriately delivered and that the aims are achieved for their class. They regularly review and, if necessary, update medium-term plans.

The Local Governing Board monitor the success of the curriculum at committee level and at whole Governing Board meetings through the Leadership report to the Governors.