



FULMER INFANT SCHOOL

INCLUSION POLICY

Introduction

At Fulmer Infant School, we are committed to giving all our children every opportunity to achieve the highest of standards. This policy helps to ensure that this happens for all the children in our school – regardless of their age, gender, religion, disability, ethnicity, attainment or background. Please also refer to the diversity policy.

Aims and Objectives

Our school aims to be an inclusive school. This means that equality of opportunity must be a reality for our children. We make this a reality through the attention we pay to the different groups of children within our school:

- Any children who are at risk of disaffection, disability, or exclusion
- Children with special educational needs (SEND)
- Children who need support to learn English as an additional language
- Gifted and Talented children
- Girls and boys
- Minority ethnic and faith groups
- Pupil Premium Children
- Pupils with physical difficulties
- Travellers, refugees and asylum seekers

The National Curriculum is our starting point for planning a curriculum that meets the specific needs of individuals and groups of children.

Commitment to a preventative practice that includes:

- Early identification of need, early intervention and support.
- Setting suitable learning challenges
- Responding to children's diverse learning needs
- Overcoming potential barriers to learning and assessment for individuals and groups of pupils
- Providing support for SEND and Pupil Premium children

We achieve educational inclusion by continually reviewing what we do, through asking ourselves these key questions:

- Do all our children achieve as much as they can?
- Are there differences in the achievement of different groups of children?
- What are we doing for those children who we know are not achieving their best?
- Are our actions effective?

Teaching and Learning style

We aim to give all our children the opportunity to succeed and reach the highest level of personal achievement. When planning their work, teachers take into account the abilities of all of their children. For some children, we use the programmes of study from an earlier key stage. This enables some of our children to make progress in their lessons.

When the attainment of a child falls significantly below the expected level, teachers enable the child to succeed by planning work that is in line with that child's individual needs. The child would also be placed on the SEN register with and support plan.

Where the attainment of a child significantly exceeds the expected level of attainment, teachers use materials from a later key stage, or extend the breadth of work within the area or areas for which the child shows particular aptitude. The child would also be placed on the SEND register with and exceptional education plan (EEP).

Teachers are familiar with the relevant equal opportunities legislation covering race, religion, gender and disability.

Teachers ensure that children:

- Feel secure and know that their contributions are valued
- Appreciate and value the differences they see in others
- Take responsibility for their own actions
- Participate safely in clothing that is appropriate to their religious beliefs
- Are taught in groupings that allow them all to experience success
- Use materials that reflect a range of social and cultural backgrounds, without stereotyping
- Have a common curriculum experience that allows for a range of different learning styles
- Have challenging targets that enable them to succeed
- Are encouraged to participate fully, regardless of disabilities or medical needs

Children with Disabilities

All children, regardless of their physical or mental abilities, will be treated equally and, where appropriate, additional facilities (e.g. hearing aid loops) and further teaching support will be deployed.

Disapplication and Modification

The school can, where necessary, modify or dis-apply the National Curriculum and its assessment arrangements. Our school policy is to do this only in exceptional circumstances. The school makes every effort to meet the learning needs of all its children without recourse to disapplication or modification. We achieve this through greater differentiation of the child's work, or through the provision of additional learning resources.

When necessary, we also support learning through appropriate external specialists. In such cases, teachers will work closely with these agencies to support the child.

In exceptional circumstances, we may decide that modification or disapplication is the correct procedure to follow. We would only do this after detailed consultation with parents and the Local Education Authority. The school's governor with responsibility for SEND would also be closely involved in this process. We would ensure that every effort had been made to provide the necessary support from within the school's resources before considering such action.

Should we go ahead with modification or disapplication, we would do so through:

- Section 364 of the Education Act 1996. This allows modification or disapplication of the National Curriculum, or elements of it, through a statement of special educational needs
- Section 365 of the Education Act 1996. This allows the temporary modification or disapplication of the National Curriculum, or elements of it

Summary

In our school, the teaching and learning, achievements, attitudes and well-being of every child are important. We follow the necessary regulations to ensure that we take the experiences and needs of all our children into account when planning for learning.

Related Policies and Other Documents

Equal Opportunities Policy
Race, Equality and Disability Policy
Able, Gifted and Talented Policy
SEND Policy
Teaching and Learning Policy