

CACFO UK EDUCATION CENTRE



CURRICULUM POLICY

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1. Introduction

The curriculum includes all the planned activities that are organised in order to promote learning, personal growth and development of the whole child. It comprises not only the formal requirements of the new National Curriculum, but also the wide range of activities that the school organises in order to enrich the experience of our pupils.

The curriculum at CACFO UK is evolving according to the needs of our pupils and to the aspirations of the staff and the wider community, as such we are continually reviewing and improving the curriculum we offer to our pupils.

Values

Our curriculum is underpinned by the values that we hold dear at CACFO UK. The curriculum is the means by which the school achieves its objective of educating our pupils in the knowledge, skills and understanding that they need in order to lead fulfilling lives. We value pupil's uniqueness, we listen to the views of individual pupils and we promote respect for diverse cultures. We value the spiritual and moral development of each person, as well as their intellectual and physical growth.

We value the importance of each person in our community, and we organise our curriculum to promote inclusion, cooperation and understanding among all members of our community. We value the rights enjoyed by each person in our society. We respect each pupil in our school for who they are, and we treat them with fairness and honesty.

We want to enable each person to be successful, and we provide equal opportunities for all our pupils. We will strive to meet the needs of all our pupils and to ensure that we meet all statutory requirements regarding inclusion. We value our environment, and we want to teach our pupils, through our curriculum, how we should take care of the world, not only for ourselves, but also for future generations.

Aims and objectives

We aim to teach our pupil's how to grow into positive, responsible people, who can work and co-operate with others while developing their knowledge and skills, so that they can realise their true potential.

Our Aims are:

- to enable all pupils to learn and develop their skills to the best of their ability
- to be able to live and work co-operatively with others.
- to promote a positive attitude towards learning, so that pupils enjoy coming to school, and acquire a solid basis for lifelong learning
- to fulfil all the requirements of the National Curriculum in the subjects; English, Mathematics and Science,
- to teach children the basic skills of literacy, numeracy, science and computing
- to enable children to be creative and to develop their own thinking
- to enable children to be positive citizens in their community and wider society
- to enable children to have respect for themselves and high self-esteem
- To enable children to understand their cultural heritage

2. Legislation and guidance

This policy reflects the requirements for academies to provide a broad and balanced curriculum as per the [Academies Act 2010](#), and the [National Curriculum programmes of study](#) which the school has chosen to follow.

It also reflects requirements for inclusion and equality as set out in the [Special Educational Needs and Disability Code of Practice 2015](#) and [Equality Act 2010](#), and refers to curriculum-related expectations of governing boards set out in the Department for Education's [Governance Handbook](#).

3. Roles and responsibilities

3.1 The governing board

The governing board will monitor the effectiveness of this policy and hold the headteacher to account for its implementation.

The governing board will also ensure that:

- A robust framework is in place for setting curriculum priorities and aspirational targets
- Enough teaching time is provided for pupils to cover the National Curriculum and other statutory requirements
- Proper provision is made for pupils with different abilities and needs, including children with special educational needs (SEN)
- All courses provided for pupils below the age of 19 that lead to qualifications, such as GCSEs and A-levels, are approved by the secretary of state
- The school implements the relevant statutory assessment arrangements
- It participates actively in decision-making about the breadth and balance of the curriculum
- Pupils from year 8 onwards are provided with independent, impartial careers guidance, and that this is appropriately resourced

3.2 Headteacher

The headteacher is responsible for ensuring that this policy is adhered to, and that:

- All required elements of the curriculum, and those subjects which the school chooses to offer, have aims and objectives which reflect the aims of the school and indicate how the needs of individual pupils will be met
- The amount of time provided for teaching the required elements of the curriculum is adequate and is reviewed by the governing board
- They manage requests to withdraw children from curriculum subjects, where appropriate
- The school's procedures for assessment meet all legal requirements
- The governing board is fully involved in decision-making processes that relate to the breadth and balance of the curriculum
- The governing board is advised on whole-school targets in order to make informed decisions
- Proper provision is in place for pupils with different abilities and needs, including children with SEN

3.3 Other staff

Other staff will ensure that the school curriculum is implemented in accordance with this policy.

English, mathematics, science and computer science teachers will ensure that they follow the national curriculum when planning schemes of work and lesson plans and the delivery of these lessons.

Citizenship teacher will ensure that pupils have an understanding of democracy, government and the rights and responsibilities of citizens as well as promote British values.

PSHE teacher will ensure that pupils are taught health and wellbeing, living in the wider world and healthy relationships.

4. Organisation and planning

The curriculum is a driver for pupils to develop their communication skills, social skills, manage their own feelings and behaviour and to make good choices with adult support.

The current curriculum offers:

- Mathematics
- English
- Science
- Computer science
- PSHEE
- Citizenship

- Physical Education
- Social/Personal Development
- Creative Arts
- Art & Crafts
- Cultural studies

CACFO UK works with multiple external agencies to further support our pupils' development. This includes mentoring, counselling, career advisors to name a few.

- The curriculum approach focuses on the core skills of numeracy, literacy and develops the personal, learning and thinking skills of all pupils. It promotes balance, relevance, differentiation, progression, continuity and coherence.
- The plan of study follows the national curriculum in the core subjects English, mathematics and science.
- The curriculum promotes artistic development, physical activities and social and personal development.
- Computer science is taught as a standalone subject.
- ICT skills are used across the curriculum to help with transfer of knowledge and application
- Literacy and numeracy are taught across the curriculum to build on the literacy and numeracy skills
- The curriculum covers the following:
 - Health and wellbeing
 - Living in the wider world
 - Relationships
 - Spiritual, moral, social and cultural development
 - British values
 - Careers guidance
 - Safeguarding issues
- Schemes of work and lessons are planned on a termly basis.

5. Inclusion

Teachers set high expectations for all pupils. They will use appropriate assessment to set ambitious targets and plan challenging work for all groups, including:

- More able pupils
- Pupils with low prior attainment
- Pupils from disadvantaged backgrounds

Further information can be found in our statement of equality information and objectives.

6. Monitoring arrangements

Governors monitor coverage of National Curriculum subjects and compliance with other statutory requirements through:

- School visits, meetings with the school leaders and headteacher's report to the governing body.

Headteacher will monitor the way the subjects are taught throughout the school by:

- Lesson observations
- Staff self- evaluation
- Student self-evaluation
- planning scrutinies
- Book scrutinies

Subject teachers also have responsibility for monitoring the way in which resources are stored and managed.

This policy will be reviewed every year by the head teacher and governing body.

7. Links with other policies

This policy links to the following policies and procedures:

- Assessment policy