



Wallsend Jubilee Primary School

Teaching, Learning and assessment policy

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Statement of intent

At Wallsend Jubilee Primary School, we believe that every child has the right to the best possible education. We aim to ensure that all pupils, regardless of ability, special educational needs and disability (SEND) or circumstances, reach their full potential and gain the skills and knowledge necessary to lead successful lives. All children will be given the opportunity to be the best they can be.

Our policy provides procedures aimed towards ensuring high quality teaching and learning throughout the school.

It aims to:

- Embed an agreed range of good practice across the school.
- Ensure consistency throughout the school.
- Inform staff of the school's expectations.
- Provide a unified focus for monitoring learning and classroom practice.
- Ensure that the needs of pupils are met.
- Improve and enhance the quality of teaching.
- Ensure that pupils are receiving a broad, balanced and relevant curriculum, meeting the requirements of the national curriculum.
- Ensure that teaching is appropriately differentiated for all pupils.
- Establish targets for improvement.
- Enhance the professional development of staff.

1. Legal framework

1.1. This policy has due regard to all relevant legislation and statutory guidance including, but not limited to, the following:

- Equality Act 2010
- DfE (2018) 'Primary school accountability in 2018'
- DfE (2015) 'Special educational needs and disability code of practice: 0 to 25 years'
- STA (2018) 'Early years foundation stage: Assessment and Reporting Arrangements (ARA)'
- STA (2018) 'Key stage 1: Assessment and Reporting Arrangements (ARA)'
- STA (2018) 'Key stage 2: Assessment and Reporting Arrangements (ARA)'
- DfE (2017) 'Statutory framework for the early years foundation stage'
- DfE (2019) 'Assessment framework: Reception Baseline Assessment'
- DfE (2018) 'Reporting to parents at the end of key stages 1 and 2'

1.2. This policy operates in conjunction with the following school policies:

- SEND Policy
- Marking and Feedback Policy
- Behavioural Policy

1. Roles and responsibilities

1.3. The governing board is responsible for:

- Ensuring an effective approach to teaching and learning is implemented across the school.
- Ensuring high expectations are set for all pupils, regardless of their abilities or needs.
- Ensuring reports are provided by the headteacher and curriculum coordinators and that action is taken where areas are identified as requiring improvement.
- Ensuring the curriculum sub-committee meets regularly to monitor progress against targets.
- Visiting the school to increase knowledge of classroom activity and conducting the following activities:
 - Lesson visits
 - Viewing recordings of lessons as appropriate

- Viewing samples of pupils' work
 - Viewing achievement
 - Talking to pupils about their experiences
 - Talking to teachers about their experiences
 - Reporting their findings to the governing board
 - Working alongside curriculum coordinators to identify targets for improvement
- The SLT is responsible for:
 - Promoting a culture of high quality teaching across the school
 - Taking an overview of the atmosphere in the school on a day-to-day basis by visiting classes and talking to staff, parents and pupils.
 - Liaising with parents to ensure needs are being met.
 - Working in classrooms, including teaching, regularly.
 - Carrying out focussed lesson visits.
 - Carrying out deep dives alongside curriculum coordinators.
 - Reviewing and commenting on planning.
 - Discussing all annual reports with staff.
 - Completing a self-evaluation of the school's quality of teaching.
 - Reporting on the quality of teaching and learning in the governors' report.
 - Acting as role models for teaching staff.
- Curriculum coordinators are responsible for:
 - Developing and reviewing curriculum policies and schemes of work in collaboration with colleagues.
 - Developing and reviewing progression of skills document, assessment without levels, long term plan and curriculum intent, implementation, and impact for Nursery to year 6 pupils, in collaboration with colleagues.
 - Developing and reviewing knowledge organisers, in collaboration with colleagues.
 - Taking accountability for the progress of pupils in their given subject.
 - Reporting on the effectiveness of their curriculum area to the SLT and the governing board.
 - Providing professional advice to the governor curriculum sub-committee.
- Teaching staff are responsible for:
 - Monitoring and evaluating their teaching.

- Seeking professional dialogue and constructive criticism from colleagues and SLT.
- Reviewing and evaluating their planning regularly, taking into account specific needs of a given cohort.
- Setting appropriate and challenging targets for all pupils.
- Collaborating with colleagues/LEA/other schools to moderate pupil achievement.
- Involving parents and other professionals in the monitoring process, where necessary.
- Completing an interim review assessing the progress of their pupils (performance management mid cycle review).
- Completing an annual review assessing the progress of their pupils (performance management).
- Pupils are responsible for:
 - Being on time for school with good attendance.
 - Being ready and prepared to learn.
 - Showing resilience when challenged.
 - Taking risks in a safe environment.
 - Being attentive, listening to and following all reasonable instructions.
 - Completing expected work both in and out of school.
 - Demonstrating a responsible mature attitude to school.
 - Treating everyone with respect, being reflective and thinking about the consequence of own actions.

External monitoring

- Maddy Kennedy the school improvement officer will work on an annual cycle to support the SLT to monitor teaching.
- The school improvement officer will scrutinise all available data and discuss the school's self-evaluation, along with all matters arising from it, with the governing body.
- The school improvement officer will undertake deep dives alongside curriculum leads and SLT.
- Ofsted inspections will be used to identify strengths and weaknesses, and to develop an action plan for improvement.

• Self-evaluation

- Senior leaders should discuss the following questions to assess the quality of teaching at the school:
- What is our view of teaching at Wallsend Jubilee primary school?
- How are the curriculum and teaching being monitored? What is the impact?
- How is assessment used to inform planning, ensure appropriate challenge, set targets and provide feedback? What is the impact?
- To what extent do teachers use assessment within the lesson (for example mini-whiteboards and questioning) to ensure that all pupils understand the lesson objectives?
- Are judgements based on the interpretation and evaluation of data and evidence?
- Are strengths and weaknesses in teaching and management identified?
- What strategies do TAs employ to support learning? What is the impact?
- Do pupils work independently, co-operate to solve problems, develop good behaviour for learning skills and understand what they need to do to improve?
- What happens if pupils are absent or fall behind with their work? What support is in place to help them?

The following questions should be discussed with pupils to assess the quality of teaching at the school:

- Tell me about this piece of work. What were you learning?
- What did you learn prior to this piece of work? What do you think you might learn next?
- What have you learnt in this piece of work that is new to you?
- Show me a piece of work that you are proud of. Why?
- Do you know how to improve your work? Do you have the opportunity to improve your work?
- What strategies do you use if you are 'stuck'?
- What do you think about your homework?
- What do you think the school could do to make lessons more enjoyable/interesting for you?
- Which aspect of schoolwork do you find challenging/difficult?

• **Learning environment**

Setting the tone

- The teacher will set the tone for the morning and afternoon sessions by taking the register and ensuring the pupils are happy and ready to learn. Zones or regulation are available and learning journals support children to share experiences.
- Universal approaches are available to all pupils these include:
 - Consideration of desk placement in classroom and seating plan
 - Use of privacy board
 - Consistent use of widget
 - Use of timers
 - Access to ear defenders
 - Access to fidget toys
 - Adaptable class visual timetable
 - Staff CPD
 - Time limited specific intervention, including communicate and regulate, talkabout, social stories etc
 - Check in and check outs (daily)
 - Movement breaks
 - Use of sensory spaces
 - Zones of regulation
 - APDR termly
 - Life skills/emotional literacy lessons, including specific needs of pupils
 - 1 to 1 reading lowest 10%
 - Practical lessons supported with visual prompts
 - Simplified and repeated instructions
 - Lunch time clubs
 - Nurture groups
 - Use of IT, Ipads and laptops
 - Reading for pleasure
 - Pre teaching of key vocabulary and key vocabulary visible

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● **Our philosophy**

- Through our teaching philosophy, pupils are encouraged to:
 - Listen to each other.
 - Adopt various roles in groups.
 - Volunteer thoughts and opinions.
 - Respect the thoughts, ideas and contributions of others.
 - Give honest and positive feedback.
 - Be the best they can be.
- To encourage all pupils to contribute to lessons, teachers:

- Ensure pupils raise their hands before speaking to allow all pupils the chance to contribute without being interrupted.
- Allow sufficient thinking time between questions to allow pupils to consider their responses.
- Plan time in their lessons for pupils to discuss their learning with a partner or group before committing to a response.
- Allow pupils to answer through non verbal methods where necessary.
- We reward and recognise achievement in the following ways:
 - Praise more than criticise, using formal and informal approaches.
 - The school formally rewards pupil in the following ways:
 - Stickers
 - Talking to pupil's parents praising the pupil
 - Sending a message through seesaw/tapestry praising the pupil
 - Inviting the pupil to see the headteacher/deputy headteacher
 - Achievement assemblies and certificates
 - Credits towards the class reward scheme
 - The school informally rewards pupils in the following ways:
 - Congratulating pupils privately or in class
 - Saying 'well done' to the whole class
 - Writing positive feedback on written work
- The teacher will manage disruptive behaviour by:
 - Using non-verbal cues such as raising eyebrows or frowning.
 - Referring to the pupil by name.
 - Quietly speaking to the pupil while the rest of the class is engaged.
 - Giving the pupil a task to encourage responsibility.
 - Reminding the pupil of the sanctions that follow a poor choice.
 - In exceptional circumstances, calling for support from another member of staff.
 - Ensuring the school's Behavioural Policy is adhered to at all times.
- To ensure that the quality of teaching is of the highest standard, we commit to ensuring that our teachers:
 - Understand what quality first teaching is.
 - Creatively plan and deliver lessons.
 - Motivate pupils effectively.
 - Enjoy and have a passion for teaching.
 - Continue to learn and enhance their skills.

- Hold high expectations for all pupils.
- Understand how thinking and questioning develop learning.
- Engage pupils of all abilities.
- Seek out and accept constructive feedback from peers, pupils and parents.
- Are given opportunities to lead.
- Involve parents and carers in their teaching.
- Understand and implement effective behaviour management strategies.

• Teaching strategies

The curriculum

- Nursery and Reception classes follow the EYFS statutory framework. Years 1-6 follow the national curriculum. Progression of skills documents are adapted, where necessary to fit mixed age classes. Progression of skills documents ensure progression in all curriculum areas from Nursery to year 6.
- The curriculum is broad and balanced, with a clear intent, implementation, and impact for each curriculum area. The curriculum is carefully timetabled, and content is suitable for the age and ability of the pupils. In addition, the curriculum is made accessible to all through scaffolded differentiation and the provision of necessary resources.
- While teaching the national curriculum, wider aspects of learning, such as the development of social skills, our 6R's and self-esteem, also form a significant part of pupils' education.
- The curriculum is built on prior learning and the key skills and knowledge the at pupils have acquired in previous learning.
- The curriculum has clear end points, identified key skills and learning and an outcome to give purpose or ownership.

Planning and preparation

- Lessons are clearly linked to the national curriculum. They are scaffolded to clearly show how pupils of all abilities are catered for.
- Lessons have clearly identified learning objectives and success criteria, showing continuity from prior learning to the next steps for learning.
- Pre lesson discussions identify how teaching assistants are used to enhance learning. Each plan contains a list of resources to be used during the lesson and how these resources will complement teaching.

- Timings and structure are made clear and the plan clearly demarcates the salient parts of lessons.
- The school gives teachers adequate preparation, planning and assessment (PPA) time, as per the School Teachers' Pay and Conditions Document (STPCD).

Delivery

- Lessons are delivered in a confident, lively style with good projection. Lessons are balanced, in terms of teacher and pupil-led activities, and cater for different learning styles. A range of lesson types are used including practical, visual, dramatic, investigative and group work. Lessons are carefully scaffolded to allow access to all pupils.

Resources

- Resources, including electronic resources, are prepared in advance and made readily available to pupils. They are accessible to all and appropriate for the learning objectives of the lesson. In addition, they cater to pupils' different learning styles. Resources are shared between teachers in order to facilitate good practice.

In-class support

- TAs are actively involved in the lesson to aid pupils' learning. They are involved in prior planning and preparation, and possess a good knowledge of the needs of individual pupils. They support different focus groups at different times (for example, pupils with SEND and academically more able pupils). In some circumstances, TAs are utilised on a one-to-one basis with a child in need of additional help.

Pupil involvement

- Pupils are provided opportunities to follow-up teachers' marking with questions. Pupils are also allowed opportunities to mark their work (self-assessment), and that of their peers (peer-to-peer assessment). The learning objective of each lesson is explained at the start and displayed/discussed throughout.

High expectations

- The school sets high expectations for all pupils, regardless of ability, circumstances or needs.

SEND

- Pupils with SEND are treated as individuals. Every pupil is provided with the appropriate support. Pupils causing concern are discussed at weekly SLT meetings and, if necessary, additional professional support is provided. Teachers also discuss, informally, the needs of individual pupils, enabling all teachers to be aware of pupils requiring support. In addition, the school has adopted a robust SEND Policy containing strategies and procedures for assisting our pupils with SEND.
- The NEST and PACE approach are implemented to support children with significant need or who have suffered with trauma
- The graduated approach is implemented to ensure all children, regardless of SEND excel

- **Assessment**

Baseline assessment

- Pupils joining the school will receive a baseline assessment when they start.
- Strategies for baseline assessment include:
 - Use of past national curriculum tests or NFER/White Rose
 - Phonics RWInc assessment
 - HAST spelling
 - Reading Benchmark
 - Assessing pupil progress over the first six weeks that they are enrolled
 - Formal and informal observation
- Following the introduction of the Reception baseline assessment in 2020, the school will adopt an approved baseline scheme in line with the DfE's 'Assessment Framework: Reception Baseline Assessment'.

Formative assessment (assessment for learning)

- Formative assessment creates a positive learning environment where pupils can see the steps necessary for their own success. It enables teachers to set appropriate work at the level necessary for pupils' continuing progress.
- Formative assessment is a powerful way of raising pupils' achievement. It is based on the principle that pupils will improve most if they understand the aim of their learning, where they are in relation to this aim and how they can achieve the aim.
- Formative assessments are used to:

- Identify pupils' strengths and gaps in their skills/knowledge.
- Identify the next steps for learning.
- Inform future planning.
- Enable appropriate strategies to be employed.
- Facilitate the setting of appropriate targets for the class, group and individual.
- Track the pupil's rate of progress.
- Facilitate an evaluation of the effectiveness of teaching and learning.
- Inform future teaching and learning strategies.
- Identify individuals and groups for specific intervention support.
- Formative assessment will not be punitive. It is used to guide teaching and learning and help pupils achieve their targets. It is not used to judge a teacher's performance.
- Methods of formative assessment include the following:
 - Question and answer sessions
 - Hot seating
 - Quizzes
 - Self-assessment
 - Peer assessment
 - Pre and post assessments

Summative assessment (assessment of learning)

- Summative assessment is important for:
 - Accurate information regarding a pupil's attainment and progress.
 - Informing both parents and teachers of a pupil's attainment and progress.
- Summative assessments:
 - Identify attainment through one-off tests at any given point in time.
 - Record performance in a specific area on a specific date.
 - Provide end of key stage test data against which the school will be judged.
 - Ensure statutory assessments at the end of EYFS, KS1 and KS2.
 - Provide information about cohort areas of strength and weakness to build from in the future.
 - Are used to determine a pupil's final grade.
 - Are used to judge a teacher's performance.

- Are used to monitor the progress of individuals and groups of pupils.
- Methods of summative assessment include:
 - Projects which contribute to a final grade.
 - External examinations such as the national curriculum tests.
 - End of term assessments year 1-6
 - Phonics assessment year 1 and 2
 - Multiplication check year 4
 - EYFS profile

• EYFS

Focussed observations

- Three to four children are identified each week and a focussed observation is carried out on these children. This involves focussing on the child for approximately 10 minutes and documenting what they do (this may involve written note taking or video recording). If appropriate, the adult will support play when conducting this observation. The focussed observation is then analysed and the next steps are identified and planned for, for the following week. The children will have at least one focussed observation per term.

Short observations

- These are short, spontaneous 'capture the moment' observations. Teachers and early years practitioners (EYPs) document onto sticky notes what the child has done. These are then annotated with the appropriate band and filed into the child's individual learning journal along with long observations. Both the long and short observations are used to provide evidence to assess and complete the EYFS Profile, and termly judgements are made using this information.

Special books/Tapestry

- These are scrap books that highlight key achievements for the children. Photographs of key events in Reception and exemplar pieces of work, mainly done independently by the children, are included in this book. Parents and families are encouraged to send in pieces of work, certificates and photographs that can be included in the book to create a whole picture of the child. These books provide key evidence in support of the profile points, which creates a record of attainment for each child.

Focus activity

- During focussed activities, teaching staff write comments on the child's work, using sticky notes, often identifying the level of support needed or if the work was done independently. Children are encouraged to discuss their work and next steps are also discussed with the children in child friendly terms.
- All of the information collated over the year provides the evidence base for the early learning goals at the end of Reception
- **KS1 and KS2**
 - Teachers use assessment for learning to provide on-going assessment, through the use of focussed marking and/or observations of pupils' work, against learning objectives and success criteria. This information is then used to assess progress towards meeting learning targets, and to identify and set next step targets for each pupil.
 - Annotated plans and planning notes, made by class teachers and other adults involved with each pupil, record other important information about the progress of children in the class.
 - Termly tests may be used to identify progress and gaps in learning. The tracking grids identify under-achieving pupils and set targets in reading, writing and maths for individual pupils and groups.
 - Termly pupil progress reviews are used to identify and analyse progress and set targets in reading, writing and maths for classes and cohorts.

Planning for assessment

- The national curriculum is used to guide our teaching. These documents provide us with the framework to ensure breadth and balance in our curriculum.
- Assessment without levels documents support teachers to make accurate judgements, guide teaching and identify next steps for learning.
- Lessons contain clear learning objectives, based upon the teacher's detailed knowledge of each pupil. We strive to ensure all tasks set are appropriate to each pupil's level of ability.
- Teachers use focussed marking to assess pupils' progress in relation to the planned learning objectives and set the next steps to show where the pupil is in relation to this aim and how they can achieve the aim. Teachers use this information when planning for subsequent lessons.

Assessment methods/materials

- Teachers use a range of assessment tools and materials (including analysis of pupils' work in books, guided reading records and results of class tests/published tests), alongside on-going focussed marking and

notes of pupil observations, to inform their assessment of progress for individual pupils and groups.

- Results of published tests are used to contribute to overall teacher assessments.

Reporting

- Reporting to parents provides the opportunity for communication about their child's achievements, abilities and future targets. End of year reports are written so that they have a positive effect on pupils' attitudes, motivation and self-esteem.
- We provide opportunities for two-parent consultation evenings so that parents can discuss how well their child has settled and are able to be involved in the target setting process. In addition, we provide opportunities for a mid-year interim report and a final end-of-year report.
- We provide parents with an end-of-year written report before the end of the Summer term, which includes the results of statutory tests and assessments, and gives information relating to progress and attainment
- We give parents the opportunity to discuss their child's progress, by appointment.

We will publish the following KS2 results on our school website:

- Average progress scores in reading, writing and maths
- Average 'scaled scores' in reading and maths
- Percentage of pupils who achieved the expected standard or above in reading, writing and maths
- Percentage of pupils who achieved a high level of attainment in reading, writing and maths
- We will provide a link to our performance tables on our school website.
- We also provide reports for pupils at the end of KS1 and KS2 which include the outcomes of national curriculum assessments.

KS1

- Reports for pupils at the end of KS1 will include:
 - Outcomes of the statutory national curriculum teacher assessment in English reading, English writing, maths and science.
 - A statement that teacher assessment outcomes take into account the results of statutory national curriculum tests in English reading and maths.
 - Where appropriate, a statement explaining why any national curriculum test has not been taken.

- Comparative information about the attainment of pupils of the same age in the school.
- Comparative information about the attainment in the core subjects of pupils of the same age nationally.

KS2

- Reports for pupils at the end of KS2 will include:
 - The results of any national curriculum tests taken, including the pupil's scaled score, and whether they met the expected standard.
 - The outcomes of statutory national curriculum teacher assessments in English reading, English writing, maths and science.
 - Where appropriate, a statement explaining why any national curriculum test has not been taken.
 - Comparative information about the attainment of pupils of the same age in the school.
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Moderation

- Regular moderation of levelling takes place each term to ensure consistency. Teachers meet in phase groups or in cross phase groups to analyse pupils' work against national curriculum or EYFS requirements. During the Summer term, teachers in Reception, Year 2 and Year 6 are involved in formal teacher assessments, as part of end of key stage assessments and LA moderation.

• Individual learning

Individual target tracking

- Individual targets are available for pupils who are not progressing as expected, to allow pupils to lead their own achievement.
- Individual targets are reviewed termly to ensure that they are still effective.
- Pupils are offered carefully planned scaffolding to access the curriculum.

EHC plans

- Some young people with SEND may require additional support from professionals outside of the school setting. In these cases, the views of parents, psychologists and further specialists will be sought. Based on these views, and in collaboration with the pupil, an EHC plan will be sought.
- More information can be found in the school's [SEND Policy](#).

- Working with pupils and parents

1. Working with pupils and parents

- Pupils will be provided with opportunities to contribute to the teaching and learning strategies utilised in school. Teachers will ensure pupils fully understand their learning objectives and know what they need to do to meet these objectives.
- The school will communicate with parents about their child's learning in a variety of ways, including the following:
 - Parents' evenings
 - Letters home
 - Annual reports
- Termly curriculum map
- Curriculum parent visits to school

- **Monitoring and reporting**

- This policy will be reviewed annually by the curriculum sub-committee.
- The governors' annual report will contain updates and analysis regarding teaching and learning at the school.