

Aspirations, Expectations, No Excuses

Winterbourne Junior Girls' School

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Background

At our last Ofsted, November 2017, inspectors highlighted what the school needed to do to improve further and this was to ensure that there is a clear focus on teaching skills in those subjects where this is not yet a strength so that achievement matches that in writing and mathematics.

The staff team focussed on how we could ensure that the acquisition of skills as well as knowledge could be addressed through our curriculum. This led to us rethinking and reshaping our curriculum to meet the needs of our girls.

Our Curriculum INTENT – What we are trying to achieve

At Winterbourne Junior Girls' School we work to achieve the School vision through our broad and balanced curriculum. We are committed to meeting the requirements of the primary National Curriculum and our schemes of work reflect the content and challenge of the curriculum. We have high expectations and provide high quality learning experiences through good quality first teaching.

We know that the quality of education cannot exceed the quality of its teachers. We also know that an effective school is full of effective classrooms and effective leaders and to that end, teachers have received and will continue to receive training in key areas of curriculum change in order to provide outstanding curriculum provision.

We have established a rich, relevant and purposeful educational experience that allows us to develop the whole child and meet the needs and interests of individual pupils. Our curriculum provides learning that has local, national and international dimensions.

We believe that:

- Our curriculum and teaching will equip children with the skills, knowledge, understanding and experiences necessary for them to play an increasingly useful and positive role in society and make informed choices about their lives both now and in the future;
- Our curriculum not only challenges pupils to develop their understanding, but to master and articulate it;
- Our curriculum will allow children to build upon prior learning experiences, progressively broadening the knowledge and skills required for the next stage in their education;
- Our curriculum will include enrichment activities for all pupils, that hone and stimulate their aspirations - giving them the confidence to strive for their dreams;
- Our curriculum will allow children to become confident in reading, writing and maths, which in turn will support them in fully accessing the broader curriculum and enrichment opportunities available;

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- Our curriculum will encourage language, writing and maths skills throughout all subjects;
- What is learned is rewarding and will enable **all** children to make expected or accelerated progress;
- Our high expectations of learning behaviours will enable our children to increasingly take responsibility for their own learning, becoming more aware of what they need to do to be successful – leading them to have a better understanding of their own attributes and the next steps they need to take to make improvements;
- We offer a wide range of extra-curricular purposeful activities, visits, trips and visitors to complement and broaden what is being taught in class;
- Our enrichment project days - where all pupils come off-timetable - provide broader provision in non-core areas.

At Winterbourne Junior Girls' School, our passion for learning is based on our firm belief in our ethos of 'Aspirations, Expectations, No Excuses – Vincam – Together We Conquer'.