

What I learn today, prepares me for tomorrow.

# Curriculum, Assessment & Pupil Progress Policy

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Additional Policies to be read in conjunction with this policy:

- English Policy
- Calculation Policy
- SRE Policy
- Gateway Curriculum (pupils on residential offer)

### **Rationale**

This policy identifies how, we at Barndale, approach our curriculum to provide a quality education and provision to the pupils who attend the school. As all pupils attending will also have an EHCP it was also explain how the long and short term targets dovetail into our curriculum to ensure our pupils have positive future outcomes and independence into adulthood.

### About us

Barndale is a specialist provision for pupils aged 3-19yrs old. The main cohort of students we cater for are those with 'communication & interaction' and 'cognition & learning' as their main area of need. We feel it is important we deliver our learning through a 'primary model' whereby all learning happens in home groups with familiar staff, routines and expectations. This has the additional benefit that pupils feel safe in their environment, specialist resources are available to them and progression can be more carefully monitored.

The school is based across two sites; Howling Lane for our youngest and oldest pupils and Windsor Gardens for the cohorts in between. Facilities and resources are shared between the two sites and pupils still get the opportunity to interact with the larger school community.

Whilst still a relatively small school, we also have a residential provision so that our curriculum offer can be extended beyond the school day- our 24 hour step curriculum programme. This allows us to ensure we are offering a bespoke and personalised approach to every child's learning and special educational needs. The residential provision has also supported parents and families through the increase of time in which pupils attend our school.

### The breakdown of pupils who attend Barndale

Over the last few years the cohort of pupils attending Barndale has grown and changed. The school predominantly meets the needs of pupils with specific learning difficulties (SLD), autism spectrum condition (ASC) and those which relate to communication and learning. We do have young people with more complex difficulties and where possible they will be taught alongside their peers.

### Intention- What we will offer .... and why

The outcomes for adults with any form of disability are significantly less than those who don't. This injustice has formed our rationale of our curriculum offer and the importance of trying to make a difference for the children that attend Barndale.

#### Six per cent of adults with learning disabilities are in paid employment (March 2019)

The employment rates for adults with disabilities are dismal. In 2018, only 51 per cent of people with disabilities were in paid employment, compared with 81 per cent of the general population.

(https://feweek.co.uk/2019/03/12/education-that-gets-out-of-classrooms-and-into-the-community/)

...children and young people with a disability – including those with a learning disability or SEN – are more likely to be bullied than those without a learning disability (Rose 2011; Fink et al. 2015 Chatzitheochari et al. 2016).

https://www.mencap.org.uk/learning-disability-explained/research-and-statistics/children-research-and-statistics

Children and young people with a disability are more likely to live in poverty than those without a disability (Emerson, 2012; PHE 2015).

..an estimated 1,200 people with a learning disability are dying avoidably each year due to a lack of good quality and timely healthcare. Furthermore, people with a learning disability still have a life expectancy that is 29.3 years lower than the general population for women, and 22.8 years lower for men.

https://www.mencap.org.uk/sites/default/files/2019-11/Mencap%20Annual%20Report%202019.pdf

Considering the evidence for outcomes for adults with SEND we have carefully reviewed our curriculum to ensure what we deliver supports pupils beyond the school day. As a school we developed the motto 'What I learn today, prepares me for tomorrow'. This is to capture that learning has a purpose and that everything we do will support our young people into adulthood.

Whilst we do follow the National Curriculum it is difficult for us to complete the breadth and depth required. As such we do our very best to ensure all of our young people have a curriculum that is fit for purpose and allows them to have sufficient skills and knowledge that is embedded, connected and transferrable. Our curriculum offer will be highly focussed on the fundamental and functional aspects that will prepare all of our young people for adulthood.

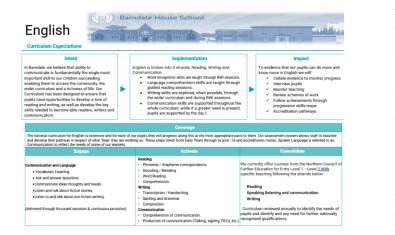
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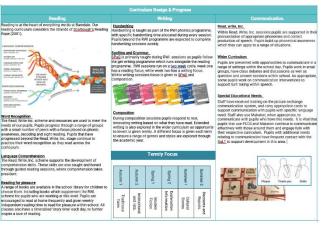
### Implementation- How the Curriculum will be delivered/structured

The table above models our curriculum offer and further to this each class and curriculum area has a more detailed breakdown-these are detailed/referenced in the appendices attached to this policy.

#### **Subject Specific Overviews**

For each curriculum area we produce several documents. The Subject Specific Overview demonstrates the curriculum content for our youngest through to our oldest pupils. This overview details the specific rationale for intent, implement and impact measures as well coverage at each key stage. We also have an additional one that covers our Post 14 group due to the diversity of the curriculum in preparation for adulthood.





#### **Coverage and Progression Map**

We have taken the Subject Specific Overviews and delved into these deeper to demonstrate the coverage of knowledge, skills and progression across the school. The coverage and progression maps are produced for each pathway. Each class then has a more detailed topic/theme plan for teachers to plan appropriately for their group.

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#### **Skills Builder**

As a school we feel it is incredibly important we support all of our young people with core skills that will support their transition into adulthood. We have bought in to Skills Builder, as a reputable and effective programme, to support young people build, enhance and apply their core skills required to be an independent adult. These core skills below will be taught to all children through a half termly focus, with speaking and listening (communication) as a continuous thread throughout the year.



#### Communicating our Curriculum to pupils and parents/carers

One aspect that we are promoting is our communication with parents/carers and the pupils about the learning that they are doing. For every half term we will produce a topic overview which will be shared with parents/carers and be in the classroom for children to see. These are some examples:



#### Promoting home engagement with learning and reading

Each overview will be headed with a library of books, texts, media that will support the topic that is being delivered. This is to ensure that parents/carers can actively engage with learning and promote reading skills, develop pre-learning and support with building foundations for learning in school.

We publish these and all of our wider curriculum documents on the school website to ease access for parents/carer and young pupils. <u>http://www.barndalehouse.northumberland.sch.uk/web/what\_i\_learn\_today\_prepares\_me\_for\_tomorrow/573223</u>

#### What will learning look like?

This will vary depending on the curriculum the child/young person is on, the way they learn best and the most effective way to get the high level of engagement and interaction needed to make progress. Each class will have an explanation outside or in the entrance of their room to explain what learning looks like for that class.

What you will see consistently across the school...

- ✓ Children happy and engaged in their learning
- ✓ All adults engaged with pupils throughout their learning, sensory support or regulation activities
- ✓ Children encouraged to be independent in their work, using resources or digital technology
- ✓ Staff feeding back progress and offering support/challenge
- ✓ Purposeful learning environments across the whole site
- ✓ A key focus on communication
- ✓ A steady and consistent pace to learning with adults giving children time to communicate, respond and engage

#### Marking, Feedback and evidence gathering

For pupils to make the best progress they need instant, quality feedback on their learning so they are able to make changes and have work sufficiently differentiated or made more challenging. In Barndale we use a simple highlighter system as not to make language/reading a barrier to progress being made. See key below:

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Pupils will be aware of what they are learning through the use of objective/enquiry question headers attached to their work or in books.

#### Impact- How do we know the children are making progress? How do we know our curriculum is working?

#### How do we monitor the curriculum?

Monitoring learning is equally as important as the planning and delivery. At Barndale we see this as a cycle of curriculum developments and improvements and this involves more than just our class based staff. We have Curriculum Champions rather than Subject Leaders within our school- this is to ensure the role is as much about advocating and promoting than just scrutinizing. We have developed an annual curriculum action plan and monitoring plan that details how the SLT, Curriculum Champions and Governors can ascertain the effectiveness of the curriculum. This is then validated independently by our School Improvement Partner (SIP).

Curriculum Monitoring Plan 2024-25										
RAG rate	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	umn 2 Spring 1 Spring 2		Summer 1	Summer 2				
Curriculum Champions	Curriculum Review	Pupil Progress moderation	Learning Walk	Pupil Progress moderation	Resourcing	Curriculum Impact				
SLT Monitoring	Meet with CC to agree priorities	Team Coaching Launch Observations	Meet with CC to review priorities	Team Coaching Observations	Meet with CC to review priorities	Team Coaching Observations				
Governor Monitoring	Meet link teacher/CC Subject Learning Walk with	сс		Meet link teacher/CC to re Review evidence of impact						

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#### Key monitoring areas and evidence gathered

Monitoring Planning & Curriculum Design

- Whole school overview
- Curriculum coverage- breakdown of EYFS/national curriculum/P4A outcomes by topic and curriculum subject
- Accessibility- curriculum champion and SLT meeting reviewing pupils needs and curriculum routes
- Topic Overviews- A4 topic/theme overview for each ½ term for communication with parents/carers

Monitoring Delivery of Learning

- Teaching- learning walks, peer observations, colleague coaching sessions, formal lesson showcase (video)
- Resourcing- resource audits, digital resources, curriculum topic boxes, abstract/concrete
- Subject knowledge- planning reviews, vocabulary banks, key concepts, pre/post learning
- Differentiation and challenge- bespoke learning plans and timetables, pre learning and stretch activities

#### **Monitoring Pupil Progress**

- Enquiry based progress- pupils will respond, in a way appropriate to their needs, to the questions as part of the topic
- Tapestry- photographic evidence library, linked direct to learning outcomes, communicated to parents/carers
- Evidence of learning- books, marking & feedback, photo journal, learning/subject trackers

#### Monitoring Outcomes of Pupils

- Attainment- projections and target setting
- EHCP- provision maps and annual reviews
- Accreditations/Qualifications- quality and quantity
- Further education/Transition/Careers- log of progression beyond Barndale.

#### Feedback from Pupils

- Interviews- understand their experiences
- Questionnaires- reflecting on learning challenges and successes
- School council items- areas of school and curriculum improvements

#### Assessment & Pupil Progress

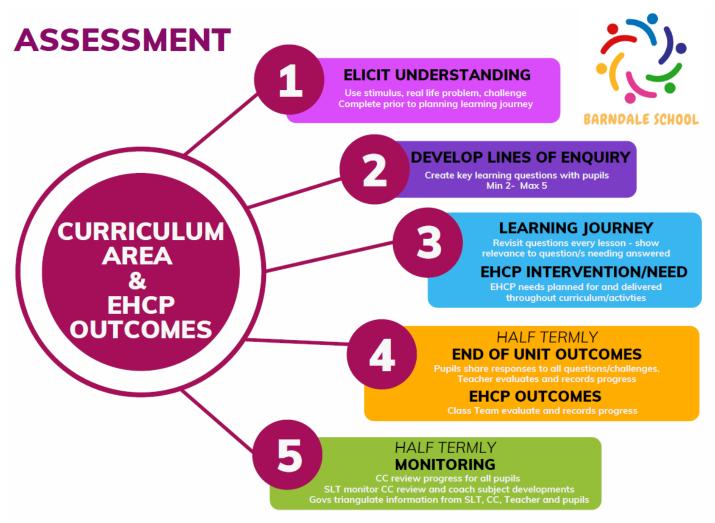
As a school we use Bsquared as our main assessment (academic) platform. This carefully links to our curriculum offer but also supports the tracking of progress similarly, irrespective of the pathway being followed. We also like Bsquared as our pupil progress transfers as the young people progress onto new pathways.

We recognise that our pupils also make progress in their holistic development. To capture this we use our 'Ready to Learn' holistic tool to see how our young people are developing the skills to be confident, independent and effective learners. We track their progress in:

- Self control
- Social Skills
- Self Awareness
- Skills for Learning
- Approach to Learning

#### Pupil Progress

It is incredibly difficult for us to measure progress as a set value. As such we have a range of ways to ensure we know if our pupils are making progress. Whilst, for students in mainstream education, there are end of key stage measures we feel these are neither appropriate or obtainable for many of our students. Instead we look at their age, cognitive development, academic progress and holistic development. We pull this together and use the professional judgement of our staff, and the evidence they have, to measure progress, set realistic targets and relate these to the EHCP for each child.



#### **Statutory Testing**

Our pupils are able to sit statutory testing if it is attainable and appropriate for their needs. Where this wouldn't be the case the school would disapply the young person and ensure their parents/carers were also in agreement. For some examining bodies we would be too small a centre to deliver their accreditations, but we would always try and source alternatives.

#### **Continuous Development and Curriculum Review**

As a school we fell our curriculum should never be static. The needs, ambitions and interest of our pupils change frequently and as such our curriculum should be adaptive, responsive and appropriate for all of our pupils to make progress. Each area of the school and subject is continually reviewed and adapted to ensure it is fit for purpose.

#### **Reporting & Validation**

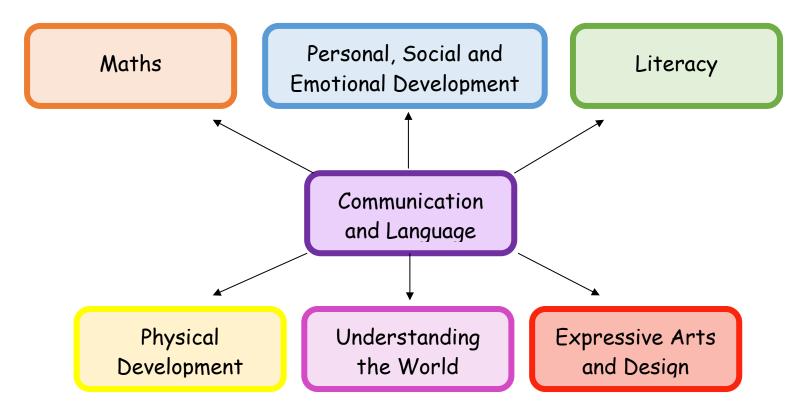
As a school we would want our judgements and achievements to be validated from external partners to ensure we receive sufficient challenge, praise and recognition. As such the following partners will have an active role in providing this:

- ✓ Parents/carers-through feedback, questionnaires, curriculum forums and EHCP reviews
- ✓ Governors-curriculum audits, meetings with curriculum leads, learning walks, evidence scrutiny
- ✓ School Improvement Partner (SIP)- curriculum and evidence scrutinies
- ✓ OFSTED- quality assurance of curriculum offer, pupil outcomes and quality of education

### Appendix 1: The Engagement Curriculum

This curriculum is specifically designed for those students at the beginning of their learning journey. It is predominantly for our youngest pupils but it could also apply to older pupils who are not yet ready to transition onto our next pathway. Whilst the majority of this pathway will be drawn from the Early Steps framework it will also incorporate the engagement profile. Pupils could be working at different depths and stages within this pathway. These steps are as follows:

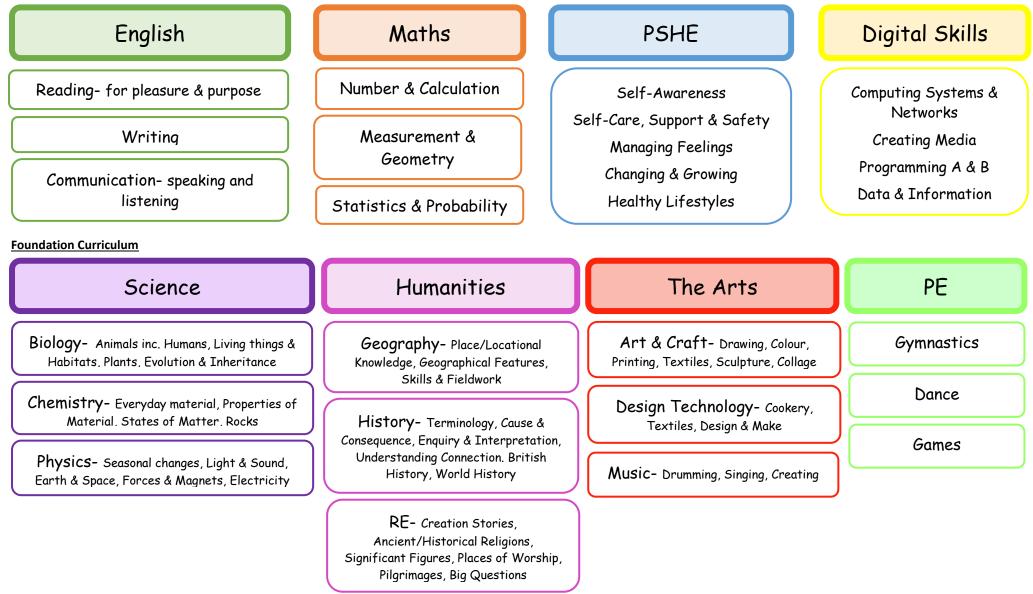
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### Appendix 2: The Activate Curriculum

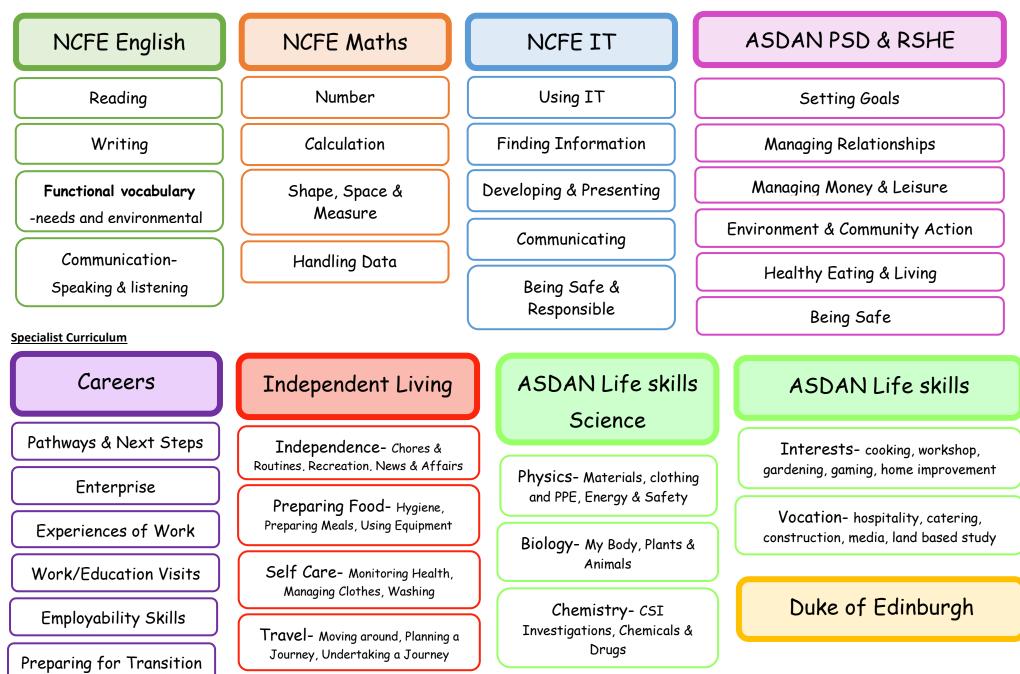
This curriculum is specifically designed to support those students who are able to access the national curriculum. It is aimed at developing core knowledge, skills and understanding in each national curriculum subject. For each subject strand there are specific areas of focus and these are differentiated from Progression Step 1 through to Progression Step 10. Furthermore incremental progress towards mastery of each assessment criteria is embedded in our assessment system.

#### Core Curriculum



### **Appendix 3: The Consolidation Curriculum**

Core Curriculum



### Appendix 4: The Accomplish Pathway

# **ACCOMPLISH PATHWAY**

This is our first pathway to support those pupils who need to continue their foundations for learning



# Jabadao

Prep for Adulthood

Personal Development

ASDAN

This is an approach which gives opportunities for children to take part in free-flow, self-led, spontaneous movement to different music. Attention is given to specific early movement patterns and activities that appear to prompt neurological development. This will occur naturally in all children, given appropriate opportunities.

# **Attention Autism**

This is an intervention model designed by Gina Davies. It aims to develop natural and spontaneous communication through the use of visually based and highly motivating activities.

## TEACCH – Work stations

TEACCH is not a single method, and can be used alongside other approaches.

TEACCH usually aims to provide structure in order to support the learner to understand what they are learning and what is expected of them. It creates a predictable structure with visual support. This can reduce anxiety and encourage independence.

TEACCH is a verv systematic system.

# Communication

We use a variety of methods, most appropriate to the learner, to support their communication. This could be to promote engagement with adults or to support them in getting their needs met.

# Sensory story

To allow students to be part of a group activity, to anticipate a story and be engaged in a story. To bring stories to life with the use of concrete objects, Children often respond to the intonation of the adult's voice, the visual aids, sounds, smells, tastes or the texture of the objects to support the words that are being used.

# TACPAC

This is a sensory communication resource using touch and music. TACPAC helps our children with sensory impairment, developmental delay, complex learning difficulties, tactile defensiveness, and limited or preverbal levels of communication.

# Intensive interaction

Working on improving communication by interacting on students level. Mirror there sounds, movements and eye contact. Sit at their level, let them lead the session. Turn take in making sounds, movements and touch.