

Curriculum Intent

Brookfield School delivers an exciting, innovative and holistic curriculum specifically designed to meet the needs of pupils with an EHCP for Social, Emotional and Mental Health, who may have experienced trauma and/or difficulties in previous educational settings.

Our 4 key development areas aim to prepare every pupil to meet current and future demands and prepare them for life beyond school.

Starting points are varied but each individual learning pathway ensures that ALL pupils will be prepared to be or become:

1) Ready to Learn 2) Lifelong Learners 3) Responsible Citizens 4) Future Ready

Each development area is broken down into skills, qualities and attributes that:

Inform planning

Provide focus and direction

Ensure quality outcomes



Ready to learn	Lifelong learners	Responsible citizens	Future Ready
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Brookfield pupils will: Brook

- Re-engage positively with learning
- Address historic low prior attainment and attainment
- Gain resilience and other key skills
- Build confidence and trust
- Make sense of domestic and environmental challenges
- Tackle gaps in learning
- Develop strategies to cope with specific learning needs
- Build social skills and empathy
- Develop a sense of

Brookfield pupils:

- Study a broad range of subjects
- Value academic and vocational styles of learning
- Take opportunities to learn and participate outside of the classroom
- Take pride in their achievements
- Develop their culture capital and an appreciation of cultures and societies beyond their own experience
- Develop a love for learning
- Understand the benefits of attendance and engagement

Brookfield pupils:

- Respect
 people from
 other
 cultures,
 races and
 faiths
- Value equality and diversity
- Care for the school environment and contribute to the local community
- Know what is going on in the wider world
- Understand the importance of democracy
- Know how to build and maintain relationships with others
- Know how to look after their mental and physical health

Brookfield pupils:

- Are literate and numerate
- Are digitally literate
- Are financially literate
- Are able to express themselves appropriately in a range of contexts
- Are aspirational about their future plans
- Develop the skills and qualities that are required to progress to the next stage of education and employment
- Increase selfregulation and develop independence
- Know how to keep themselves and others safe
- Have access to

These 4 areas form the golden threads that underpin all aspects of life at Brookfield.

In addition, we promote the safety and security of our pupils by taking a trauma informed approach to the curriculum. This means we aim to:

- Provide our children with daily access to experienced, understanding and emotionally supportive adults, who know them, believe in them, and can relate to them with compassion, empathy and unconditional positive regard.
- Support children experiencing painful life events, by helping them process, work through and make sense of what has happened.
- Ensure that staff interact with children at all times with kindness and compassion.
- Develop our settings in ways that help children feel calm and safe.
- Foster a culture in which staff and other adults interact with all children in a way that makes them feel valued as individuals throughout their day
- Adjust our expectations of vulnerable children to correspond with their developmental capabilities and experience of traumatic stress.
- Provide targeted, professional support and intervention (in house and/or external)

All pupils and their families have access to support from our PDSI team. Through robust assessment systems, we are able to identify pupils and families most at risk. Intervention and support needs are assessed, implemented and monitored weekly to ensure that each pupil is fully supported and more able to learn.

All of our pupils have social-emotional needs and this need underpins our curriculum offer. In order to support staff, students and parents/carers in recognising both SEMH and academic progress, we measure social skills, ability to understand and manage emotions, and developmental deficits, in addition to measures for academic development. This is achieved using daily, weekly, and termly monitoring of attendance, engagement (Class Charts) learning, behaviour, social and emotional needs (Snap B) and personal impacting factors (PIF).

Literacy Strategy

At Brookfield we see literacy as a fundamental aspect of academic success across the curriculum. As such, literacy is not viewed as merely a medley of general skills, or the sole responsibility of English teachers, but rather as being grounded in the specifics of individual subjects. With this in mind, staff at Brookfield take a research led approach to implementing and designing strategies to enhance access to curriculum through developing 'disciplinary literacy' skills. This includes providing targeted vocabulary instruction in all subjects, as well as

increasing students' ability to read complex academic texts by combining writing instruction with reading in all subjects, and offering ample opportunities for structured talk relative to success across the entire curriculum. High quality literacy interventions that pay mind to disciplinary literacy in all areas of study are also available for struggling students, or likewise to improve progress for our most able learners.