

## **COVID-19 Curriculum Statement**

September 2020

Author: Melissa Albert- Head of Academy



Aspect of the School

Curriculum expectations

The key principles that underpin government advice on curriculum planning are:

Education is not optional: all pupils receive a high-quality education that promotes their development and prepares them for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of later life.

The curriculum remains broad and ambitious: all pupils continue to be taught a wide range of subjects, maintaining their choices for further study and employment.

Remote education, where needed, is high quality and aligns as closely as possible with in-school provision: schools and other settings continue to build their capability to educate pupils remotely, where this is needed.

## Action

Hazel Leys Academy will have a 'recovery plan'. We will apply our curriculum model in its fullest and identify gaps in core learning that need to be negated over a period of time, with additional intervention for those year groups that have less time to 'catch-up'. However, we will have a period of adjustment in September that will be part of our 'September Induction'.

During this period, children will be reminded of all of their hard work during the previous year. We will assess all our pupils in Reading, Maths (including times tables) and the children's Well-Being. Spelling and Reading ages will be assessed as normal. As a school, we will 'reset' the expectations so that children know what we are expecting of them on their return to school i.e. great learning behaviours.

A recovery plan that outlines the process of assessment and good quality first teaching, interventions and catch up will be shared with staff so that all parties are aware of the focus in the returning month. Tier 1 will focus on the universal messages that we need to re-establish, tier 2 will share enhanced measures of procedures already in place, and tier 3 will outline targeted support and specialist intervention.

Our whole school curriculum will be reviewed (Cornerstones) and all short and medium term planning is directly taken from the whole school overview of our new curriculum, Cornerstones. The Academy Improvement Plan and Self Evaluation Form will be reviewed before the September start date.

We will return to the normal teaching of all subjects in the autumn term, however there will be some changes due to Covid (please see below).

	Formative assessment will be used to a greater extent so that teachers can tailor the learning journeys. PIXL and Power Bi will be used to effectively track the children's progress. Remote education will become a focus in the sense that it will become integrated in to the school curriculum. Class teachers will retain the use of Purple Mash, Bug Club and Times Tables Rockstars and may use it to set homework for the children and to maintain contact and links with parents and children if they wish. The School Website will be updated regularly, with Class pages being added too. TEAMS will also continue to be used in order to revert back to that way of working should local lockdowns or a national lockdown be imposed.  The Relationship and Sex Education element of our curriculum will be planned
Specific points for Early Years Foundation Stage ?(EYFS) to Key Stage 2	and consulted on with parents in the new year.  For pupils in Reception, Hazel Leys staff will assess and address gaps in language, early reading and mathematics, particularly ensuring children's acquisition of phonic knowledge and extending their vocabulary. Settings should follow updates to the EYFS disapplication guidance. For nursery settings and Reception, consider how all groups of children can be given equal opportunities for outdoor learning.
	For pupils in key stages 1 and 2, school leaders are expected to prioritise identifying gaps and re-establish good progress in the essentials (phonics and reading, increasing vocabulary, writing and mathematics), identifying opportunities across the curriculum so they read widely, and develop their knowledge and vocabulary. The curriculum should remain broad, so that the majority of pupils are taught a full range of subjects over the year, including sciences, humanities, the arts, physical education/sport, religious education and relationships and health education.
Music	Given that there could be an additional risk of infection in environments where children and adults are singing, chanting, playing wind and brass instruments or shouting, singing should not happen in groups of more than 15 and when it does take place, children need to be side-by-side and not facing one another. This has

	implications for our music curriculum and adjustments have needed to be made.  Therefore, we have decided as an Academy to halt our Music lessons for Autumn  1.
Physical Activities in schools	PE lessons are still to take place. Where possible, they are to take place outside as transmission of the disease is reduced in the outdoors. The systems of control will still need to be applied during these sessions. Pupils will be kept in consistent groups and sports equipment will be cleaned thoroughly between each use by different groups. Hand hygiene and respiratory hygiene is paramount due to the nature of exercising and the way people breathe as a result. Hands must be washed thoroughly after completing a PE session. Contact sports are to be avoided. At the moment-this includes football at break times and lunchtimes.  Children are asked to wear PE kit to school the day that they have PE. The second session of PE for each class each week will be based on the Outdoor
Pastoral Support	Learning Curriculum.  Mrs Bowden and Mrs Kamel will ensure that appropriate materials are on hand to support children's wellbeing. PSHE sessions will need to provide children with the opportunity to rebuild friendships and social engagement and address issues linked to coronavirus. Where issues arise, Mrs Bowden or Mrs Kamel are informed so that specific interventions can take place. Mrs Bowden and Mrs Kamel will need to ensure that they distance appropriately during meetings (outside preferably) given that both adults will be required to work across phases.
Behaviour Expectations	The current approved behaviour policy coronavirus amendment will still apply.  There are very high expectations set as we all work together to keep everyone safe. During the September return, expectations of behaviour will be revisited and the school's values of Respect for Eachother, Respect our Environment and Community and Respect Yourself.' will be widely discussed so that the ethos of the school does not change. The climate and culture needs to remain one of high expectations and respect for one another.

## Assessment and Accountability

Aspect of School	Action
Primary Assessment	All statutory assessments (other than the Reception Baseline) will take
	place in the academic year 20/21 in accordance with the usual timetables.
	The tests are as follows:
	the phonics screening check
	key stage 1 tests and teacher assessment
	• the year 4 multiplication tables check
	key stage 2 tests and teacher assessment
	Hazel Leys Academy will prepare for these tests in the same manner as
	previous years.