

The Nethersole CofE Academy Curriculum Statement

'Let Your Light Shine'

Intent

Our curriculum intent at The Nethersole CofE Academy is to provide a broad, exciting, and challenging curriculum of the highest quality for the children in our care; encouraging, motivating and ensuring all children develop a love of learning, in order to achieve their full potential.

To be light (living in our community and reaching out beyond it) bringing out the God-colours in the world.'

Jesus said, 'You're here to be light, bringing out the God-colours in the world.' **Matthew 5:16**

The Nethersole Church of England Academy Primary School and Nursery has a Christian foundation that inspires its life and work. Following the teaching of Jesus, we accept the challenge - *'to be light [living in our community and reaching out beyond it], bringing out the God-colours in the world.'* **Matthew 5:16**

Our Vision

At the heart of our school is the belief that everyone is a child of God, fearfully and wonderfully made in his image. Our work therefore is to nurture and love every individual, child and adult, to find and develop their gifts, overcoming barriers and growing in confidence to **flourish** - to let their light shine as the very best God version of themselves. Effective teaching and learning underpin this. We wish to inspire everyone to take responsibility for creation, civilisation, and the well-being of each of other, embracing and treasuring our differences.

Our Christ led vision is for a world of justice, respect, and love, and of people who are not afraid to love and sacrifice themselves for others. Our inspiration is Jesus, who loves us in sacrifice, forgives us and reminds us that we each have something special to do to bring out the God colours of the world. We believe that there is a space for everyone to shine brightly and differently and that this adds to the richness of our school family, our community and the wider world.

Our Christian Vision for everyone to be unique shining lights in God's world is illuminated by our biblically based **Christian Values** that we learn to radiate in our daily lives - in our attitudes, relationships, behaviour, choices and decisions.

	<p>Hope</p>  <p>Trust in God's promise for our future. Aspiration to spiritual fulfilment and academic achievement for all.</p> <p><i>God says, 'I know what I'm doing. I have it all planned out, plans to take care of you, not abandon you; plans to give you the future you hope for.'</i></p> <p>Jeremiah 29:11 (The Message)</p>	<p>Community</p>  <p>Enabling everyone to flourish together.</p> <p><i>Live in harmony with one another</i></p> <p>Romans 12: 16</p>	<p>Dignity and Respect</p>  <p>Everyone matters; everyone is loved; everyone shines.</p> <p><i>Treat everyone you meet with dignity. Love your spiritual family. Revere God.</i></p> <p>1 Peter 2:17</p>	<p>Forgiveness</p>  <p>A chance to start again.</p> <p><i>If you forgive people who sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.</i></p> <p>Matthew 6:14</p>	<p>Wisdom</p>  <p>Building knowledge, skills, understanding and doing the right thing.</p> <p><i>Get wisdom—it's worth more than money; choose insight over income every time.</i></p> <p>Proverbs 16:16 (The Message)</p>	<p>Thankfulness</p>  <p>Appreciating God's goodness.</p> <p><i>Always be thankful. Sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with thankfulness in your hearts to God. In all you do, give thanks to God the Father through Jesus.</i></p> <p>Colossians 3:15-17</p>
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Our Learning Behaviours	<p>The 4R's</p> <p>The Nethersole CofE Academy Primary School encourages children to display the following positive learning behaviours -</p>				
	<p>Resilient Learners</p> <p>Children persevere, and they do not give up, even when a task is difficult.</p>	<p>Responsible Learners</p> <p>Children will have their equipment ready, reading books and reading diaries in school daily. Tables tidy and organised.</p>	<p>Resourceful Learners</p> <p>Children will use their previous learning to support their new learning. They will utilise working walls and choose appropriate equipment.</p>	<p>Respectful Learners</p> <p>Children show kindness to all and illustrate good manners to all.</p>	

British Values	<p>Democracy</p> 	<p>Rule of Law</p> 	<p>Individual Liberty</p> 	<p>Mutual Respect</p> 	<p>Tolerance of different Faiths and Beliefs</p> 
	<p>The teaching of British Values also runs throughout our collective worship and school curriculum. For example, during Collective Worship, we share a wide variety of stories that provide contextual understanding of each of the British Values. Further examples can be found below:</p>				

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Head Boy / Head Girl / Prefects. • School Council. • Worship Council. • Eco Council. • Reading Champions. • Exploring democracy in historical contexts. • Our Positive Behaviour Policy. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The rules of games in PE and during break and lunchtime activities. • Taking turns. • Self-regulation and risk – taking (are there times when rules can be broken?) • Freedom of speech through debates. • Understanding that with freedom of choice comes responsibility. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing a culture where children are encouraged to question and feel safe to do so. • E-safety / Online Safety. • Anti-bullying. • Respecting the views of others. For example – Circle Time. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Controversial issues such as evolution vs creation. • Understanding that everyone has an important part to play. • Sharing texts from different cultures. • Learning a new language – French. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collective Worship. • Teaching about world faiths from a world view perspective. • Celebrating diversity in a wide range of contexts. • Worship Council.
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We are passionate about...

ALL CHILDREN AT THE NETHERSOLE COFE ACADEMY PRIMARY SCHOOL BEING GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO:

- ✓ Represent their school in sporting events – both competitive and non-competitive.
- ✓ Perform in front of a variety of audiences.
- ✓ Visit our church – Polesworth Abbey and can participate in worship / speak / sing in Church.
- ✓ Attend a residential visit.
- ✓ Participate in a range of educational visits to make learning come to life.
- ✓ Visit a variety of places of worship.
- ✓ Try new skills and activities in extra-curricular clubs run throughout the year.

IMPLEMENTATION

Our curriculum will be implemented through knowledge-led experiences, enabling the children to increase their knowledge, learn and master new skills and therefore, deepen their understanding in a wide range of subjects.

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MATHS

The overarching aim for Mathematics at the Nethersole CofE Academy is to ensure that:

All pupils will develop an enjoyment of Mathematics and a depth of understanding.

All pupils will build fluent and rapid recall of key number facts, including times tables, which will help to reduce their cognitive overload. They will be confident to use a range of manipulatives and representations, to efficiently and appropriately expose structures within maths, rather than to 'do' the maths.

All pupils will reason mathematically. They will be able to explain their mathematical thinking, using a broad range of knowledge, skills and approaches. This will enable them to identify connections and to justify or prove their lines of enquiry using mathematical language.

All pupils will have the confidence to problem solve. They will be able to approach a problem methodically, having the ability to unpick and retrieve key information, breaking the problem into manageable parts. Pupils will show their resilience and perseverance in seeking solutions.

ENGLISH

The English Curriculum at the Nethersole CofE Academy aims to promote high standards of language and literacy by equipping pupils with a strong command of the spoken and written word, and to develop their love of literature through widespread reading for enjoyment.

We know that spoken language underpins the development of reading and writing, so oracy skills are carefully threaded throughout the curriculum.

Reading is central to a child's understanding of the school curriculum and is of vital importance in life. We aim to cultivate a love of reading and do this through exposing children to our diverse reading spine which is filled with books that will develop their understanding of other places, people and cultures. We aim to inspire a sense of curiosity in our children and develop their enthusiasm for reading, whilst also deepening and challenging their thinking. Their journey at Nethersole starts with the Little Wandle phonics programme in their early years.

At Nethersole, writing is at the heart of everything we do and begins in the EYFS where they will develop their early writing skills. The skills are carefully mapped across our curriculum and are linked with the books covered in our reading spine. We aim to give the children the enthusiasm to become lifelong writers where they can accurately and imaginatively develop their knowledge and skills, to write in a powerful manner with a clear understanding of impact, purpose and audience through their knowledge of text types.

SCIENCE

The overarching aim for Science at the Nethersole CofE Academy is to ensure that all pupils:

- Will be familiar with the three disciplines of science, which include biology, chemistry and physics as they progress through their school journey.

-Will have a rich and varied exposure to scientific vocabulary, where the children are encouraged to use and apply within and across other subjects.

-Are encouraged to ask questions and be curious about the world around them.

-Share their curiosity with their local and wider community through collaboration during scientific investigations.

-Have the courage to test any theories or ideas they have within each unit of science.

-Are confident using the scientific skills of researching, asking questions, making predictions, observing, recording data and evaluating.

-Will use their knowledge and creativity to inform their decisions on how they represent their data and how this data may influence future investigations.

-Build independence within their own subject knowledge of science and conducting experiments and investigations.

-Can make links between previous units within the science subject but also alongside other curriculum areas.

RE

As a Church of England School, our Christian ethos is at the heart of every aspect of school life.

The overarching aim for RE at The Nethersole CofE Academy is to ensure that:

Our children will explore how Christians put their beliefs into action in different ways, both in their communities and around the world. They will be encouraged to think deeply about what they are learning, reflect on their own ideas, and make connections between these teachings and their own lives and values. We will support our children's spiritual development—helping them to explore big questions, grow in self-awareness, and develop a sense of wonder, purpose, and respect for others.

We help our children move from simply reading Bible stories to really understanding what those stories mean for Christians today—both in church and in everyday life. They will learn how Christians read and make sense of the Bible, and how those teachings shape the way they live and treat others.

As well as this, we want our children to learn about a wide range of beliefs and ways of seeing the world, so they grow up understanding and respecting differences. As our children grow, they will get better at thinking about their own beliefs and understanding that other people might see the world differently – they will respond to these with compassion and empathy. They will learn to talk about these differences in thoughtful ways. Through exploring different cultures, traditions, and life experiences, they will become more thoughtful and respectful when learning about the world around them.

This will ensure that our children will live out our school vision - bringing out their God colour's and let their light shine.

	PSED	Communication and Language	Physical Development	Literacy	Maths	Understanding the World	Expressive Arts and Design
EYFS	<p>The overarching aim for EYFS at The Nethersole C of E Academy is to ensure that each child has a happy, positive, and enjoyable start to their school life within a nurturing, caring and supportive environment. We support all children to establish solid foundations and to foster a deep love of learning. Our curriculum ensures that all children, regardless of background, have the chance to thrive. We provide themes that excite and engage children in their learning, building on their own interests and developing their experiences of the world around them. Themes are supported by high quality and engaging texts which help to develop a love of reading for our children. The curriculum reflects all seven areas of the EYFS framework and allows for children to demonstrate characteristics of effective learning through their play. Deeply embedded in our curriculum are our Christian values which encourage children to show their God colours and let their light shine.</p> <p>By the end of the EYFS, we aim for our children to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To have high aspirations. - To be inquisitive and curious about the world around them. - To have strong communication skills, both written and verbal. - To listen respectfully and with tolerance to the views of others. - To take pride in all that they do, always striving to do their best. - To demonstrate emotional resilience and the ability to persevere when they encounter challenges. - To develop a sense of self-awareness and become confident in their own abilities. - To be kind, respectful and honest, demonstrate inclusive attitudes and have a sense of their role within our school community and our wider society. 						
KS1/2	<p style="text-align: center;"> Art and Design Computing Design and Technology Geography History Modern Foreign Languages (French) Music PE PSHE </p>						

<p>The overarching aim for Art and Design at the Nethersole CofE Academy is to ensure that all pupils:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Are inspired to lead a creative and expressive life. -Talents, imagination and interests are nurtured to encourage their own self-expression and confidence to take creative risks. -Develop knowledge and practise skills to promote passion, appreciation and respect for the arts, by exploring the work and talents of diverse artists, designers and craft makers from around the world. -Practise techniques in drawing, painting, sculpture and other art, craft and design techniques. -Develop the confidence to experiment, invent and communicate their thoughts and feelings expressively 	<p>The overarching aim for Computing at the Nethersole CofE Academy is to ensure that all pupils:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Are provided with a high-quality education in Computing allowing access to an ever changing and expanding digital world. -Are provided with a curriculum that focuses on a progression of skills in digital literacy, computer science, information technology and online safety to ensure that they become competent in safely using, as well as understanding technology. -Have opportunities to repeatedly revisit these strands through a range of themes during their time in school, ensuring the learning is embedded and skills are 	<p>The overarching aim for Design Technology at the Nethersole CofE Academy is to ensure that all pupils:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Are inspired to think imaginatively and creatively to enable them to design, make and evaluate purposeful products that solve real and relevant problems, considering their own and others' needs. -Are encouraged to question and investigate the world around them to become resourceful, innovative and enterprising individuals. -Develop practical skills and technical knowledge using a wide range of tools, materials and components safely and effectively. -Work collaboratively and independently, drawing on knowledge from other subjects such as maths, science and art to support their learning to solve real life problems. 	<p>The overarching aim for Geography at the Nethersole CofE Academy is to ensure that all pupils:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Foster a love of learning and curiosity about the world we live in. -Are inspired with a lasting fascination with the world, including developing knowledge about diverse people, places and environments. -Develop an understanding of physical and human geographical processes made relevant by studying our locality as well as the UK and world communities and environments. -Are provided with opportunities to explore the diversity of different societies and the relationships between them. -Have a strong understanding of diverse places, resources and environments and how they came to be that way. 	<p>The overarching aim for History at the Nethersole CofE Academy is to ensure that all pupils:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Develop a love of learning about the past. -Develop curiosity, passion and respect for past events. -Through the study of local, UK and world history, develop an awareness of human experiences over time and how they have shaped the world and community we live in today. -Have opportunities to explore the diversity of different societies and the relationships between them. -Have opportunities to practise the skills of critical thinking, questioning and evaluating sources of evidence. -To help children make informed judgements and develop different ways of presenting their findings. -Are provided with a strong foundation in 	<p>The overarching aim for Modern Foreign Languages at the Nethersole CofE Academy is to ensure that all pupils:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Will make substantial progress in one language, developing practical communication. -Develop their spoken and written language, laying the foundations for further foreign language study at key stage 3. -Can understand and communicate ideas, facts and feelings in speech and writing. -By focusing familiar and routine matters, will use their knowledge of phonology, grammatical structures and vocabulary. 	<p>The overarching aim for Music at the Nethersole CofE Academy is to ensure that all pupils:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Are inspired to be creative. -Develop their self-expression. -Are encouraged on their musical journeys and provided with opportunities to connect with others. -Foster a lifelong love of Music by being exposed to diverse musical experiences, igniting a passion for music. -Listen and respond to different musical styles. -Find their voices as singers and performers and as composers. -Will become confident and reflective musicians. 	<p>The overarching aim for Physical Education at the Nethersole CofE Academy is to ensure that all pupils:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Engage in regular physical activity and sport. -Are physically active for sustained periods of time. -Are offered a broader and more equal experience of a range of sports and physical activities. -Develop their competence to excel in a broad range of physical activities. -Engage in competitive and non-competitive sports and activities. -Lead healthy and active lives. 	<p>PSHE is a programme of school-based learning opportunities and experiences that deal with real life issues children and young people face as they grow up. This includes emotional health and wellbeing, diet and healthy lifestyle and enterprise education.</p> <p>The overarching aim of Jigsaw, the mindful approach to PSHE (Personal, Social, Health Education) at the Nethersole CofE Academy is to ensure that all pupils:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Become healthy, independent and responsible members of our society. -Understand how they are developing personally and socially. -Develop confidence to tackle many of the moral, social and cultural issues that are part of growing up. -Are provided with opportunities to learn about rights and
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	<p>through various art forms.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Observe, reflect on and refine their work, building resilience and pride in their achievements. -Leave Nethersole CofE Academy primary school with a strong foundation in art and a sense of creative confidence that stays with them for life. 	<p>successfully developed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Develop their creativity and cross curricular learning through our Computing Curriculum, engaging them and enriching their experiences in school. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Explore and be inspired by engineers, inventors and designers to enable them to create a range of structures, mechanisms, textiles, and food products with a real-life purpose. -Develop resilience and critical thinking skills by being encouraged to reflect on their work, try new ideas, take risks and learn from their experiences. -Appreciate the role of design and technology in improving daily life and in addressing global challenges through sustainable and innovative solutions. -Develop creative thinking, problem-solving skills, and an innovative mindset needed to thrive in an ever-changing world. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Learn key geographical skills, such as map reading, data analysis and fieldwork techniques. -Practise skills of critical thinking, questioning and analysing sources of evidence so that they form well-reasoned opinions about geographical issues. -Develop a strong foundation in geographical knowledge and an awareness of global issues which will help them lead sustainable and fulfilling lives. 	<p>historical knowledge that will support their future learning for life.</p>				<p>responsibilities and appreciate what it means to be a member of a diverse society.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Are encouraged to develop their sense of self-worth by playing a positive role in contributing to school life and the wider community. <p>RSE is covered within PSHE.</p>
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IMPACT

The impact of our curriculum can be seen in the knowledge and skills the children have gained; this may be seen by looking at their work, by talking to them about their learning and by the outcomes they achieve across the curriculum.

The impact of this broad, exciting, and challenging curriculum is to inspire and motivate the young people in our care to become lifelong learners. We also provide a Christian community to enable all to value faith. All pupils are encouraged to be proud of their own culture, religion and language and show respect to those of others.

External Accountability
Measures

Standardised tests and results

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support and review visits