



Downe Primary School

Art Policy

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Vision

We put children first, pioneering excellence and championing each and every child.

The Pioneer Academy Expectations

Safe:

- Schools are safe and secure
- Safeguarding is effective and robust
- Similarities and differences are celebrated; everyone thrives and flourishes

Happy:

- Pupils and staff are positive and succeed in a supportive environment
- Wellbeing for all
- High standards of attendance and enjoyment are outcomes of an inclusive TPA school

Learning:

- Learning is achieved by the successful sequencing of memorable experiences
- Learners are engaged, resilient and enthusiastic

- Learning outcomes are ambitious due to knowledgeable and effective teaching

Legal framework

This policy has been created with regard to relevant legislation including, but not limited to:

- DfE (2014) National Curriculum in England
- DfE (2023) Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage

This policy should be read in conjunction with the following policies:

- EYFS Policy
- Assessment Policy
- Marking and Feedback Policy
- Inclusion Policy
- Equality statement

Curriculum Intent

The curriculum in TPA schools is designed to inspire and motivate children. Our aim is for every child to experience ‘an extraordinary school day’ every day. We place children at the heart of the learning process through a bespoke ‘Teaching and Learning Model.’ Wherever possible, the Art curriculum will provide opportunities to establish links with other curriculum areas.

Curriculum Implementation

We follow the National Curriculum. We deliver subjects through the International Curriculum (IPC) which covers all of the National Curriculum objectives. It is a knowledge and skills based curriculum. There are 3 milestones. The skills repeat within a milestone – so if a child is absent they have the opportunity to cover the learning again. The skills build over time and are taught in blocked units of work. The knowledge taught to children is tailored to the local context.

Teaching and Learning

The Teaching and Learning Model

The Pioneer Academy’s Teaching and Learning Model, which is rooted firmly in research and analysis of effective learning and teaching, translates the Trust’s Expectations into classroom practice. Our teaching and learning model is designed and implemented in such a way that it builds on prior knowledge and skills and lays the foundation for future learning. Lessons are designed to be engaging and challenging with learners actively involved. This Model has been developed and embedded to provide consistency and continuity for all children.

Extra-Curricular and enrichment opportunities

The Pioneer Academy aims to ensure every child has the opportunity to engage in new experiences and visit new places beyond the school grounds, taking them to places that some children wouldn’t have naturally gone to. School visits and inspiring visitors are an entitlement to every child who attends a school within The Pioneer Academy. The Pioneer Pupil Passport is part of each school’s

cultural capital commitment to provide a role broad and balanced curriculum that promotes spiritual, moral, social, cultural, mental and physical development and prepares our pupils for the opportunities and experiences of adult life.

Each year, each school will arrange a number of activities that take place off the school site and/or out of school hours, which support the aim of providing opportunities that enrich the curriculum, enabling the children to have first-hand experience of a wide range of topics and activities. Such activities will include visit to the National Portrait Gallery, creating a piece of art for an exhibition, and a local graffiti art walk.

Lesson Planning

Art lessons are planned for using the International Primary Curriculum. From this, learning ladders map the progression of knowledge, skills and understanding across year groups and key stages. The subject leader identifies threads of learning across key stages that demonstrate how knowledge, skills and understand progress in different areas of art e.g. sketching. Lesson plans will demonstrate the balance of visual, auditory and kinaesthetic elements used in teaching ensuring that all pupils with different learning styles can access the learning experience. Long term planning will be used to outline the IPC units within each year group. Medium term plans will be used to outline vocabulary and skills that will be taught in each unit of work. Medium-term plans will identify learning objectives, main learning activities and varied. Medium term plans will be shared with the Art Subject Leader and Curriculum Leader to ensure there is progression of skills between years. Knowledge organisers are provided for the children to refer to on the table. Support staff attend all art lessons where they are directed to fully engage with the children and encourage independent learning. Resources are found in the art resource cupboard.

Assessment

Assessments are made in line with the Trust's assessment policy. Teachers and educational support staff use effective assessment for learning (AfL) to ensure planning is based on prior attainment and that pupils know what they need to do to achieve the next steps. Parents will have their child's effort and attainment in Art graded and reported on at the end of the year in pupil reports.

Equal opportunities

At The Pioneer Academy, we are committed to ensuring equality of education and opportunity for all pupils, staff, parents and carers, irrespective of race, gender, disability, belief, religion or socio-economic background. We ensure that all children, regardless of ability, race, gender, culture or SEND, are given appropriate opportunities to access the Art curriculum. In order to achieve this, we provide learning activities that are adapted to support and challenge all groups of learners.

Monitoring and review

The subject leader is responsible for:

- Monitoring curriculum plans and fidelity to agreed schemes of work for the subject;
- Monitoring the learning and teaching of the subject, providing support for staff where necessary;
- Monitoring and supporting the quality of the learning environment;
- Monitoring assessment in the subject, including reviewing any relevant data and setting ambitious

targets for pupils;

- Auditing, purchasing and organising the deployment of resources;
- Organising, providing and monitoring CPD opportunities for staff in order to develop subject specific expertise;
- Updating stakeholders on relevant updates within the subject at a national and school level;
- Monitoring and supporting the organisation of any relevant cross-curricular and extra-curricular activities.

The classroom teacher is responsible for:

- Ensuring that all of the relevant content is covered within the school year as per agreed school curriculum plans;
- Providing a range of learning activities to inspire and motivate all learners;
- Monitoring the progress of pupils in their class and reporting this as agreed in the Trust's assessment policy;
- Undertaking any training that is necessary in order to effectively teach the subject.