



Curriculum Intent

Walkergate Community School motto is 'together we make a difference'.

We aim to work in partnership with our families, our partner schools in NEAT and the local community to help each child become a respectful, compassionate and confident young person who has a passion for lifelong learning and aspires to achieve their full potential. Our whole curriculum is underpinned by our NEAT characteristics of an effective learner.

Resilient Respectful Resourceful Aspirational Creative Effective communicators

We will work with our families to inspire an aspirational school community in which everyone is valued and all successes are celebrated. We aim to offer children a wide range of experiences and opportunities to broaden their horizons and raise their aspirations.

We have high expectations of all learners and deliver a curriculum that is engaging and relevant to our children which ensures high quality outcomes and equips them with the skills required for an ever changing world.

As children progress through school they will develop high expectations of themselves in terms of their learning and behaviour; they will be encouraged to be independent learners and effective communicators who can work cooperatively with others. Opportunities are given to experience and develop leadership skills at different levels. As a restorative school we aim to help children to build good relationships and to take responsibility for their actions. In everything we do, we reinforce our school values – **respect, responsibility and resilience**.

The school covers all areas of the National Curriculum and 7 areas of learning within the early years curriculum to provide a curriculum that meets the needs, interests and abilities of all children. Our curriculum ensures pupils are ready academically, socially and emotionally for the next stage of their education and future.

We recognise the diverse needs of our children and provide bespoke, enriched learning opportunities to enhance their life skills, social skills and wellbeing. As part of our extended curriculum we offer opportunities for families to learn together. We promote healthy lifestyles choices and positive attitudes. Sports and outdoor activities are a key part of our curriculum and we offer a range of opportunities for all.

Implementation

The Walkergate curriculum consists of the National Curriculum core and foundation subjects and the Early Years Framework. At Walkergate the development of speaking, listening and vocabulary underpins our whole curriculum and is evident throughout the whole school. The foundation subjects are taught creatively and driven by a key line of enquiry that is developed with the children.

Each year group maps out their whole curriculum and where possible, teachers organise each half term's learning under a 'topic' ensuring connections are made. Within each subject taught there is a focus on the progression of skills and knowledge which develops previous learning. The curriculum is planned thoroughly, starting with the children's current knowledge and skills, so that real progress can be made and measured.

We enhance the curriculum with many planned experiences in school and out: lessons, topic days, school council, assemblies, clubs, sports, trips and visits, workshops, residential camps, fund raising and community work.

Impact

We measure the impact of our curriculum through:

Reflecting on the standards achieved against planned outcomes.

Celebrating the learning at the end of each topic, where children demonstrate the knowledge they have gained

Pupil discussions with teachers and Senior Leaders about their learning, where they demonstrate learning

Annual tracking of standards across the curriculum

Year groups send out curriculum maps at the beginning of each topic, to provide parents/carers with information about the learning ahead.

