

Rusthall St Paul's CE Primary School

Curriculum Policy and Statement of Intent



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At Rusthall St Paul's our vision is to:

Inspire, Believe, Achieve

St Paul says

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart"

Colossians 3:23

<i>Inspire</i>	<i>Every child to experience life in all its fullness, to have a thirst for learning through a creative curriculum that excites and engages, where barriers become stepping stones.</i>
<i>Believe</i>	<i>With the support of the school and our Christian Faith, together with the wider community we believe in ourselves to become lifelong learners, have high aspirations and expand our horizons.</i>
<i>Achieve</i>	<i>We take pride in our work and strive to do our best. Deepening our skills of knowledge in order to achieve our full potential.</i>

As a church school, at the heart of the community, in partnership with parents, Rusthall St Paul's Church of England Primary School is committed to enabling all pupils to achieve their full potential. Our curriculum is designed to inspire enthusiasm for learning, to ensure achievement through developing confident and resilient learners and to support pupil well-being and happiness.

We recognise that our children at Rusthall come from many varied backgrounds so we aim to celebrate our own special school identity through the experiences that our curriculum provides. Our curriculum enables us to build strong relationships, celebrate diversity, encourage respect and build a sense of community. It aims to provide success for all children, in all aspects of their development and it encourages and celebrates all types of talent in order to raise aspirations, develop resilience and generate a sense of pride in achievement which enables our pupils to develop to the next stage of their life and learning.

Our curriculum is broad and balanced and ensures that key skills in English and maths are taught well in an enjoyable and creative way alongside the other curriculum subjects. From an early age we focus on developing strong foundations in the core skills of reading, writing, speaking and listening which will enable the pupils to access the full breadth of the curriculum.

We recognise that enjoyment of the curriculum leads to good behaviour, good achievement and confident learners. Therefore we have developed a rich and varied menu of enhancement opportunities to engage learning and recognise individuality. Opportunities unique to Rusthall St Paul's include our termly 'Learn a New Skill Day.' Other enrichment activities include extra-curricular visits and visitors to school, working alongside the local community such as activities with the residents at Rusthall Lodge and art enrichment at a local private school. Our choir sing at events in the village and we regularly take part in St Paul's church services. In order to promote the physical health and well-being of our pupils we provide a range of sports clubs and inter-school tournaments including running, netball, football, hockey and basketball. A feature of our curriculum is our Healthy Living week which promotes healthy diet, exercise and mind. We also have a well-established gardening club.

Our six core values - **Respect, Responsibility, Friendship, Forgiveness, Creativity and Perseverance** - are at the heart of everything we do and alongside PSHE lessons and daily worship promote positive minds and attitudes which are essential for future success. Working together and responsibility are an essential part of our curriculum and we enable pupils to take on key roles through being school monitors or buddies and reading buddies to our younger children. We regularly ask pupils for their feedback, for example through our termly whole school School Council sessions.

Our pupils leave Rusthall St Paul's with a sense of pride and personal achievement, confident that they have the skills to go on to the next stage of their learning.

Organisation and Planning

The curriculum at Rusthall is planned from the 2014 National Curriculum and is knowledge based in principle. The curriculum is taught on a one year cycle and each subject has been carefully planned to ensure it is sequential and progressive. Teachers are encouraged to be creative and to make lessons engaging however the success of the curriculum is measured by what the pupils learn and how much of that knowledge is retained and then applied to future learning.

Whilst at Rusthall we use a cross-curricular approach as a hook for the pupils and to give links to learning, most subjects are taught discreetly. This enables pupils to gain an understanding at an early age of what constitutes each subject so that knowledge and skills can be built upon and revisited.

The school has comprehensive long and medium term plans and from that teachers plan their work for the term. Some pupils e.g. SEND pupils may have a more tailored curriculum matched towards their interests. The development of the curriculum is never overlooked and is constantly evolving, based on reflection and a desire to provide the very best for every pupil.

The school has teaching and learning policy and further details can be found in this.