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Policy Statement

At Greenfields we believe that a successful curriculum should be personalised, inspirational, engaging and balanced. Greenfields recognises that every pupil is different and yet equal and therefore we provide practical and creative opportunities, that allows for pupil's independence and choice.

We aim to secure outcomes to develop students' academic achievements, independence, engagement and social development by ensuring their access to the appropriate curriculum model, as they transition through school and move into adulthood, growing into responsible citizens.

We aim for every pupil to be engaged and to become confident, courageous and responsible citizens this is achieved through our meaningful, functional and well sequenced curriculum. Our curriculum includes the essential building blocks for learning we are clear about what knowledge our pupils will learn and when. Due to the nature of our learners and their previous schooling experiences our curriculum is designed to allow pupils to revisit areas for learning that they may have missed whilst not limiting their future progression. The success of our curriculum is due to its responsiveness to each student, building on individual strengths, interests, and learning styles.

In line with <u>Successful futures</u>, our curriculum intent is to ensure that all pupils become:

- Ambitious, capable learners: Learners strive for high standards, enjoy challenge, and are ready to learn throughout life.
- ➤ Enterprising, creative contributors: Learners apply skills to innovate, solve problems, and contribute meaningfully to society and work.
- Ethical, informed citizens: Learners understand their rights and responsibilities, respect others, and act sustainably as global citizens.
- ➤ Healthy, confident individuals: Learners build resilience, make informed lifestyle choices, and lead fulfilling lives with positive relationships.





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Greenfields strives to provide a caring learning environment in which all pupils can develop academically, socially, emotionally, and morally to reach their full potential and achieve personal success. We strive to create a school in which pupils and team members feel safe, secure, and valued. We aim to ensure that our curriculum provides equal opportunities for all of our pupils, regardless of gender, ability or their cultural, ethnic, or religious background. We are committed to delivering a curriculum that is fit for purpose, personalised, and is based on thorough assessment of our pupils' individual needs and learning styles, alongside their strengths, interests, and areas for development.

We strive to ensure Greenfields is a centre of excellence, in both learning and teaching. We offer a broad and balanced curriculum which is rich in experiences and is designed to engage pupils and help develop their love of learning. At Greenfields, we make use of our outside spaces and local environment in order to provide a physical and active curriculum at all key stages.

Our primary aim is to meet the individual and complex needs of our pupils, preparing them for adult and working life in the 21st century. We aim to prepare our pupils for the next steps in their education and beyond into the world of work and to support them to become active and responsible citizens, by helping them to develop positive personal and social values.

We recognise that every student is an individual with unique learning needs. On arrival at Greenfields, gaps in knowledge and understanding as well as learning styles are identified through thorough baseline academic assessments. All pupils will also undergo an initial assessment to identify any areas of need and strategies to address them. We aim to address any gaps and difficulties through individualised learning and Individual Educational Plans (IEP) or Educational and Health Care Plans (EHCP).

Greenfields aims to provide a high quality of education which promotes learning for all our pupils within a secure and purposeful environment, which young people find stimulating, engaging and enjoyable.

To achieve this, we aim to:

- Offer all pupils access to the <u>Curriculum for Wales</u> wherever possible, being adaptive and considerate of their individual learning styles and needs.
- Ensure that all pupils have access to a broad, balanced and appropriately differentiated curriculum.
- Deliver a curriculum that is designed to address the individual's development of cognitive, sensory, physical, personal, social & emotional and communication needs, as laid out in their IEP or EHCP.





- To make learning an enjoyable experience which develops Pupils as fully rounded individuals and enables them to explore their talents and interests and achieve their potential.
- To re-engage pupils who have become disengaged with learning and build their confidence and self-esteem so that they see themselves as successful learners
- To support pupils to develop basic skills in communication, literacy, numeracy, and decision making so that they can function in adult life.
- To prepare pupils for the world of work and independent living and to take their place as active citizens of the UK.
- Ensure that the importance of literacy and numeracy skills is promoted across the whole curriculum, especially communication and functional skills.
- Encourage and support personal growth and self-reliance in a spirit of cooperation.
- To provide experiences that will help pupils gain increased self-esteem and self-respect as well as respect for others and the environment.
- Develop pupils' understanding of the local and larger community and help them to contribute to it.
- Develop pupils' understanding of relationships by providing positive role models.
- Help pupils to become good citizens by teaching them about their world and helping them to understand the varied beliefs, values, and abilities within it.
- Provide pupils with learning which will enhance their life skills such as cookery, healthy eating, budgeting, and functional skills.
- Encourage physical activity and outside interests through PE lessons and through learning outside the classroom.
- Promote spiritual, moral, cultural, social, and physical development.

Greenfields Curriculum

Curriculum Drivers

Ambitious, capable learners

Enterprising, creative contributors

Ethical, informed citizens

Healthy, confident individuals

Intent

Learners will **strive for high standards**, enjoy challenge, and be ready to learn throughout life.

Learners will apply skills creatively, solve problems, and contribute meaningfully to society and the workplace.

Learners will understand their rights and responsibilities, respect others, and act sustainably as global citizens.

Learners will **build resilience**, make informed lifestyle choices and lead fulfilling lives with positive relationships.

Implementation

1. Ambitious, Capable Learners. Who are ready to learn throughout their lives. Implementation Strategies. Smill group teaching Waimium of 4 students per class with LSA support. Rigorous academic progress tracking (8 Squared), Baseline developmental assessments and Motional assessments. Targeted literacy and numeracy interventions (e. Read Write Inc., Numicon, Personalised learning pathways informed by learner voice and ALM needs. Experiental and thematic learning that promotes curiosity and independence Examinations and accreditation – ASDAM and Functional Skills. Celebration of small steps progress candemically. Specialist differentiated teaching, Weekly enrichment and self-esteem building activities. Outdoor learning opportunities Personalised learning linked to ambitions and talents.

2. Enterprising, Creative Contributors. Who are ready to play a full part in life and work. Implementation Strategies: Bespoke education packages to meet individual needs and aspirations. Work experience linked to interests and goals. Functional and life skills taught across the curriculum. Real-world problem solving and community engagement. Outdoor and experiential learning. Weekly/Termly success reports to parents and carers. Opportunities for creative expression through thematic learning. Personalised PSHE and SRE learning opportunities. Celebration of achievements socially and emotionally

3. Ethical, Informed Citizens. Who understand and respect their rights and the rights of others. Implementation Strategies: Social, moral, spiritual and cultural learning programmes. Restorative approaches. Robust safeguarding systems and liaison with external agencies. Curriculum content that promotes equality, diversity, and inclusion. Statrained in restorative approaches and autism awareness. Visual timetables, social stories, and sensory breaks for AIN learners. Integrated therapeutic interventions (PACE, attachment-based practices). Outdoor learning and community-based projects. Opportunities for learner voice and participation

4. Healthy, Confident Individuals. Who are ready to lead fulfilling lives as valued members of society. Implementation Strategies: Calm and consistent learning environment Therapeutic input embedded across all key stages. Integrated speech and language support (group and 1:1). Ongoing clinical staff support. Full staff training in therapeutic practices. IEP progress tracking – communication, emotional regulation, flexibility. Initial therapeutic assessments and ongoing monitoring. MDT/Reflective practice sessions with therapy teams. Zones of Regulation and trauma-informed practice. Outdoor learning and physical activity. Self-regulation plans and interventions for emotional wellbeing

Impact

Ambitious, Capable Learners, Grow in confidence, independence, and self-esteem in a sife, source, and stimulating environment. Demonstrate realizeme and mutuin's their learning journey. Accept that making mittakes is part of the learning process and reflect on their learning. Make links within different aspects of their learning and any journels randing in unside contexts. Develope subject thoroetieg and skills appropriate to their learning and resident process or their learning and starting points. Learn within a coherent and progressive framework that explores the breadth and depth of the Curriculum file Walles. Understand the purpose and value of their learning and its relevance to past, present, and future. Use problems shoring kills, reginge creatively, and articulate their learning purpose, Experience the challenge and enjoyment of learning and have high appraisators for themselves and others. Grow their vocability through immersion in a language and help endorse.

2. Enterprising, Creative Contributors Engage in enriched learning experiences that are memorable, engaging, and inspirational. Apply previously learned skills through reflective talk, collaborative working, and problem-solving tasks. Demonstrate creativity and innovation in learning and life skills. Make considered and informed choices about things that matter to them. Express opinions confidently on a range of topics and issues. Participate in enterprise projects and enrichment activities that build self-esteem and independence.

3. Ethical, Informed Citizens Respect and celebrate differences in gender, race, ability, culture, and religion. Understand that all people are different and special, with unique talents and needs. Make positive contributions to the school and wider community. Appreciate and understand social and environmental issues locally and globally. Shar and celebrate school core when, that guide attitudes, choices, and behaviours. Aspire to lifelong learning and active citizenship.

4. Healthy, Comfdernt Individuals. Understand the importance of keeping safe, being mentally and physical healthy, and forming positive relationships. Demonstrate improved self-regulation and positive behaviour for harming. Secure friendships and a sense of belonging. Experience personal growth through self-electron building and therapeutic support. Thrive emolionally, socially, and academically in a nutriang environment Jenos Cereatifieds with the skill switzer and insiders in currented in a Antonic Telescope.





Implementation

To provide that challenging and relevant curriculum we aim to:

- Develop effective learning skills for each pupil; recognising that we all learn in different ways, a range of strategies must seek to secure individual potential across all aspects of the curriculum.
- Encourage each pupil to take full advantage of the opportunities provided to develop particular interests and abilities both within and beyond the timetabled school day.
- Provide opportunities for pupils to "make good choices" and build self- esteem
- Develop an appropriate balance of academic and practical work to prepare young people for a rapidly changing and demanding world.
- Ensure that pupil progress is carefully monitored and assessed in order to achieve the highest standards of achievement and progress.
- Ensure that all pupils who attend the Greenfields have an IEP or EHCP which
 cover the core subjects of English and Maths as well as Social Emotional
 Aspects of Learning. These will provide strategies and targets for each
 individual. The IEP/ EHCP will be reviewed by team members and will be sent
 to parents/ carers and social workers. These will be monitored and reviewed
 regularly.

Expectations of Team Members

Team Members at Greenfields are expected to actively advocate and seek to develop the curriculum aims stated and should:

- Have high expectations of pupils and seek to help them achieve the best possible outcomes.
- Be adaptable and employ a range of appropriate teaching and learning methods which meet the needs of the pupils. These include the special educational needs of the pupils, and also include making any adaptations for pupils who may access English as an additional language.
- Strive to ensure that, wherever possible, pupils are able to access the curriculum and given opportunities to succeed.
- Develop and deliver programmes of study and schemes of work in line with the Curriculum for Wales and that build upon pupils' prior learning and experiences, thus providing progression and continuity.





- Provide challenging and inspiring learning opportunities which meet the needs and future aspirations of their pupils.
- Capture the student voice by giving regular feedback through assessment and marking, negotiating targets, and encouraging pupils to evaluate their own achievements.
- Ensure clear learning, progress and improvement is highlighted and shown visually to all pupils.
- Help all pupils to become independent and confident using encouragement and reward, in line with our therapeutic approach policy.
- Help pupils to accept that making mistakes is a natural part of the learning process.
- Nurture the talents of every student and celebrate all achievements and successes, both formally and informally, through praise in the learning environment.
- Endeavour to work in partnership with other team members, parents/carers, and the wider community to achieve shared goals.
- Keep parents/carers regularly and fully informed about the progress and achievements of the pupils.

Curriculum Structure

The curriculum is planned in line with the Curriculum for Wales aims and embraces a cross-curricular approach underpinned by children's Dreams and their ability to Believe in themselves so they can Achieve, in literacy, numeracy and ICT whilst addressing themes such a careers education and guidance, citizenship, environmental, health and sex education.

The development of pupils' personal and social skills and their spiritual and cultural development are addressed specifically through the PSHE programme, assemblies, and whole school theme days, as well as being woven through the whole curriculum, both formal and hidden.

Literacy, Numeracy, and Science skills are considered fundamental to all areas of learning and are taught as discreet lessons across KS2, 3 and 4 as well as there being an emphasis on the further development of these skills across the whole curriculum. Specific intervention is put in place for those pupils requiring additional assistance to access the curriculum.





Our curriculum recognises the importance of meeting emotional, social and mental health needs first and foremost, without such foundations academic learning cannot exist. The Curriculum structure allows pupils to make progress at their own realistic pace by developing strategies to self-regulate, manage emotions, work around their individual passionate interests and strengths, meet academic targets and ultimately prepare for life after Greenfields.

Structure of the school day

There are 6 periods per day, each of which lasts for approximately 45 minutes. There is a 15 minute tutor period each morning and afternoon, in order to provide time for pupils to access 1:1 time with their key worker. Team Member briefings take place before and after the school day in order ensure that any information or concerns around Pupils is communicated to all Team Members effectively. Friday afternoon sessions are used to support the school's extended curriculum by offering a range of enrichment activities both on and off site. School assemblies and student council meetings are also timetabled weekly enhancing the curriculum and ensuring that the student voice is captured.

English, Maths and Science are considered of key importance at Greenfields for all Pupils at KS2, KS3 and KS4 and more time is allocated to these subjects in order to promote the development of vital basic skills.

Key Stage 1/2

Our KS1 and 2 Pupils are taught in mixed age classes and the curriculum is a thematic, topic-based curriculum and incorporates all core subjects and follows the KS1 (where applicable), KS2 and KS3 Curriculum for Wales objectives to ensure all areas are covered.

Lesson plans are carefully differentiated within each class so that every student's needs are met. The curriculum is designed on a 2-year rolling programme so that Pupils don't revisit the same areas of the curriculum.

All KS1 and 2 Pupils also have access to a Motional assessment and personalised curriculum of activities which are specifically linked social and emotional aspects of learning, enrichment, and personal skill development.

Key Stage 3

All Key Stage 3 Pupils have access to the whole Curriculum for Wales and Pupils are encouraged to develop and consolidate their key skills in core subjects and are





also offered opportunities to extend their knowledge in other areas of the curriculum. This is supported by an intensive focus on literacy, numeracy, and science. Pupils often have gaps in their knowledge which need to be addressed and they work towards individual AQA awards to encourage progress and celebrate success in these areas.

During Year 9, in preparation for completing GCSE courses, pupils follow Entry Level and/or Functional Skills accredited courses in Maths and English as well as ASDAN programmes and short courses in science. Social, Moral, Spiritual and Cultural (SMSC) aspects of learning and Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning are incorporated into planning across the curriculum as well as issues being addressed directly in the PSHE programme where appropriate.

Key Stage 4

In Years 10 and 11, Pupils continue to have access to study the full Curriculum for Wales with a key focus on English, Maths, SRE, RE, Citizenship, PSHE (Including careers and finances) and Science and then have the option to personalise their learning by choosing a variety of subjects from: The Arts (Music, Art and Design), Humanities (Geography, History and RE), Outdoor Education, Food Technology, PE, Horticulture, and ICT. Student's personalised timetables are reviewed regularly and are created after the requests of the student, statutory requirements of each Student's IEP and EHCP, and views taken from significant parents, carers and social workers have been considered. The aim of this phase is to personalise the curriculum, to meet individual personal needs, engage the Pupils and provide maximum opportunity to achieve. Opportunities may be offered to Pupils to attend an offsite provision where they can study a variety of vocational awards if they are not currently offered at the school.

Available Qualifications in school;

- GCSEs
- Entry Level Qualifications
- Functional Skills Qualifications
- ASDAN Awards and qualifications
- AQA unit Awards





Vocational Education and Careers Guidance

All Pupils are offered impartial advice around future careers and college choices. Greenfields liaise closely with local colleges in order to support Pupils effectively with their Post 16 options.

In Year 10 and 11 Pupils have the opportunity to attend work experience placements in order to enhance their employability skills.

Outdoor and Experiential Learning

To help engage all Pupils in all Key Stages, practical elements of the curriculum are encouraged, such as Art, Design and Technology, PE, and Cookery. The school also encourages Pupils to become involved in outdoor learning projects that use our natural environment. We offer horticulture projects which link closely to many areas of the curriculum including science, Design and Technology and speaking and listening skills as well as activities such as shelter making, natural craft and woodwork.

It is our belief at Greenfields that, when learning outside the classroom, our pupils attain higher levels of knowledge and skills, improve their physical health, and increase their motor abilities, socialise, and interact in new and different ways with their peers and adults, show improved attention and enhanced self-concept, self-esteem and mental health and change their environmental behaviours and their values and attitudes.

The outdoors can provide space and freedom for a type of learning that is difficult to replicate indoors. All pupils have the right to experience the unique and special nature of being outdoors. We feel it is important to enable children to use the outside environment as a context for learning and to this end an outdoor learning scheme of work has been developed and this is delivered at Developmental and Transitional Stages of the curriculum throughout the year.

Outdoor and sporting activities, ranging from horse riding to assault courses, are also offered which assist in developing self-confidence and increasing self-image. The Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural (SMSC) development of the pupils at Greenfields is at the heart of the school environment and is evident in the teaching of RE/Cultural Studies, Social Skills, PSHE (including Sex and relationship education), Citizenship and out wide range of extracurricular enrichment activities.

Each pupils emotional and social needs, their need to learn about themselves and their own feelings, relationships and how their behaviour affects others is considered when planning.





Through the Outdoor learning curriculum and the access to group activities, we aim to provide pupils with a wide variety of positive experiences that will not only help to build their self-esteem and social skills but also provide them with memories they can cherish for the rest of their lives. Our outdoor learning and experiential learning programme encourages personal growth by supporting pupils in challenging and unfamiliar activities, environments, and situations. Pupils have the opportunity to work towards building their personal development in terms of courage, leadership, teamwork and raising self-esteem.

Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural development

Spiritual Development is promoted in a variety of ways. Whole School assemblies and theme days are delivered regularly which include religious content and themes. Our Schemes of Work encourage Pupils to consider the nature of religion, it's beliefs and practices. Pupils are encouraged to discuss and reflect on topics such as the origins of the universe, good and evil, life after death, beliefs about God and concepts such as justice, trust, honesty, and love. Many lessons and extra-curricular experiences allow Pupils to access incidental learning opportunities which prompt them to ask questions about meaning and purpose.

Moral Development is promoted every day though rewards and praise for achievement and effort, through the use of the school behaviour charter and high expectations and respect for our Pupils. The ethos and practices of the school encourage Pupils to learn to distinguish between right and wrong through restorative approaches and we aim to encourage positive relationships by demonstrating tolerance and understanding. In addition, discreet teaching, tutor time and theme days address many moral, ethical, environmental, and social issues. Pupils are encouraged to value themselves and others and to explore the influence of family, friends, and other sources on moral choices.

Social Development is a key part of the ethos of the school. All pupils are encouraged to play a full role in the social life of the school. We aim to develop pupils' knowledge, values, personal and social skills across the whole curriculum in order to help them benefit from their school experience and prepare them to take their place as responsible citizens in society. By building links between the school and the wider community we are able to offer many extracurricular activities such as sport, music and a wide range of trips and activities out of school.

Social Development is promoted through many opportunities for pupils to work together, in a variety of situations, both within and beyond lessons. Pupils have





extensive opportunities to take responsibility through activities such as School Council, Peer Mentoring Programme, participation in the whole school Outdoor Learning Programme, work in support of charities, and assisting at School functions and events. Further opportunities for social development are provided through the Outdoor Education, Team Building activities and Life Skills programmes.

Pupils are also regularly reminded of the need to develop positive peer and adult relationships. Cultural Development is encouraged both within lessons and through a very wide variety of extracurricular activities. Cultural diversity from a national and international perspective is explored through a range of cross-curricular opportunities including planned in-depth geography-based studies of other countries and their cultures, study of poetry and fictional literature from different cultures.

Promoting British Values

Throughout the curriculum, Team Members actively promote the fundamental British values. The key areas of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs are addressed in both specific lessons in PSHE, Religious Education and Topic as well as being promoted in the general ethos of the school. Additional learning experiences such as outdoor educational trips and also Curriculum related visits and activities offer added learning opportunities such visits to places of worship, museums, courts of law etc. as well as visitors to the school from the police and local community.

Differentiation

At Greenfields we have small class groups and high levels of learning support. Despite this, there is still a wide range of ability in these class groups. In addition, our Pupils who have social, emotional and mental health difficulties and/ or ASC have a wide range of preferred learning styles. Some work better in small groups or in pairs while others prefer to work individually; some perform best in long-term projects while others like defined tasks; some respond well to oral work, while others prefer written work; some find written communication difficult but work effectively on a computer. To take account of these differences and the range of ability in any class, all Team Members at Greenfields have a responsibility, when planning work, to meet the needs of all Pupils.

This may mean, at different times, adapting tasks, providing different resources, developing extension work, providing a variety of learning styles and environments, setting individual goals, giving different levels of support, and offering a variety of ways to demonstrate knowledge and understanding. A thorough knowledge and





understanding of each learner's needs, preferred learning styles and PERSONAL PATHWAY PLAN targets are also crucial, and these are recorded and communicated through the individual Student profiles.

Team Members additionally have a duty to ensure the curriculum is differentiated for learners who access English as an Additional Language (EAL), using strategies such as providing visual supports, opportunities for engaging practice sessions and offering dual language worksheets and explanations if possible.

The Learning Environment

Greenfields provides a purposeful and structured learning environment which promotes high standards and good working practices. Displays of Pupils' work appropriate resources are very important in setting standards, raising expectations and also play a key role in effective behaviour management. All, teachers, and tutors are expected to manage their display areas effectively and to contribute to displays in public areas of the school. Classrooms are structured and organised environments where Pupils can work effectively, comfortably, and most importantly of all – safely. It is crucial that adequate resources are provided and are accessible, and that Pupils treat classrooms, workshops, and any other learning environments with respect.

Learning Outside the Classroom (LOTC)

It is our belief at Greenfields that, when learning outside the classroom, our Pupils attain higher levels of knowledge and skills, improve their physical health and increase their motor abilities, socialise and interact in new and different ways with their peers and adults, show improved attention and enhanced self-concept, self-esteem and mental health and change their environmental behaviours and their values and attitudes. The outdoors can provide space and freedom for a type of learning that is difficult to replicate indoors. All Pupils have the right to experience the unique and special nature of being outdoors. We feel it is important to enable children to use the outside environment as a context for learning and to this end an outdoor learning scheme of work has been developed and this is delivered at Developmental and Transitional Stages of the curriculum throughout the year.

Equality of Opportunity

All subject leaders are aware of and plan accordingly to the Whole School Equal Opportunities policy. They also should actively promote quality of opportunity in the curricular work of the subject. As a School we regularly explore the range of





opportunities available to ensure that all curriculum area engage Pupils by showing respect for their cultural and personal identities. The Head Teacher/ ALENCO will advise Team Members in devising appropriate teaching programmes for any learner who requires additional support in order to successfully access the curriculum.

Gifted and Talented Pupils

A number of pupils display special talents, skills, expertise and understanding in particular areas. These include both high levels of ability in subject disciplines and in activities beyond the curriculum - sporting prowess or musical ability, for example. It is the responsibility of all team members to identify such pupils, to encourage their interests and to make appropriate provision for them. Such provision includes planning classroom-based work, which genuinely stretches such pupils, and additional challenges and experiences offered through interest and support groups, and opportunities to participate in external groups, societies, teams, and organisations. Opportunities to celebrate such success include commendations in school assembly, letters of acknowledgement sent to parents and carers and records held in pupils' records of achievement.

Pupils who are identified as high achievers in the transitional phase are assessed on their readiness to begin studying their GCSE early. If they are deemed ready to begin these, then they may be placed into an appropriate Y10 class to begin their studies.

Information and Communication Technology

At Greenfields we believe that the development of capability in the use of ICT is an essential requirement of the Pupils' education and that they have an entitlement to IT resources and teaching of the highest possible quality. The development of ICT at the School is guided by the following principles:

- All Pupils have an entitlement to the use of ICT throughout all Key Stages. They
 are expected to develop both understanding and practical expertise. Pupils
 develop their skills through specific teaching in ICT lessons, and as a result of
 the use of ICT in subject areas.
- ICT resources are planned and deployed within the context of the Greenfields as a therapeutic community. We seek to ensure that resources of the highest quality and of an appropriate type are provided to meet the needs of all users.
- Team Members are encouraged to make full use of opportunities for professional development in ICT. Practical workshops are to be held on a regular basis as





part of the school based INSET programme, and there are also opportunities to attend external courses.

Approaches to curriculum planning, teaching, and learning and progress monitoring.

Upon Pupils' arrival at Greenfields, the IEP/ EHCP will determine where students are placed for the next academic year. This decision will be based on the student's age, information regarding prior levels of learning and progress, initial assessment data and Educational Psychologist reports. The learning descriptors for each stage act as a learning ladder throughout a student's school-life towards a projected GCSE grade.

The baseline assessment is used to create a personal educational plan. The flight path provides a plan for subject progress and also identifies areas of missed subject knowledge and content. Daily lessons are planned and delivered in a variety of methods. In addition to specific lessons planned and delivered by the subject teacher, a significant proportion of learning takes place across the entire curriculum at Greenfields. This is done in a cross curricular and experiential approach. This approach represents a core aspect of the Greenfields learning experience.

Progress Monitoring

Learner progress is monitored during the lessons and at appropriate modular/termly/yearly intervals. All teachers assess their Pupils in relation to a range of assessment objectives and 'can do' statements for each subject at every stage. This allows them to know what their Pupils do and what they need to achieve next.

Safeguarding

The whole school curriculum, ethos and philosophy is underpinned by the need to safeguard Pupils. All Team Members are trained to ensure that Pupils are kept safe and are supported by the designated safeguarding person in dealing with safeguarding issues and concerns.





Impact

Through our topic-based curriculum and cross curricular personal development programmes, we are able to hook learners in with a memorable experience and learning opportunities which meet their individual needs. We encourage pupils to explore the world and community that they live in and often spark their interests with a wide range of interesting starting points.

This allows our pupils to develop deeper understanding and knowledge of a range of subjects in a variety of ways. Pupils are able to express themselves and demonstrate their new skills in ways which suit their learning styles and individual developmental needs. Pupils develop their literacy and numeracy skills across the whole curriculum through careful planning and curriculum mapping.

Pupils are encouraged to apply previously learned skills to their learning and they demonstrate these skills though shared evaluation experiences and opportunities for reflective talk, collaborative working opportunities and problem-solving tasks. Pupils develop skills in independence and grow in confidence through self-esteem building activities and enterprise projects.

Additionally, pupils make good progress towards their IEP/ EHCP outcomes, showing holistic development.

Legislative Framework

This policy has been drawn up on the basis of law and guidance, namely:

- Advice on standards for school premises for local authorities, proprietors, school leaders, school team members and governing bodies, DfE, March 2015
- ALN Code of Practice Wales 2021
- Careers and work-related experiences (CWRE), 2022
- Children Act, 2004
- <u>Curriculum</u> for Wales
- Curriculum for Wales Guidance 2021
- Data Protection Act 1998
- Education Act 2002
- Equality Act, 2010
- Human Rights Act, 1998
- Keeping Learners Safe 2021
- Raising the ambitions and educational attainment of children who are looked after in Wales
- Special Educational Needs Code of Practice for Wales
- Successful Futures
- The Curriculum for Wales Relationships and Sexuality Code, 2022
- The Disability Equality Duty, 2006





- The <u>Equality Act 2010</u> and schools' <u>Departmental advice for school</u> leaders, school team members, governing bodies, and local authorities, DfE, May 2014
- United Convention of the Rights of the Child 1991