

Blundell's Preparatory School Curriculum Aims Policy

The curriculum at Blundell's Preparatory School seeks to allow all pupils the opportunity to fulfil their potential across a wide range of subjects in a supportive and stimulating environment.

The Nursery and Kindergarten classes follow the curriculum set out in the Early Years Foundation Stage – Setting the Standards for Learning Development and Care for children from birth to five, produced by the Department for Education and Skills. However, we are not limited to this alone, and strive to provide many rich opportunities for the children to develop in all areas of their learning above and beyond the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum.

As an independent school, children in Key Stage 1 & 2 are not bound to follow QCA DFEE National Curriculum Guidelines. However, our curriculum encompasses those aspects of the National Curriculum, including the Primary National Strategy, which we consider to be most valuable to our children's education, as well as offering many further opportunities for extending and broadening the learning experience.

We aim to provide a curriculum which encourages all children to develop skills and increase knowledge across a wide range of subjects, and believe that children should be given the opportunity to investigate, question and challenge within an education which enables all to achieve full potential as individuals.

Subject Policies across the curriculum are recorded in Online Subject Handbooks, and are reviewed and updated annually by Subject Co-ordinators. Details of Long, Medium and Short Term Planning and further subject guidance may also be found in Online Subject Handbooks and Parent Curriculum Guides for each year group.

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