



CHELSEA
HALL SCHOOL

CHS CURRICULUM POLICY

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INTRODUCTION

Chelsea Hall School is owned and operated by Cavendish Education; the Proprietary Body, also known as the Governing Body. Any reference to Governors means any Director of Cavendish Education.

This Policy document is one of a series of CHS Policies that, taken together, are designed to form a comprehensive formal Statement of CHS's aspiration to provide an outstanding education for each and every one of its pupils, and of the mechanisms and procedures in place to achieve this. Accordingly, this Policy needs to be ready alongside all of these Policies in order to get the full picture, and should be read in conjunction with other Chelsea Hall School's policies and procedures. All of these Policies have been written, not simply to meet statutory and other requirements, but to evidence the work that Chelsea Hall School is undertaking to ensure the implementation of its core values, our '4 Cs':

Character
Creativity
Confidence
Competence

While this current policy document may be referred to elsewhere in Chelsea Hall School documentation, including particulars of employment, it is non-contractual.

In all CHS Policies, unless the specified context requires otherwise, the word "parent" is used in terms of Section 576 of the [Education Act 1996](#), which states that a 'parent', in relation to a child or young person, includes any person who is not a biological parent but who has parental responsibility, or who has care of the child. Department for Education guidance [Understanding and dealing with issues relating to parental responsibility](#) considers a 'parent' to include:

- all biological parents, whether they are married or not
- any person who, although not a biological parent, has parental responsibility for a child or young person - this could be an adoptive parent, a step-parent, guardian or other relative
- any person who, although not a biological parent and does not have parental responsibility, has care of a child or young person

A person typically has care of a child or young person if they are the person with whom the child lives, either full or part time and who looks after the child, irrespective of what their biological or legal relationship is with the child.

CHS employs the services of the following consulting companies to ensure compliance is met and best practice is implemented:

Peninsula HR Online
Peninsula Business Safe (Health and Safety)
Atlantic Data (DBS)
Educare (online CPD)

Chelsea Hall School fully recognises the responsibility it has under sections 157/175 of the Education Act 2002 to have arrangements in place to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people, and expect all staff, volunteers, pupils and visitors to share this commitment.

All outcomes generated by this document must take account of and seek to contribute to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people at Chelsea Hall School. This responsibility is more fully explained in the statutory guidance for schools and colleges Keeping Children Safe in Education September 2022. [Keeping children safe in education 2022 - GOV.UK](#)

All staff are made aware of their duties and responsibilities under part one of this document.

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Chelsea Hall School's policy documents are revised and published periodically in good faith. They are inevitably subject to revision. On occasions a significant revision, although promulgated in school separately, may have to take effect between the re-publication of a set of policy documents. Care should therefore be taken to ensure, by consultation with the Senior Leadership Team, that the details of any policy document are still effectively current at a particular moment.

This policy was drawn up in accordance with and using information from:

- [Early Years Foundation Stage](#)
- [Early Years guide to SEND code of practice September 2014](#)
- [the Equality Act 2010 updated 2021](#)
- [Key Stage 1 and 2](#)
- [The National Curriculum](#)
- [SEND code of practice statutory guidance September 2014](#)

OVERVIEW

At Chelsea Hall School, we are committed to providing a quality learning experience for students with specific learning difficulties. We achieve this by providing a stimulating and exciting learning environment that develops each child holistically and equips them with the necessary social skills and life skills required to become independent and responsible citizens.

CHS CURRICULUM AIMS

The curriculum at CHS aims to:

- Ensure all students make progress in line with their age, aptitude and additional need, with reference to their individual starting points;
- Provide a broad and balanced curriculum;
- Build up each student's confidence and motivation to learn through the use of multisensory teaching techniques;
- Embed key skills in order to prepare students for real-life and everyday situations;
- Stimulate our students' natural curiosity, giving them the confidence to be curious by working through topics that engage them;
- Develop students' skills as effective communicators and learners;
- Teach students the appropriate skills of English, Maths and Computing;
- Enable students to recognise the connection between different subjects;
- Encourage the integration of ICT into all curriculum areas;
- Develop social and life skills which encourage students to become more active citizens within the school community and beyond;
- Make students aware of their own spiritual development, the rights of others and the difference between right and wrong;
- Give students an understanding of the importance of truth and fairness, so that they grow up committed to equal opportunities for all;
- Encourage students to respect themselves and be able to live and work cooperatively with others;
- Prepare students for independence and preparation for the future.

PRINCIPLES OF TEACHING AND LEARNING

- To provide opportunities to apply knowledge and learning in practical ways;
- To shape our curriculum to meet the needs of our students through an Individual Education Plan (IEP);
- To use a multidisciplinary approach to teaching that is tailored to the needs of each student;
- To provide opportunities for students to extend their learning inside and outside the classroom with an emphasis on enrichment;
- To monitor student progress according to the skills required in the curriculum;
- To set common, open ended tasks to elicit a variety and depth of response;
- To set tasks of increasing difficulty, scaffolding where appropriate;
- To group students by ability and differentiate within tasks.

CHS BLENDED APPROACH

Chelsea Hall School's curriculum is carefully planned, taking into account each of our pupil's Special Educational Needs and Therapeutic needs.

We recognise:

- the relationship between therapeutic needs and academic progress
- that these needs fluctuate and change on an ongoing basis
- that each child is different

Upon joining Chelsea Hall School, and during the first half-term of each school year, each child's therapeutic team (Occupational Therapy, Speech and Language Therapy, and when appropriate, Play Therapy) conducts an initial comprehensive assessment of each of our pupils' needs. This is done using a range of both standardised and observational assessment tools as appropriate for the individual child. The EHCP, Speech and Language Therapy and Occupational Therapy assessments make up the core resources from which the IEPs are constructed and inform the academic plans as well as the social and behavioural modifications and interventions.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITY

THE HEADTEACHER

- Ensures that the curriculum is taught consistently across the school.

THE CURRICULUM LEAD

- provides teaching staff with schemes of work and suggested activities

TEACHING STAFF AND THERAPISTS

- adapt the depth of content and mode of delivery to each child's age, level of understanding, and SEND
- assess pupil's progress and keep parents informed

ORGANISATION AND PLANNING

The curriculum at CHS follows the National Curriculum and the Pre-Key Stage Standards and is thoroughly planned and reviewed in a variety of ways.

[Long, Medium and Short term planning](#)

WHAT WE TEACH

Chelsea Hall School follows four different pathways, depending on each child's individual needs and abilities (see appendix 1). All aspects of the curriculum are designed to build the child's self-esteem and instil moral responsibility, cooperation, and integration and connections outside themselves, as well as reinforce the child's understanding of the four fundamental British values of

- Democracy
- the rule of law
- individual liberty
- mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs

Values cannot be taught in any direct fashion. They are assimilated and adopted, which is why Chelsea Hall School staff pays as much attention to the manner in which curriculum is delivered as to its content. British values are therefore taught organically throughout the day and more formally in PSHE lessons, in particular the need to respect other people, especially in regards to the protected characteristics set out in the Equality Act 2010.

[Curriculum Plan](#)

THERAPY PROGRAM

An excellent team of therapists and teachers deliver a uniquely integrated and blended provision addressing the developmental levels of abilities, the cognitive functions, the specific barriers to learning, and the social challenges of each child.

Qualified therapists are involved in all aspects of the student's day; in the classroom, the lunchroom, the playground, local shops and businesses and public transport empowering the child with the skills necessary to be part of school, family life, and the community. There is a strong emphasis on inclusion throughout the school and this underpins each child's therapy provision and plan.

Our therapy staff consists of:

- 3 Speech and Language Therapists
- 1 Play Therapists
- 2 Trainee Play Therapist
- 3 Occupational Therapists

THE DELIVERY OF THERAPY PROVISIONS

Therapy provisions are delivered in a highly individualised manner in the following ways:

- 1:1 as part of a lesson
- 1:1 or 2:1 outside a lesson
- Small group intervention
- Co-teaching
- Whole class support

The effectiveness of the intervention, support and therapeutic provision for each child is continually monitored and analysed by the teaching and therapy team who meet on a weekly basis.

There is a constant interactive process of

- assessment
- planning
- implementation
- evaluation

LITERACY STATEMENT

English is taught as a discrete subject but there are opportunities for literacy progress across all subjects of the curriculum. Speech therapy programmes, where appropriate, will be integrated into the curriculum, and relevant strategies will be employed. It is acknowledged and recognised that students may have specific learning challenges in acquiring literacy skills. Occupational therapists also work with students during literacy sessions to support them around handwriting, typing skills and fine motor difficulties.

Aims

1. To enable students to have key skills in reading and spelling to access the curriculum (through letters and sounds and the phased phonics programme).
2. To deliver the National Curriculum for English through appropriate, challenging and meaningful lessons.
3. To provide opportunities for learning experiences in all areas of English.
4. To encourage and develop key attitudes of co-operation, independent study and perseverance.
5. To widen students' experience of English and to teach an appreciation of literature and language in their everyday lives.
6. To enable students to gain enjoyment from reading and the ability to access a range of information texts by regular use of the library and other mediums.
7. To enable students to use ICT as appropriate for a range of tasks and to encourage creative use of the media available.

8. To enable students to achieve their individual potential at an appropriate level for their age, ability and emotional and behavioural difficulties.
9. To use differentiation to the extent that all pupils will make progress according to ability.
10. To employ intervention strategies for those pupils in need of catch up.

NUMERACY STATEMENT

Maths is taught as a discrete lesson. There are opportunities planned for numeracy skills to be practised and used across other subjects of the curriculum, with relevance to everyday use of number and its practical application. It is recognised that students will require individual and tailored programmes for developing their mathematical skills. They will have individual learning targets for mathematics, from their individual education plan.

Aims

1. To build a pupil's confidence in their own ability and develop mathematical skills for use at school and in the outside world;
2. To develop an understanding of all the different components and complexities of Maths;
3. To set realistic yet challenging targets, with high expectations for all pupils;
4. To engage and motivate students through offering a variety of approaches to teaching and learning, encouraging their active participation in Maths;
5. To foster a love and enjoyment of maths;
6. To see the purpose and function of Maths in the world;
7. To develop and extend a pupil's ability to solve problems using creativity and logic;
8. To develop fluency in numeracy;

ASSESSMENT AND REPORTING PROVISION

The child's initial assessment that takes place in the first half-term of each school year, or upon the child joining the school, informs the learning objectives that are set by teachers. Those are based on the National Curriculum / Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum as most appropriate, and in line with each child's Education Health and Care Plan when relevant.

The draft IEPs are given to parents in the second half of the autumn term, during their IEP meeting. This document includes modifications, interventions, and goals in all relevant areas of the curriculum and therapy needs. Parents' consideration and input are requested.

Each IEP is continually reviewed by all members of the teaching and therapy teams. As targets are achieved, these are replaced with more challenging goals.

In May and June, the End of Year Report provides a comprehensive comparison of the child's progress throughout the academic year.

EHCP goals are reviewed at the Annual Review of EHCP meeting, which is attended by the class teachers and teaching assistants, therapists, parents and representatives of the local education authority, when necessary and appropriate.

At the end of each week the class team meets to assess individual progress for all the students. These meetings are held with the Therapists and the Movement teacher.

MARKING

All work produced by the students at CHS is marked based on the amount of support they needed to complete it.

- Independent
- Verbal Prompt
- Gestural Prompt
- Physical Support

COMMUNICATION WITH PARENTS

Chelsea Hall School recognises the importance of good communication with parents, and parents are encouraged to share any concerns they may have about their child's well being and progress as soon as they arise. They can do this by emailing their child's class teacher or therapists as they deem most appropriate.

They are kept informed about what their child is learning via a weekly class email, as well as via formal reports and termly meetings.

REPORTS

- **IEPs** are updated on a half-termly basis to track progress and shared with parents at IEP meetings, Annual Review of EHCP meetings and End of Year meetings.
- **Therapy assessment and progress reporting**
- **End of Year report**
- When applicable, **annual Review of EHCP** (every twelve months as per legal requirements)
- School transition report (for leavers)
- Tapestry

FORMAL AND INFORMAL MEETINGS

- **Meet your child's team** at Chelsea Hall School's **curriculum evening** (autumn 1). An informal opportunity for parents to meet the teachers and therapists who will be working with their child.
- **IEP meetings** (autumn 2). A chance for parents to discuss how their child has settled into their new school / class group, what their Annual Goals will be and what they have been / will be working on in the first term.
- **Face-to-Face meetings** (spring term). An optional meeting that allows parents to touch-base with their child's team halfway through the year, discuss progress so far and difficulties if applicable.
- **End of Year meetings** (summer 2). A chance for parents to be told of everything their child has achieved during the school year, and suggest targets for the coming year.
- When applicable, **Annual Review of EHCP**. This is a formal, official meeting that takes place every twelve months, and to which the Local Authority is invited, along with any professional which the school, LA, or parents feel should be included, such as social worker, private therapists, etc.
- The Annual Review of EHCP meeting will replace the IEP / Face-to-face / End of Year meeting depending on when it takes place.

National Curriculum	Nurture Pathway	Early Year Foundation Stage	EYFS Nurture Pathway
<p>Literacy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Reading ● Writing ● Speaking and listening 	<p>Literacy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Reading ● Writing ● Speaking and listening 	<p>Literacy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Comprehension ● Word reading ● Writing <p>Communication and Language</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Listening, attention and understanding ● Speaking 	<p>Communication, Language and Literacy Branch</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Listening, attention and understanding ● Language and communication ● Reading ● Writing
<p>Numeracy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Numbers and the number system ● Measure ● Geometry ● Statistics 	<p>Numeracy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Numbers and the number system ● Measure ● Geometry ● Statistics 	<p>Mathematics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Number ● Numerical patterns 	<p>Mathematics Branch</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Routes targets ● Numbers ● Shape, space and measure
<p>Movement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Locomotor skills ● Interaction ● Non-locomotor skills ● Team games / manipulative skills ● Movement concepts ● Fitness knowledge 	<p>Movement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Locomotor skills ● Interaction ● Non-locomotor skills ● Team games / manipulative skills ● Movement concepts ● Fitness knowledge 	<p>Physical Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Gross motor skills ● Fine motor skills 	<p>Physical Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Gross motor skills ● Fine motor skills

National Curriculum	Nurture Pathway	Early Year Foundation Stage	EYFS Nurture Pathway
<p>Science</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Light, Electricity & Sound ● Working Scientifically ● Animals, including Humans ● Everyday Materials and States of Matter ● Living Things and their Habitats (including Plants) ● Earth and Space (Including Seasonal changes, Rocks, Forces & Magnets) 	<p>Science</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Light, Electricity & Sound ● Working Scientifically ● Animals, including Humans ● Everyday Materials and States of Matter ● Living Things and their Habitats (including Plants) ● Earth and Space (Including Seasonal changes, Rocks, Forces & Magnets) 	<p>Understanding the World</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Past and present ● People, culture and community ● The natural world 	<p>Understanding the World Branch</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● People and communities ● The world ● Scientific enquiry ● Information and Communication Technology
<p>Topics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Geography ● History and Religious Education (RE) ● Expressive and Creative Arts (Art and Design & Music) ● Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education, including Relationships and Sex Education (<i>see two separate policies</i>) ● Information and Communication Technology & Computing 	<p>Topics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Understanding the world ● Expressive and Creative Arts (Art and Design & Music) ● Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education, including Relationships and Sex Education (<i>see two separate policies</i>) ● Information and Communication Technology & Computing 	<p>Expressive Arts and Design</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Creating with materials ● Being imaginative and expressive 	<p>Expressive Arts and Design Branch</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Creative performance ● Media and materials ● Design and technology ● Creative expression
		<p>Personal, Social and Emotional Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Self-regulation ● Managing self ● Building relationship 	<p>Personal, Social and Emotional Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Self-care and independence ● Relationships and others ● feelings, behaviours and morals

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Speech and Language Therapy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Attention and listening ● Expressive language ● Receptive language ● Emotional regulation ● Social communication 	Speech and Language Therapy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Attention and listening ● Expressive language ● Receptive language ● Emotional regulation ● Social communication 	Speech and Language Therapy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Attention and listening ● Receptive language ● Expressive language ● Emotional regulation ● Play 	Speech and Language Therapy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Attention and listening ● Receptive language ● Expressive language ● Emotional regulation ● Play
Occupational Therapy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Activity of daily living ● Gross motor ● Fine motor ● Handwriting ● Typing 	Occupational Therapy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Activity of daily living ● Gross motor ● Fine motor ● Handwriting ● Typing 	Occupational Therapy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Self-care ● Sensory processing ● Gross motor ● Fine motor ● Prewriting / handwriting 	Occupational Therapy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Self-care ● Sensory processing ● Gross motor ● Fine motor ● Prewriting / handwriting
Play Therapy (if appropriate)	Play Therapy (if appropriate)	Play Therapy (if appropriate)	Play Therapy (if appropriate)