



Bracken Hill School

Enrichment Policy

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Policy Type: Whole School

This policy is reviewed biennially to ensure compliance with current regulations

The Governors of the school recognise that all staff play a vital role in the achievement of high standards and in providing our pupils with the best opportunities matched to their needs.

Intent

The school's enrichment extra - curriculum aims to provide our students with exciting experiences that will expand their learning out of their own classrooms and into the real world, it plays an essential part in enhancing the educational experience of our students.

As a school we have always been proud of the broad range of extra-curricular opportunities we offer our students; integrating this into the school week reflects the value we place, not just on academic achievement, but student involvement, enthusiasm and personal development.

We intend to provide and expand if possible, the provision of:

- Cultural enrichment e.g. music, art, dance
- Physical enrichment e.g. horse riding, forest schools, team sports
- Personal enrichment e.g. cooking skills, road sense, relaxation

Implementation

The enrichment programme aims to ensure that there is a consistent approach to its planning and organisation. The staff, students and parents are provided with a clear understanding of the role of enrichment within the school curriculum and guidelines are provided to staff to facilitate the organisation and implementation of their enrichment sessions.

Outside providers are invited to contribute to the enrichment programme e.g. professional musicians and artists for one day or weeklong workshops.

Activity planning and coordination

Activity leaders will be asked to provide the following information regarding their sessions:

- Aims of the activity
- Staffing and rooms required
- Any necessary educational visits and paperwork
- A risk assessment where appropriate i.e. horse riding

For activities that take place off site, the lead member will need to complete educational visits paperwork in line with school policy.

For the Friday enrichment afternoons there will be opportunities for all staff to contribute ideas for sessions within their own class. The activities will change each term. The leaders will be asked to provide learning outcomes for the enrichment sessions and to ensure there are opportunities for valuable wider learner appropriate to the pupils.

Health and Safety

The wellbeing of our students is top priority. Enrichment activities can sometimes create unique situations in which health and safety issues are significant due to the type of activity.

Staff are expected to complete a risk assessment in the following cases:

- Sporting activities
- Offsite activities
- Any other activity that involves specialist equipment

Impact

The pupils all show progress within the PSHE/SMSC strand of learning, they are able to experience something different each term which builds on their confidence and self-esteem. These experiences are shared with and built upon with the families and new interests are developed in the wider world.