

Learning is an adventure!

Intent

At Lakeside Nursery and Primary Academy, everyone strives to ensure that all children are happy, healthy and safe.

We are committed to delivering a broad, balanced and ambitious curriculum which enables all children to learn, retain and apply knowledge and skills across all subjects. Children are taught to articulate their thinking and question, reason, debate and challenge.

Children are encouraged to appreciate community and diversity and explore the wider-world around them.

Our school ethos is based on our Lakeside values of: resilience, courage, aspiration and responsibility, with respect at the heart of everything we do.



The Lakeside Learner, which is based on our school values, is an integral part of our school community, displaying all the qualities which we aspire our pupils to develop whilst they journey through their years here. We encourage children to have a love of learning, take risks, develop problem-solving skills and be able to work collaboratively, showing empathy, kindness and respect.





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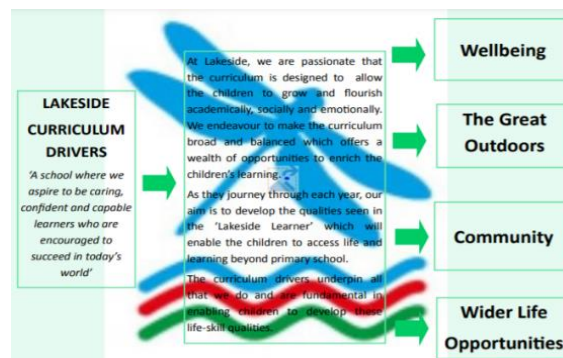
Implementation

In order to develop these qualities, our curriculum is underpinned by four key drivers: Wellbeing, The Great Outdoors, Community and Wider-Life Opportunities. These provide children with a rich variety of learning experiences in all areas and offer opportunities for them to grow and develop the skills of a Lakeside Learner. When our children leave us at the age of 11, we believe that these skills will equip them for life beyond Lakeside. Our curriculum at Lakeside is based around a variety of exciting, cross-curricular topics which engage children in meaningful experiences, both in and out of the classroom. High-quality teaching is planned and delivered using the progression of knowledge and skills for each subject area to ensure that individual needs are met and opportunities for challenge are provided. Engaging, vocabulary-rich lessons are designed so that children are involved in a wide range of collaborative and independent learning experiences which build on their prior learning.

Wellbeing is at the centre of everything we do at Lakeside. We work closely with families and provide a nurturing environment tailored to each child's individual needs through programmes such as: nurture groups, ELSA, zones of regulation, circle times, FAST Group and social stories.

Community links are central to ensuring our children have a broad understanding of the local world around them. As part of a multi-academy Trust, we have close links with the Kite academies, as well as links with other local schools. Our FOLPS committee is an integral part of our school-home community.

As part of our Great Outdoors driver, Lakeside pupils benefit from regular forest school sessions with a specially trained teacher which fosters a love for the outdoors and are key in developing social skills, confidence, problem solving and resilience. We offer an exciting variety of extra-curricular clubs and activities including arts, crafts, creative writing, music, sports and Young Tree Champions. These enable children to develop personal interests, collaborative skills and the opportunity to try new things.



Wider-Life Opportunities form a large part of Lakeside, incorporating first-hand experiences, trips, visitors, residentials and workshops throughout children's time at our school to enrich their learning experiences.

At Lakeside, both adults and children have high expectations and aspirations for learning. Pupils are encouraged to take responsibility for their own learning through reviewing, editing and improving their work. Through regular conversations with the class teacher and weekly target-setting in learning folders, pupils are able to reflect on their progress and take ownership for setting their next steps in their learning journey.

Children's progress is tracked through daily monitoring, feedback and termly assessments which identify strengths and gaps in their understanding and inform future planning. The Kite Academy Trust Assessment System is used to plan, teach and assess the core subjects in line with all academies in the multi-academy Trust, enabling wider moderation standards.



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Impact

The curriculum ensures that when children leave Lakeside, they will be independent, inquisitive, confident and articulate learners who demonstrate positive attitudes to their learning, embracing challenge and exhibiting resilience. Lakeside learners will have secure knowledge and skills across the curriculum in line with national expectations and be able to apply these in a range of contexts.

Children will leave our school with a strong sense of belonging to a close community and will have developed the personal learning and thinking skills that prepare them to be global citizens.

