**The Federation of the Church Schools**

**of Shalfleet and Yarmouth**

**Achieving Together for a Brighter Future**

**CURRICULUM**

**A STATEMENT OF POLICY**

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**CURRICULUM POLICY**

**Aim:**

**The purpose of the Federation of the Church Schools of Shalfleet and Yarmouth is to educate children in an atmosphere of Christian love where all achieve the very best they can, now and throughout their lives.**

#### At the Federation of the Church Schools of Shalfleet and Yarmouth, we aim to meet the needs of all the children through a broad, balanced and exciting curriculum that encourages success. We aim to provide the children with an education that is ‘right’ for them; to celebrate and immerse them in the culture of the Island in which they live and to broaden their cultural understanding through visits to the mainland and providing them with topics which will challenge their thinking. We provide opportunities for children to experience a sense of achievement within all areas of the curriculum. We are committed to providing a high quality education where all children have the opportunity to achieve their full potential in a happy, caring and inclusive environment. Raising the attainment of children across all areas of the curriculum is central to our teaching. We actively promote and encourage a healthy lifestyle.

**Provision**

We follow the statutory National Curriculum 2014, which provides pupils with an introduction to the essential knowledge that they need to be educated citizens.

**Our curriculum will:**

* Provide children with knowledge and skills to become confident individuals, independent learners and responsible citizens both locally and globally
* Prepare children for the opportunities and responsibilities and experiences of later life
* Engender an appreciation of human creativity and achievement
* Provide real life experiences and contexts
* Celebrate the diversity of our world
* Allow and encourage personalised learning
* Nurture the whole child
* Provide spiritual, moral, social and cultural development

**Our Foundation Stage Curriculum:**

This comprises seven areas of learning:

* Communication and Language
* Physical Development
* Personal, Social and Emotional Development
* Literacy
* Mathematics
* Knowledge and Understanding of the World
* Expressive Arts and Design

Throughout EYFS children are encouraged to learn through play, which encourages independent learning. Children are well prepared for their transition into Year 1.

**Organisation of the Curriculum**

At the Federation of the Church Schools of Shalfleet and Yarmouth, we are always reflecting on, reviewing and developing our curriculum to ensure that it best meets the needs of our children.

Our curriculum is topic based with each class has a half termly topic that is designed to inspire learning. Topics include skills and knowledge from the following national curriculum subjects:

* History
* Geography
* Science
* Art
* Music
* Design and Technology

English, Mathematics, Computing, Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education (PHSE), PE, RE and Modern Foreign Languages are taught discretely but linked to the topic when relevant.

Each topic includes a range of enrichment activities to support and enhance the learning. Lessons will use a range of teaching and learning strategies and vary in structure to suit the purpose and encourage independent learning.

Children have access to a range of new technologies and safe access to the Internet to develop next generation learning and enhance our innovative curriculum.

Our curriculum is enhanced by educational visits, inspire days, visitors and community links