Farnborough Road Infant School Arts Policy
‘Learning, Caring and Achieving Together’

At our school we believe that:

At Farnborough Road Infant School we are strongly committed to enhancing all children’s learning, offering them a rich, varied and dynamic creative curriculum. We believe that Expressive Arts and Design encompass a wide range of subject areas and disciplines including Music, Dance, Drama, Art and Design and Creative Writing. We understand how important it is that every child has the opportunity to enrich their thinking and learning in each individual arts subject by acquiring specific skills and appreciation of that area. We strive to ensure links are also made between art forms and that the arts are embraced by all areas learning in our school.

At Farnborough Road Infant School we are committed to providing a rich and varied Expressive Arts and Design curriculum because:

- We aim for all our children, regardless of background, gender, ability or race ‘to achieve their full potential’ (School’s Mission Statement) through a creative and enriching curriculum.
- High quality teaching and enjoyable experiences in the Arts have a positive effect on children’s learning and are contributory factors in achieving high standards at our school.
- Self-esteem and self motivation are increased.
- Skills developed through the Arts e.g. perseverance, communication skills, fine and gross motor control are transferable to other subjects and enhance children’s learning and performance in these areas.
- We are passionate that children have first hand cultural experiences to promote learning but also to ignite a life long connection with the Arts which can truly enhance their life. We are conscious that when we have arts professionals in school that children are enlightened to the fact that a living can be made from working in the Arts sector.
- It is vital that children are aware of the cultural diversity in our world and develop empathy, respect and appreciation of cultures that are different to their own. Our school ensures that our Expressive Arts and Design curriculum, teaching and resources embraces and celebrates our multicultural society.

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| Enjoyable, exciting, enriching arts experiences. | • Provide quality teaching in all arts subjects, using quality resources (see resource section for more details)  
• Provide relevant Arts CPD for all staff and arts specialists  
• Whole school themed annual Arts Week for all staff and pupils to enjoy.  
• Give children opportunities to work alongside experts and professional artists in both phases at least once a year.  
• Provide live theatre and music for all our pupils in each phase |
| Children’s entitlement to the Arts is achieved by nurturing appreciation and valuing the work of artists. | • Provide at least one visit to an Art Gallery during KS1  
• Provide all children at least once a year to a live theatre/dramatic experience. |
| Developing empathy and understanding of other cultures. | • Provide arts experiences where children can learn about and appreciate arts from cultures different to their own, through planned arts activities and cross-curricular links. |
| Encouraging experimentation, risk-taking, creativity, originality and the development of expertise and skills. | • Give children opportunities to explore different art forms and use different mediums. |
| Developing confidence and self-esteem | • Valuing the journey children make as well as the end-product.  
• Celebrating and sharing successes, exhibiting... |
all children’s work.
- Give all children in each Key Stage opportunities to perform in front of an audience.

| Providing additional learning opportunities Including extra-curricular activities | Provide a range of after school and lunch time creative and performing arts activities for the whole school. |
| Developing partnerships | Continue to forge links with other schools and colleges, both local and national
- Encourage parents to participate in arts activities with their children.
- Develop community links. |

| To continue to develop the monitoring, management and evaluation of arts provision. | Creative Development Team to monitor, develop and evaluate arts provision, policies, action plans, resources and assessment procedures and to feedback to SLT and governors. |

**Resources**
- The school aims to provide high quality resources for all art forms and in both phases. We believe the use of quality resources promotes quality responses/outcomes. We believe that all our children are entitled to use appropriate equipment and where necessary we purchase additional specialist resources so all children can access the Arts.
- The Head Teacher and Governors are committed to the Arts and set a budget accordingly. We are extremely grateful to the P.T.A. who make additional funds available for this event and for supplementing live theatre/musical experiences and supporting our annual Arts Week.
- Twice yearly drama and musical performances by the children also provide revenue for Arts resources as well as a donation to our nominated charity.
- There is central storage of Art and Design resources, which are maintained and monitored by ‘The Art Subject Leader’ who is also a member of Creative Development Team.
- All staff has access to centrally stored art books, posters and reference materials, which are regularly added to and updated.
- Our school prides itself with its variety of quality musical instruments and music materials available, which cover a range of cultures.
- Some ‘paying’ after school clubs buy their own resources. ‘Free of charge’ club resources are funded by School Fund.

**At Farnborough Road Infant School we believe that**

All our children have the entitlement to quality arts experiences in Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 in music, dance, drama and art and design, regardless of ability, gender and race.

**Realising your potential and developing confidence by working creatively, imaginatively and skilfully whilst engaged in the arts contributes to your development as an individual but also enhances your role in society.**

**Transferring learning, attitudes, skills and creativity gained from participating in the arts enhances achievements at school and life beyond school.**

**Sharing, celebrating and valuing all our work in the arts is vital.**

This policy will be reviewed regularly.

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