

New Hope Christian School (NHCS) Creative Arts Policy Statement

What are the Arts?

The arts are a means by which we can develop our children's creativity and imagination. At NHCS we are committed to providing such opportunities within visual art, music, drama, dance, creative writing and across all aspects of the school curriculum.

Creative learning environment

In line with our **Teaching and Learning Policy**, we actively work to provide an environment that will enable our children to reach their true potential within and through the arts. To do this we take account of the emotional and physical environment realising that the attitudes of adults working with the children is as important as the space and resources with which they are working.

Aims

At NHCS we aim to provide all pupils with:

- the opportunity to participate in and experience a broad and balanced range of arts activities
- the opportunity to creatively express themselves in and through all art forms
- the opportunity to develop a progressive range of skills and vocabulary relating to specific art forms
- a range of arts activities that develop their social skills, confidence and self-esteem
- arts activities that access other areas of the curriculum and different cultures
- opportunities to foster and develop individual interests in the arts

Curriculum Provision

Our curriculum reflects the importance we place on the arts at NHCS Primary School. All classes have **timetabled sessions** In addition, our focus on developing teaching in everything we do.

Extra curricular Arts Activities

Arts Week

We are committed to providing an annual arts week involving all pupils. The week enables pupils from all year groups to work collaboratively together inspired by a thematic stimulus. We actively encourage parental support and participation in this activity.

Out of School Hours Activities

It is our policy to develop and extend the provision of after school arts facilities. We currently host one Drama groups at the school

Enrichment Curriculum

We are committed to providing a range of enrichment activities for our children and each year group will have at least one visiting artist and make one artsbased off-site visit every year. In addition to this, every **Wednesday** we offer children a variety of arts activities as part of a developing enrichment curriculum. These activities give children the opportunity to develop skills such as film making, puppet making, illustration, sculpture, drama and so on. These sessions are led by artists who work in partnership with the school.

Working with the Community, Partnerships & Visits

We are committed to working in sustained partnership with local arts education organisations.

Learning, Planning, Teaching, Assessment, Evaluation and Progression

In line with our **Teaching and Learning Policy**, the arts are generally planned within phase group planning sessions.

Our annual arts week is planned as a whole staff, including teachers and teaching assistants.

Equal Opportunities and Special Educational Needs

In line with our **Equal Opportunities Policy**, we will provide arts opportunities to all our children, regardless of gender, race, disability or ability to pay (in the case of external visits and visitors). The arts may be used to develop a child's learning in any area of the curriculum, particularly for those with Special Educational Needs, including Gifted and Talented children.

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