

Teaching

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Policy

The policy of Banstead Prep School is to provide exemplary teaching which enables all pupils to increase their understanding and develop skills across the curriculum. Teachers must aim to foster in pupils an interest in their work and an ability to think and learn creatively and become enthusiastic, self-motivated and independent learners. In all areas of the curriculum teaching must encourage effort, be that intellectual, physical or creative. To this end staff must follow the points made in this document.

This policy applies to all teaching staff, including those in the EYFS setting. The document is available to all interested parties on the school's website and in hard copy from the School Office. The school is committed to ensuring that the application of this policy is non-discriminatory, in line with the UK 2010 Equality Act and the school's own Equal Opportunities Policy. Banstead Prep School seeks to implement this Teaching Policy through the procedures set out in the rest of this document.

Curriculum Delivery

Teachers at Banstead Prep School will aim to make every lesson outstanding by:

- enabling pupils to acquire new knowledge and to make good progress according to their ability to increase their understanding and develop their skills in the subject being taught
- fostering the application of effort (intellectual, physical and creative), interest in their work, the ability to think and learn for themselves, and self-motivation
- displaying evidence of well-planned lessons, and effective teaching methods, activities and management of class time
- showing a good understanding of the aptitudes, needs and prior attainments of the pupils, and that these have been taken into account when planning lessons
- displaying a high level of knowledge and understanding by the teacher of the subject matter being taught, and communicate this enthusiastically to pupils
- employing an excellent range of teaching strategies, high-quality resources and activities, thus enabling all pupils to fulfill their academic potential
- ensuring that marking of pupils' work is both regular and thorough and that full records are kept in line with the Marking and Feedback and Assessment, Recording and Reporting Policies.



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- ensuring that pupil assessment is used to inform lesson planning so pupils can make progress, and evaluate pupil performance both in terms of the school's stated aims and national norms
- putting strategies in place to assist pupils with SEND or those who aren't progressing as expected, whether through differentiation, or using the graduated approach or other appropriate strategy to support.
- ensuring a reflective approach to teaching and learning which is evident in planning
- using effective strategies for managing behaviour and encouraging pupils to act responsibly.
- having high expectations of pupils
- creating a stimulating and positive learning environment
- inspiring trust and confidence
- being consistent with the aims of the PSHCEE and policy and the Behaviour Management Policy to manage behaviour and encourage pupils to behave responsibly
- not discriminating against any pupil in any way, in accordance with our statutory responsibilities (Part 6 UK 2010 Equality Act)
- not undermining in any way the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs, and respect for the protected characteristics of the UK 2010 Equality Act

Teachers at Banstead Prep will:

- keep abreast of current thinking and development in their subject area(s).
- assist the Subject Leaders and SLT with the development of appropriate specifications, schemes of work and teaching styles
- refer to and follow systems in the Academic Calendar (see appendix)
- share resources and training materials with colleagues. Any resources made by teachers whilst in the employment of the school are the school's 'intellectual property' and resource sharing is therefore actively encouraged and expected.
- work with the other members of the school to ensure that all resources are well looked after and that the school provides a stimulating environment for teaching
- contribute to school activities, e.g. enrichment work, clubs, societies and trips
- provide or contribute to oral and written assessments, reports and references relating to individual pupils
- attend Parents' Evenings
- use the pupil note system to report achievements, concerns or sanctions and follow up any achievement or concern added for a pupil in their Form or Subject group

- take appropriate action in cases of student absence e.g. sending work home where appropriate or directly contacting pupil
- attend and contribute to relevant meetings when required
- be involved in a House and attend House meetings and supporting House events
- take part in or lead one or more extra-curricular activity
- attend and support assemblies and extra-curricular events e.g. concerts, plays
- meet the health and safety requirements of the school and report any health and safety issues in accordance with the Health and Safety Policy and Fire Safety Policy
- be familiar and implement the First Aid policy and procedure and report to the Assistant Head Pastoral any items used from the first aid kits
- ensure their teaching environment is clean and tidy
- carry out a share of supervisory duties in accordance with published schedules and the Supervision Policy
- be familiar with all key school policies and the Staff Handbook.

Pastoral Care is the responsibility of all members of staff at Banstead Prep School, staff must:

- contribute to the pastoral care and personal development of pupils
- create time for pupils and get to know them as individuals
- support pupils in their extra-curricular activities by trying to attend sporting, musical and dramatic events
- support pupils through maintaining appropriate confidentiality and the highest standards of professionalism
- seek to address the aims of the school as set out in the Pastoral Care Policy and PSHCEE Policy
- report any pastoral concerns to the Form Tutor or in serious circumstances the Assistant Head Pastoral or Deputy Head
- be fully conversant with the Child Protection policy and report any concerns or allegations to the Designated Safeguarding Lead (the Deputy Head, John Abbott) or one of the designated deputies (Sarah Nunn – Head of Pre Prep, inc. EYFS, or Vicky Ellis – Headteacher). This includes having an awareness of the school's Prevent Strategy.
- be aware of pupils on the Special Consideration List and consult the list frequently
- complete registration in line with the school's procedure
- attend welcome/Information Evenings at the beginning of the academic year if applicable



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Professional Development is an important aspect of teaching at Banstead Prep School.

Staff must:

- take responsibility for their own professional development and use the outcomes effectively within school. This includes making the most of opportunities provided within school to learn about using new technologies, especially iPads, to complement the curriculum.
- attend whole school INSET sessions. Part-time staff are expected to attend INSET days on at least a pro-rata basis, even if the INSET falls on days when they are not normally in school.
- complete statutory Child Protection training every three years as well as annual briefings/read material circulated as bulletin items. Volunteers are made aware of the arrangements for such training sessions.

And in all matters teachers must remember that they are setting an example to pupils at Banstead Prep School and their behaviour and dress must reflect this responsibility.

This policy is supported and complemented by:

The Curriculum Policy

The Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Policy

Assessment Reporting and Recording Policy

Behaviour Management Policy

Supervision Policy

Pastoral Care Policy

PSHCEE Policy

Child protection policy

United Learning Student-Staff Relationship letter

Date of next review: September 2019

Appendix

		BPS Academic Calendar 2018-2019		
		SLT	Subject Leaders	Staff
Autumn	1st	PDRs Book Looks		Entering of CM Standards
	2nd	Moderation of CM Standards	Book Looks Review of Termly Data and CM/or equivalent	End of Term Grades and Reports Entering of CM Standards Writing Moderation
Spring	1st	Book Looks		Entering of CM Standards
	2nd	PDRs (Interim) Moderation of CM Standards	Book Looks Review of Termly Data and CM/or equivalent	End of Term Grades and Reports Entering of CM Standards Writing Moderation
Summer	1st	Book Looks		Entering of CM Standards
	2nd	Moderation of CM Standards and Setting of Next Year Targets	Book Looks Review of Termly Data and CM/or equivalent End of Year Subject Reviews	End of Term Grades and Reports Entering of CM Standards Writing Moderation

Specific dates and focus for book looks TBC each term

Ad-hoc book looks will also take place