

Fairchildes Primary School

Able, Gifted and Talented Policy

General Rationale

At Fairchildes we believe that all children should be given the opportunity to achieve their full potential, and we take into account the importance of meeting the needs of each individual child's learning, as well as their social and emotional needs. Therefore we recognise the significance of meeting the needs of those children identified as Able, Gifted or Talented. By providing for the Able, Gifted and Talented children we believe that this will raise expectations and achievements for all.

At Fairchildes we aim to take an inclusive approach as opposed to creating an elite system.

Aims

At Fairchildes we aim to provide:

- Opportunities for the Able, Gifted and Talented children to excel through in-class provision. Teachers know the strengths of the children in their class and plan for this. This includes questioning and ensuring that tasks are differentiated.
- Access for Able, Gifted and Talented children to engage with experts, in specific fields, who have skills/knowledge beyond those of the teaching staff.
- Opportunities for all children to have experiences in and out of class (trips, workshops, clubs etc) that will help themselves and their teachers to identify their strengths, interests, and potential gifts and/or talents.
- Support and advice to Able, Gifted and Talented children and their Parents/Carers in terms of learning, social and emotional needs. (e.g. help Parents/Carers to make contact with outside agencies such as music and drama schools)
- A holistic approach to Able, Gifted and Talented children - recognising the needs of the 'whole' child as opposed to recognising their gift and /or talent in isolation.
- Opportunities for Gifted and Talented pupils to reflect on their own learning and progress.

Gifted and Talented Register:

Our Gifted and Talented Register is updated during the summer term each year prior to transition into the next academic year.

Children will sometimes excel in different subjects at different times and may therefore move on and off the register accordingly. Each year parents are informed as to which subjects their child has been identified in.

As well as in class provision, subject coordinators organise subject afternoons and trips for those who are on the register.

At Fairchildes we appreciate that finances can often prevent a child from excelling in his/her subject. We have therefore linked our Pupil Premium Grant with our Gifted and Talented scheme to ensure that no child at misses enrichment opportunities.