

ELMLEA INFANTS SCHOOL
POLICY FOR INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

Vision:

ICT should provide a stimulating and enjoyable tool which enables high quality teaching and learning to take place. It should allow all children to make excellent progress and enable teachers to teach more efficiently and effectively. Other than for teaching specific skills, ICT should be embedded within each subject area. We are mindful of the rapid rate of progress in the area of technology and aim to keep abreast of advances in order to equip our children with the experiences and skills of ICT that they will use in a rapidly changing technological world. Each child should be able to choose and access ICT related tools and use them with confidence to meet curriculum needs. Staff should be supported by administrative ICT to reduce workload and give a more efficient access to a greater amount of data. The school's ICT infrastructure should be robust and reliable, ensuring efficiency and appropriate access.

Purpose:

1. To ensure that each child has an equal opportunity to increase their knowledge and understanding of ICT and develop sound ICT skills.
2. To ensure that all children leave the school having experienced a range of hardware and software that supports the development of these skills.
3. To ensure that the knowledge and understanding gained from ICT are practised, consolidated and integrated to support learning in numeracy, literacy, science and other subjects across the curriculum where appropriate.
4. To fulfil the requirements of the Foundation Stage and National Curriculum.
5. ICT forms a large part of children's lives, therefore the school will use, develop and enrich children's experiences with Information and Communications technology.

Guidelines

1. Children will experience a variety of software programs in each year group, so developing a level of knowledge and familiarity with computer systems.
2. ICT will be taught by initial teacher instruction, followed by adult support (where necessary), with the goal of enabling the children to work within a group and independently.
3. ICT will be used to enhance the children's learning across the curriculum.
4. Staff will also be expected to develop ICT skills through training and familiarity with ICT systems.

Conclusion:

By the end of key stage 1, it is expected that children will be able to work purposefully and confidently with ICT to achieve specific outcomes.

All policies at Elmlea Infants' School must be read in conjunction with the School Policies for:

Aims & Values of Elmlea, Behaviour, Anti-bullying, Equal Opportunities & Inclusion, Racial Equality, Personal, Social & Health Education and RE.

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