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#### **ABOUT GLF SCHOOLS**



GLF are a trust of 41 schools. Floreat Wandsworth Primary School is one of those schools!

#### Our history

GLF Schools was founded in 2012 in order to enable the federation of Glyn School, an academy since 2011, and Danetree Junior School. Having worked in partnership since October 2010, both schools' governing bodies and leadership teams believed that, as like-minded partners, working in different sectors gave incredible opportunities to the children and students of both schools.

Armed with that simple philosophy, we began our 'journey' — a journey that would help us become a MAT of more than 1000 talented staff working with over 17,000 children in 41 schools across 5 regions in southern England.

#### Our culture

What we say in our motto is true: "Where Children Grow, Learn and Flourish." Each of our schools has its own distinct character and culture which is respectful of its community and context but their utmost common ground is that it is our staff that make each school. Our collective GLF culture is built upon caring for our children and students by enabling our staff to provide the best possible education with the resources at our disposal.

#### Our mission

We have a simple mission:

"To be a supportive community of schools where together we grow, learn and flourish" Click here to find out more about the other GLF schools.

#### Our vision



GLF Schools comprises of 41 primary and secondary schools across five regions overseen by the Regional Schools Commissioners.

Each school has GLF Schools' vision on display:

'Learning and Teaching' is the core purpose at GLF Schools. We are committed to raising the aspirations and achievement of our children and young people through:

- Outstanding leadership at all levels
- Inspiring learning and support for all delivered by dynamic and passionate professionals
- Instilling a sense of challenge, enjoyment and passion for learning
- A curriculum, unique to each school, which suits the needs of its children in their local community
- All children will be supported and encouraged to lead healthy and active lives; making sensible choices whilst respecting the views and attitudes of others

#### Our values

- Appreciative of our children, students and their families
- Commitment to excellent education for all
- Friendly and caring
- Positive and passionate in everything we do
- Honest, open and keep our commitments

#### Our aspirations

GLF Schools holds an ambitious vision for education. Our schools are committed to our core remit of providing an outstanding educational experience so that:

- every child and student is highly valued and expected to achieve their full potential no matter what their socio-economic background
- all children will enjoy their learning, attain high outcomes and be supported in becoming confident individuals and responsible citizens whilst making excellent progress
- all children will benefit from an inclusive ethos, excellent teaching and a broad and balanced curriculum underpinned by strong leadership, in a local school
- all children will be supported and encouraged to lead healthy and active lives, making sensible choices whilst respecting the views and attitudes of others





#### THE LOCAL CONTEXT OF FLOREAT WANDSWORTH



Each of the GLF schools has its own distinct character and culture which is respectful of its community and context but their utmost common ground is that it is our staff that make each school. The Floreat Wandsworth leaders, assisted by GLF partners and the Local Governing Body, are constantly reviewing the needs of the community and adapting our approach which is based on an inclusive environment for everyone where all children flourish.

- Since 2015 we have served a very special community. The families within Wandsworth work hard and are highly ambitious. They have high expectations of their children.
- Parents have told us that they want their children to be confident, aspirational and be the best that they can be.
- The families within this area do everything they can to provide the best possible life experiences and opportunities for their children. A number of our parents were born locally and went to school within the local area.
- The school community is represented by 13 different religions and 26 different languages.
- 1 in 4 pupils receive Pupil Premium. Pupil premium is funding to improve education outcomes for disadvantaged pupils in schools in England. Evidence shows that disadvantaged children generally face additional challenges in reaching their potential at school and often do not perform as well as other pupils.
- Our families represent 18 of the 19 ethnic groups outlined by the government.
- The London Borough of Wandsworth is the 11<sup>th</sup> most densely populated area out of 317 English districts. A large number of families live in flats without any immediate access to outdoor space.
- We are one of the closest schools to Wandsworth Town Hall and a short journey from St George's Hospital, one of the largest hospitals in Europe.

- Earlsfield Train Station is a 5-minute walk away and the train to London Waterloo takes 15 minutes.
- Wandsworth has the 4<sup>th</sup> lowest rate of unemployment out of the 32 London Boroughs.
- Many of our parents are civil or public servants such as school staff, NHS staff, hospital workers and local authority employees.

#### WHAT IMPACT DOES THE CONTEXT OF THE SCHOOL HAVE ON OUR VISION?

Our vision is based on **every child flourishing** and meets the local need to be an **inclusive** school where all children will make difference - no matter what their background or circumstances may be. Disadvantaged pupils are given every opportunity to bridge any gaps within their learning with tailored support.

The learning approach of Core Skills, Knowledge and Character suits the needs of our ambitious families. **High expectations** are set by all school leaders and are a key part of our growing reputation. These high expectations radiate through the school team and out into our community of pupils and families.

The school team recognise the importance of celebrating our diverse community and that our pupils and families must have their voices heard. The curriculum is designed to enrich the pupils' knowledge and support them to develop a secure sense of the world around them.

We also place an emphasis on **outdoor play and learning** as our context means that our pupils have limited access to outdoor space (we do go outside in every type of weather though!).



**CORE SKILLS:** Pupils will have confident & accomplished skills in English & Maths as well as the ability to think creatively & critically. High expectations for all.



#### OUR LEADERSHIP APPROACH

As leaders create a happy and safe culture where all members of our school community can thrive.

Leaders always focus on what is effective for the learners. The leaders must be able to model fun, pacey, challenging and creative learning opportunities to the teachers.

'Academic excellence, educational equity and fairness demand a strong foundation of knowledge for all learners.' E.D Hirsch



# SKILLS

### CHARACTER **EVERY CHILD FLOURISHING**



#### KNOWLEDGE: Our

interdisciplinary curriculum ensures that explicit links are made between the different subject areas as children move through the curriculum, maximising both retention of learning over time and the understanding of how knowledge is used in the wider world to solve problems.

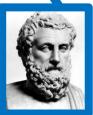




**CHARACTER:** Pupils will master character virtues such as bravery, service, honesty & gratitude. Our nurturing approach helps to support pupils to reveal their character virtues. High expectations for all.



'Character is that which reveals moral purpose, exposing the class of things a person chooses or avoids.' Aristotle



#### **OUR TEACHING APPROACH**

The teachers must provide fun, pacey, challenging and creative learning opportunities for all pupils every day.

Teachers must use their own intuition to assess how their pupils learn best and adapt the learning to suit the needs of those pupils.



#### **OUR THREE FACULTIES**



CORE SKILLS	ENGLISH	MATHS	PREPARATION FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL	
KNOWLEDGE	HISTORY	SCIENCE	GEOGRAPHY	
KNOWLEDGE	COMPUTING	RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	ART, DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY	
	PERSONAL, EMOTIONAL & SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT	READY FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL	OUT OF THE CLASSROOM EXPERIENCES	
CHARACTER	PHYSICAL EDUCATION	SPANISH MUSIC		
	DANCE	MINDFULNESS	DRAMA	

Our curriculum choices are all based on **inclusion** where every child will flourish. We pride ourselves on our inclusive approach led by **Mrs Styles** (Head of Inclusion).

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#### INTENT

#### **IMPLEMENTATION**

#### **IMPACT**

Pupils will have confident & accomplished skills in English & Maths as well as the ability to think creatively & critically. The most effective schemes and approaches to learning are used to supplement the learning experiences of the pupils. SoundsWrite, Talk4Writing and a mastery approach in Maths are all used alongside our commitment to fun, pacey and creative teaching and learning.

Agreed English and Maths expectations to reaching the minimum standard of 'good+' teaching are set by the senior leaders. Outstanding teaching and learning expectations are also set through team teaching, modelling and lesson studies.

Teachers visibly encourage discussion and maximum participation from all pupils.

Family Learning, Curriculum Overviews, Home Learning, Remote Learning Plans (if required) and our Handbooks set out expectations for our families and pupils. Maximum participation is expected by all families.

Based on pupil, staff and parent feedback there is a strong culture of independent reading and accessing new knowledge alongside our Character and Knowledge approaches. Age relevant writing skills are displayed in all books across the curriculum and the emphasis on language and acquiring a Confident Voice ensures EAL and SEN pupils make rapid progress.

Our mastery approach in Maths ensures pupils are challenged effectively and any gaps in learning are quickly closed.

All pupils make 'good+' progress from their relevant baselines. Phonics data has always been very strong and well above the national average.

#### interdisciplinary curriculum ensures that explicit links are made between the different subject areas as children move through the curriculum. maximising retention of learning over time and the understanding of how knowledge is used in the wider world to solve problems.

Pupils work collaboratively each term towards creating a final project outcome, utilising the knowledge and skills that have been developed during the learning journey. All pupils from Nursery to Year 6 will complete a project for each of the 6 half terms.

Leaders plan a whole year on the basis that pupils should complete their primary education with a wealth of general knowledge, along with the selfconfidence and skills to use it.

Knowledge is showcased in books, projects, class discussions and quizzes. Pupils acquire knowledge and skills at a much greater rate as a result of the clarity of what they need to know.

The learning environment is focused with all teachers ready to ask thoughtprovoking questions that extend pupil's thinking skills. Staff have a distinct interest in developing their own subject knowledge and are conscious of extending the vocabulary they use with our pupils.

#### master character virtues such as bravery, service, honesty & gratitude. Our nurturing approach helps to support pupils to reveal their character virtues.

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Our approach to Character originates from Aristotle and the understanding that our character virtues develop, and are revealed, over time.

Pupils engage in daily discussions about the character virtues they are displaying or need to display. All staff expect outstanding attitudes to learning and this is echoed in all areas of the school.

The Positive Framing and the Calm School approaches are a feature throughout the school so that pupils learn within a nurturing environment.

Through explicit character lessons and the focus on character around the school pupils are very knowledgeable about the different virtues and the virtues they need to be successful in and out of school.

Pupils persevere because they are given motivating and challenging experiences. Pupils are intrinsically motivated to model outstanding behaviour in and out of the classroom. As a result, they are ready to learn at a quicker rate as time is only spent focusing on learning.



#### **OUR EDUCATIONAL OFFER**

OUR CORE VISION & PURPOSE	CHARACTER: Pupils will develop a mastery of a variety of character virtues, such as service, love and kindness, self-control and dignity & creativity. As pupils progress through the school they will develop their virtue knowledge before graduating to reasoning and then practice. This virtue practice is continually reinforced through meaningful praise, guidance and correction to help support children to demonstrate these character virtues independently.  CORE SKILLS: Pupils will have confident & accomplished skills in English, Maths & Science as well as the ability to think creatively & critically.  KNOWLEDGE: Pupils will have a deep knowledge & understanding of the essential facts about our world. Our curriculum is carefully designed to prepare pupils for secondary school.
THE EARLY YEARS	We establish an outstanding balance within the Early Years between formal & informal learning, inside & outside learning and teacher-led & child-initiated learning.  We support pupils to focus on school routines & secure pupil/staff relationships. These skills enable pupils to flourish academically and socially with the Early Years and beyond.
	We help inspire pupils to develop their talents & passions. We support & challenge pupils in equal measure to ensure they become the best version of themselves.  We support pupils to ensure they are able to talk confidently about their interests & passions and also be knowledgeable & articulate when debating about current affairs in class, as a year group or in a public speaking forum.
PREPARATION FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL	Our pupils will take part in Enterprise Week. This will help to develop children's understanding of different jobs, how money is spent in designing products and how they can contribute to a range of activities that help them to become more enterprising.  Verbal (words & text) & Non Verbal (pictures and diagrams) Reasoning preparation for secondary school. This helps pupils to develop their analytical and problem solving skills.  Interview preparation for secondary school and beyond e.g. presentation, conduct, listening carefully to the question being asked and the ability to ask relevant questions to the interview panel. This is a life skill we want all pupils to master.  Pupils will engage in secondary school taster sessions to help prepare them for the transition to secondary school.
PERSONAL, EMOTIONAL & SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT	At Floreat Wandsworth Primary School, we believe that Personal, Emotional and Social development helps to give pupils the knowledge, skills and understanding they need to lead confident, healthy, independent lives, in order to become informed, active and responsible citizens.  The work we do in PSHE links directly to our approach within Character Education and is considered a vital part of our curriculum offer. It is taught an age-appropriate way throughout each academic year. Our curriculum choices are supported by Jigsaw which is a programme of study designed to support a whole-school approach. Jigsaw PSHE provides a detailed and comprehensive scheme of learning for ages 3 - 11.  As part of the National Curriculum we must promote the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs. Classroom debates, wider curriculum work and assemblies form a large part of our educational offer when promoting British values.
ENGLISH	Phonics: Our learners take part in a quality first phonics programme called Sounds-Write to enable children to learn the skills required to blend, segment and manipulate sounds. It is a very highly structured, multi-sensory, incremental and code-oriented, instructional approach to teaching children to read and spell. In EYFS and Year 1, pupils will read books linked to Sounds Write. Readers will then continue to progress through a banded reading scheme with a wide range of books and become confident and fluent readers in UKS2.

Reading: Our readers are exposed to a range of high quality, age-appropriate texts (fiction & non-fiction) and are equipped with the tools to tackle unfamiliar vocabulary and material through explicit teaching. Children participate in book talk, including evaluating the author's use of language, how this can affect the reader as well as expressing their own opinions. We ensure the books we read as part of our reading curriculum and in our books corners are representative of our wider school community and reflect the diversity of our childrens' lived experiences.  Writing: Our writers are taught using The Talk for Writing approach. This approach enables learners to write independently for a variety of audiences and purposes within different subjects. This is achieved through children internalising the language structures needed to write by 'talking the text', as well as close reading. Learners move from dependence towards independence, with our teachers using shared and guided practice to develop the ability in children to write creatively and powerfully.
We ensure that our mathematicians receive an inclusive maths curriculum in all key stages which promotes mathematical fluency and reasoning with a focus on progress of all pupils. Pupils will engage in rich mathematical discussions and use mathematical vocabulary to support their understanding. Our pupils will gain a bank of strategies and the mental fluency to confidently solve mathematical problems in a range of contexts. Additionally, pupils can work towards achieving badges to reflect their number knowledge including '10-10' and '144' badges.
Our curious scientists are provided with a variety of opportunities for scientific discovery, enquiry and exploration. Every child at Floreat will be taught the necessary skill of mastering rational explanation whilst developing a real excitement about natural phenomena. Learning is made accessible for each pupil through the stimulating, resourced lessons and challenging but enjoyable scientific experiments.
<ul> <li>Our Historians will:</li> <li>Be inspired and curious to know more about the past, igniting a love for history, preparing them with the essential knowledge they need for Key Stage 3.</li> <li>Look in some depth at local, national and world history, understanding the causes of significant national and global events. Pupils will explore the connection between significant events and people and how they have influenced the modern world.</li> <li>Develop an understanding of how the past is constructed and contested. Learning about what a historian does, looking at different sources as well gaining an appreciation and understanding of what it means to be a historian.</li> </ul>
Our geographers are inspired by the world and its inhabitants. Our teachers equip pupils with disciplinary knowledge on topics such as natural and human environments, together with an understanding of the Earth's physical and human processes. Projects are a key feature of the learning process and help develop our students' substantive knowledge.
The study of different religions contributes to the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of pupils and supports wider community cohesion. Pupils will learn about the main religions of the world which include Christianity, Islam, Judaism, Hinduism, Sikhism and Buddhism. Additionally, pupils will also learn about humanism. Within each religion, pupils will learn about key figures as well as different beliefs and practices, including festivals, forms of worship, rituals and ways of life, in order to find out about the meanings behind them.
We ensure that all pupils become digitally literate - able to use, and express themselves and develop their ideas through, information and communication technology (incl. coding). To support this digital literacy, pupils have access to iPads and now have their own logs for the Chromebooks. Pupils are supported in making links with mathematics, science and design and technology. E-Safety information will always be relayed to pupils in every year group in an age-appropriate way e.g. pupils in Year 5 will be taught about the importance of communicating kindly online and how to create a secure password.

At Floreat, we teach Spanish to broaden children's minds to the wider world and we firmly believe that the skills acquired by learning a new language can present children with a wide array of varied opportunities later in life. To support our Spanish learning, we use the resource 'Language Angels', an interactive approach underpinned by speaking and listening activities (such as song, games and drama) which helps children acquire key Spanish vocabulary and ultimately construct full sentences.
PE lessons focussing on activities such as gymnastics, football & tennis will be delivered by PE specialists. They will inspire all pupils to succeed and excel in competitive sport and other physically demanding activities. PE helps to build character and helps to embed values such as fairness & respect. PE subjects will change on a half termly basis for all year groups.  Competitive Sporting Fixtures will be organised against local schools e.g. archery, netball & athletics. Dignity and humility will be always be our character focus during these events.  Swimming lessons for all pupils will be provided by the end of Year 6. Pupils will be able to swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres.
Our artists will apply their imaginations and creativity within different projects to develop new skills throughout each year as they build on their knowledge. Using their individuality, they will gain a passion for art through designing and exploring different art materials. They will be inspired by various artists from around the world mastering a range of skills.
Drama:  Our actors are provided with a range of opportunities to showcase their wonderful drama skills throughout school. Drama activities promote a Confident Voice, which is essential for later life. At Floreat, we use drama to explore every Talk 4 Writing text to bring them to life in a fun, engaging and creative way. Additionally, we use drama across the curriculum to aid children develop their performance skills as well as internalise a vast array of importance information.  Dance:  We believe that dance is a uniquely expressive way to explore the physicality of our bodies and engage creatively with music. Throughout their time at Floreat, our dancers will progressively develop their skills from Nursery to Year 6. Dance fosters teamwork as well as independence and also helps to develop flexibility, strength, technique, control and balance in a fun and creative way.  Music:  At Floreat, we believe that music fosters a sense of confidence, harmony and teamwork. We inspire our children to develop a love for music and provide a safe environment for them to showcase their creativity and self-confidence. We provide the children with a wide variety of music genres to explore throughout the year, aided by the Charanga Musical School Scheme of Learning. To develop them further as musicians we offer additional music tuition opportunities through music tuition, such as Whole Class Teaching of Violin/Viola in Year 3 and Djembe in Year 5. Moreover, the children have many performance opportunities such as assemblies and festive concerts.
Local area walks & day trips will enhance the learning opportunities provided within school e.g. museums or landmark visits.  Our character, core skills and knowledge vision will be enhanced through carefully planned residential / overnight trips e.g. a camping trip to the New Forest.  Outdoor learning opportunities are available all year round e.g. gardening or using the outdoor stage. All pupils spend at least 8 hours a week at school enjoying activities outside.
This is a key part of Floreat Wandsworth's ethos, as reflected within our Calm School Code. We have integrated mindfulness within our daily routines by including two Brain Breaks a day and encouraging the children in elements of behavioural regulation, as supported by Zones of Regulation. Each classroom is equipped with a Regulation Station, which provides them with calming tools to enable them to restore self-control and manage their emotions to achieve the best outcomes in their learning, as well as having a positive impact upon their long-term psychological well-being.



#### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



Curriculum documents	What do the documents aim to do?	When can parents view them?	Are they for the whole school or individual year groups?	Where can I find them?
1. OUR CURRICULUM VISION	To give parents an overview of expectations and progression from Nursery to Year 6.	Autumn 2023	Whole School	These document are found on the
2. YEARLY OVERVIEWS	To deliver a plan of the expectations and progression within each year group across a whole academic year.	Autumn 2023	Year Groups	website under the Curriculum heading. All documents can
3. TERMLY OVERVIEWS	These overviews will provide parents with a detailed plan of learning so parents can effectively support their child at home.	At the beginning of each half term (6 times a year).	Year Groups	be printed upon request - please see the Office Team for printout requests.

Who has contributed or will contribute to this overview?

We have gathered evidence and feedback from all of the staff and colleagues of GLF Schools who have been influential in establishing the Knowledge part of our vision.

Key contributors will also include the pupils and parents. Pupils will contribute during assemblies and class discussions. Curriculum feedback from parents has also been collated via written and verbal contributions. Please feel free to email your feedback to us by emailing office@wandsworth.floreat.org.uk

#### Which documents support this vision?

- Our own Character Curriculum underpins all the academic and wider curriculum work we do: www.floreatprogramme.org.uk
- We follow the National Curriculum. The following link helps to understand the National Curriculum for pupils in Year 1 to Year 6 in detail: www.gov.uk/national-curriculum/key-stage-1-and-2
- We also follow the expectations set out within the Early Years Foundation Stage Framework: www.gov.uk/government/publications/early-years-foundation-stage-framework--2
- Our Yearly Overviews for each year group give staff, pupils and families a plan of the expectations and progression within each year group across a whole academic year.
- \* The Termly Curriculum Overviews for each year group will continue to give parents a detailed account of the learning throughout the school year. These will occur every half term (6 times a year). You can find examples of the Termly Curriculum Overviews on our website: www.floreatwandsworth.org.uk/Year-2

#### Which study programmes do you use for English?

We use the education study programmes SoundsWrite and Talk4Writing to support the teaching and learning of the core subjects. You can find out more about these programmes by clicking on the logos below.

#### What is the GLF Curriculum?

This academic year (2023-24), we launched a hugely ambitious and exciting new trust-wide curriculum for Art, Design Technology, Geography, History & Science: GLF CURRICULUM | Floreat Wandsworth

The curriculum has been reviewed, refined and successfully tested over the years and provides children and staff with a powerful and unapologetically ambitious start to their educational journey. Our interdisciplinary curriculum ensures that explicit links are made between the different subject areas as children move through the curriculum, maximising both retention of learning over time and the understanding of how knowledge is used in the wider world to solve problems.

The new curriculum has been designed to revolutionise teaching and learning in our school: the children work collaboratively each term towards creating a final project outcome, utilising the knowledge and skills that have been developed during the learning journey. All pupils from Nursery to Year 6 will complete a project for each of the 6 half terms. These projects are based on the following titles:

Autumn 1: How can data help us understand the world around us?

Autumn 2: Can I design and build a structure using my knowledge and understanding of a historical period?

Spring 1: Can I design and construct a product using my knowledge and understanding of the engineering process?

Spring 2: Can I create a piece of art based on a period of history?

Summer 1: Can I develop an understanding of the living world around me? Summer 2: Can I explore cultures and celebrations from around the world?

Do your chosen programmes of study tell teachers exactly what & how to teach?

No, the schemes only supplement and support the learning around the school. The teachers must provide fun, pacey, challenging and creative learning opportunities for all pupils every day. Teachers must use their own intuition to assess how their pupils learn best and adapt the learning to suit the needs of those pupils. These are non-negotiables for all staff.

Our partnerships support our curriculum offer. Please click on the links to find out more about the people and organisations we work with.













