

# Clarendon Primary School, Nursery & Children's Centre **Display Policy**

'Doing our best to achieve our best'

#### Introduction

It is essential that our own organisation and presentation is of a high standard and consistent throughout the school. We believe that it is a good way of showing children that we value them and their work highly and that it is important to take pride in what they do.

### **Key objectives**

- To provide support for all staff
- To provide a framework for a whole school approach to display
- To inform parents and governors about the importance of display

#### <u>Aims</u>

- To ensure that all members of staff are aware of the importance of display and careful presentation of children's work
- To give each child a sense of pride and achievement when they see their work displayed
- To ensure that school displays are of similar high quality
- To celebrate the learning of pupils, arouse curiosity and extend learning

### The purpose of display

- To create a stimulating and attractive learning environment
- To visually convey the ethos of the school to children, parents and visitors
- To celebrate achievement and offer an audience for children's work
- To give purpose and value to children's work
- To encourage a positive attitude towards learning and the school's learning environment
- To reflect our multicultural society
- To show progression through the key stages
- To give children support and guidance with their learning
- To model the quality and standard of work we expect
- To demonstrate to all who visit the school the types of the work / learning pupils are engaged in
- To provide pupils with a clear model, with useful resources, to support their independent learning

#### General Guidelines to ensure consistency across the school

- Ensure that the variety and balance of the curriculum is well reflected in the learning environment
- Ensure displays are changed regularly and reflect the teaching, learning and current interests of the class as well as the abilities and aspirations of the class and class teacher
- 3D work as well as 2D work needs to be reflected. Remember things can be hung up to make a change from the walls
- Posters, information about topics etc should be used as well as children's work, to promote teaching points and extend learning and children's interests
- Work surfaces must be clutter free and used for interactive display where possible
- Information and resources, such as key words, must be displayed to aid explanation and the children's learning
- Questions should be displayed to extend the children's thinking. (A mixture of interactive and openended questions should be aimed for)

- Examples of high quality children's work should be displayed to reflect high expectations
- Ensure all work is kept straight! (Unless the intended outcome of the display warrants something different)
- Children's writing and small detailed drawings should be displayed at children's level, where possible
- Captions / labels must be large, clear and mounted and, work is being displayed in a communal areas, should include the class' name
- All work for display should have the child's name written clearly on it
- All displays must include a brief description of the work and, where possible, questions to encourage the viewer's engagement
- All writing, by adults, must follow the school's handwriting policy
- Encourage children to regularly look at, read and discuss work on display, both in class and around the school
- All work should be at least single mounted, using appropriate coloured paper, with an equally sized border all the way around the item being displayed

#### **Questions to think about**

- What is the best use of the space available?
- How can you lay out the work to give the best effect?
- Which colours will enhance the work?
- What sort of labeling will you use / work best?
- What artefacts can be used to 'hook' in learners?
- Is the display at the children's level?
- Does the display raise in need and inspire?
- Does it clearly convey information to children / parents / visitors?
- Does it encourage children to interact?
- Does it promote SMSC?
- Does it reflect our cultural diversity?
- Does it reflect the age and stage of the children's learning?

#### **Changing displays**

- Displays should be changed <u>at least</u> termly to reflect the particular topics being covered in each class throughout the year
- They should show work in a variety of subject areas, with the subject clearly labelled / identifiable
- Teaching staff have a commitment to reflect their class and its diversity in their displays.

#### An overview of classroom displays

As the surroundings in which children learn can significantly influence their educational performance and well-being, classroom environments are extremely important. The layout, displays and resources within the classroom all play a vital role in shaping the children's learning so please ensure you have:

- Appropriate resources clearly labelled and accessible
- Appropriate learning resources on each table to aid the children's independence learning, such as alphabet charts, handwriting cards, phonics mats, maths toolkits and relevant writing frames / sentence starters etc
- Displays and language which reflect the diversity of cohorts within your class

#### A class information board with the following information:

- A weekly timetable
- Up to date class and school timetables
- Any group or sets lists (Literacy, Maths, Guided Reading, Topic)
- Classroom monitor jobs
- Photographs and information of children with allergies / medical needs
- Class behavior recording chart

#### The following must also be displayed / stored somewhere in your classroom:

- Date
- Class Name
- School rules
- Class Code of conduct
- Home school agreement
- Marking code
- School motto and values
- Growth Mindset display
- Learning wall space/s
- Fire drill / lockdown information
- Security and safeguarding information
- Team points / reward incentives

#### The use of learning walls

Within classroom learning environments working walls are used to support children's learning by acting as an aide memoir to discussions and relevant prior learning, a learning model or a resource through the display of e.g. high quality language, sentence starters or calculation strategies.

To ensure learning walls have the highest possible impact, they should:

- Be relevant to the topic being studied and the task being completed (after which they should be removed / taken down)
- Be clearly presented, with their purpose understood by all learners
- Model working practices and e.g. calculation strategies in line with school policy and practice
- Act as a good role model to the children, e.g. in terms of presentation, content, working methodology and editing
- Be referred to throughout the lesson
- Be created with the children during the lesson as this helps ensure children link them to their learning and use them to support independent working

#### **Policy monitoring and Review**

This policy will be monitored and reviewed by the School Leadership Team (SLT).

Date reviewed by governing body: Spring term 2019
Date due for review: Spring term 2022

## **Appendix 1**

**Displays around the school**To ensure that all displays are current and continuously stimulate and engage the pupils, we have a rolling schedule for updating displays around the school.

Boards	Display type	Staff member/s responsible	Completion date
Hall (Back wall boards to be allocated to year groups)	Christmas / winter scene / Christmas productions	Class teachers / Curriculum groups	First week in December
Values and Mottos	Termly themes	SLT	Autumn 1 Spring 1 Summer 2
Corridors outside classrooms	Current learning, special events, trips, completed work	Class teachers	Change as required by SLT / Class teachers (at least termly)
ICT Suite	ICT Progression / learning	Computing Subject Leader / curriculum group	Autumn 2 Spring 2 Summer 2
Staffroom stairwell	Growth Mindset Residential visits	SLT/Residential visit leader School Council Subject Leaders /Curriculum groups	Updates
Year 6 stairwell	History / Geography	Subject leader	Updates
Outside school office	Whole school display	SLT	Annually