

# Warren Wood Primary Academy and The Evergreen Centre Geography Policy

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## Mission Statement

*“To nurture and develop all people in our Trust so that they reach their full potential academically, vocationally, and personally, including being positive role models for future generations in the community. We will achieve this by providing high quality values-based education that cultivates employability and life skills making our schools the first choice for young people, parents, carers, staff and employers.”*

## Values

The values of Respect, Excellence, Collaboration, Independence, Perseverance, Enjoyment, Leadership, Integrity and Care are central to everything we do at the Skills for Life Trust.

## Statement of Equality

We have carefully considered and analysed the impact of this policy on equality and the possible implications for pupils with protected characteristics, as part of our commitment to meet the Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED) requirement to have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations.

## Intent

We want our pupils to be excited and engaged by our Geography Curriculum, for it to provide an insight into the world around them.

We aim for our pupils to be global citizens who respect their environment and the people who inhabit our planet. We want them to gain perspective on how they can impact the issues that arise from a changing world, to have the skills to challenge how change could have implications for the ways in which we live.

We promote a cross curricular approach to encourage children to make links and consolidate and embed skills to develop and expand their understanding of how Geography is not a stand-alone subject.

However, where discrete teaching is more appropriate teachers are encouraged to teach it as a focused Geography lesson.

Children’s knowledge, understanding and skills will be developed through high quality teaching of the four key strands of Geography (locational knowledge, place knowledge, human and physical

geography and geographical skills and fieldwork).

## Aims

- The national curriculum for Geography aims to ensure that all pupils:
- develop contextual knowledge of the location of globally significant places – both terrestrial and marine – including their defining physical and human characteristics and how these provide a geographical context for understanding the actions of processes.
- understand the processes that give rise to key physical and human geographical features of the world, how these are interdependent and how they bring about spatial variation and change over time.
- are competent in the geographical skills needed to:
- collect, analyse and communicate with a range of data gathered through experiences of fieldwork that deepen their understanding of geographical processes
- interpret a range of sources of geographical information, including maps, diagrams, globes, aerial photographs and Geographical Information Systems (GIS)
- communicate geographical information in a variety of ways, including through maps, numerical and quantitative skills and writing at length.

## Supporting SEND Children Across the Curriculum including the Evergreen Centre.

We adapt the curriculum and learning environment for pupils with SEND: Warren Wood Primary Academy & Evergreen Centre prides itself in being inclusive and will endeavour to support every child regardless of their level of need. All pupils follow the National Curriculum at a level and a pace that is appropriate to their abilities. At times and when it is felt appropriate, modifications to the curriculum may be implemented.

To successfully match pupil ability to the curriculum there are some actions we may take to achieve this:

1. Ensure that all pupils have access to the school curriculum and all school activities.
2. Help all pupils achieve to the best of their abilities, despite any difficulty or disability they may have.
3. Ensure that teaching staff are aware of and sensitive to the needs of all pupils, teaching pupils in a way that is more appropriate to their needs.
4. Assess arrangements are considered and monitored by the SEND Team.
5. Pupils to gain confidence and improve their self-esteem.

6. To work in partnership with parents/ carers, pupils, and relevant external agencies in order to provide for children's special educational needs and disabilities.
7. To identify at the earliest opportunity, all children that need special consideration to support their needs (whether these are educational, social, physical, or emotional)
8. To make suitable provision for children with SEND to fully develop their abilities, interests, and aptitudes and gain maximum access to the curriculum.
9. Ensure that all children with SEND are fully included in all activities of the school in order to promote the highest levels of achievement.
10. To promote self-worth and enthusiasm by encouraging independence at all age and ability levels.
11. To give every child the entitlement to a sense of achievement.
12. To regularly review the policy and practice in order to achieve best practice.
13. To ensure that we provide a language-rich environment and use resources such as Widgit to create communication boards for some pupils.
14. Access to a variety of resources to link their learning to real life contexts within their community.

We understand that children learn and develop in different ways. Teachers and teaching assistants recognise this and use different teaching styles, and resources and plan different levels of work in the classroom to cater to the various ways children learn.

## Implementation

The teaching and implementation of the Geography Curriculum at Warren Wood Primary Academy is based on the National Curriculum and focuses on skills progression. Geography is taught as part of a half-termly topic, with all objectives planned carefully to ensure progression of skills and knowledge across the school. The children's learning is enriched through themed days, trips and visits to the local area.

## Key Stage 1

Pupils should be taught to:

### Locational knowledge

- name and locate the world's seven continents and five oceans
- name, locate and identify characteristics of the four countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom and its surrounding seas

### Place knowledge

- understand geographical similarities and differences through studying the human and

physical geography of a small area of the United Kingdom, and of a small area in a contrasting non-European country

## Human and physical geography

- identify seasonal and daily weather patterns in the United Kingdom and the location of hot and cold areas of the world in relation to the Equator and the North and South Poles
- use basic geographical vocabulary to refer to:
  - key physical features, including: beach, cliff, coast, forest, hill, mountain, sea, ocean, river, soil, valley, vegetation, season and weather
  - key human features, including: city, town, village, factory, farm, house, office, port, harbour and shop

## Geographical skills and fieldwork

- use world maps, atlases and globes to identify the United Kingdom and its countries, as well as the countries, continents and oceans studied at this key stage
- use simple compass directions (North, South, East and West) and locational and directional language [for example, near and far; left and right], to describe the location of features and routes on a map Geography – key stages 1 and 2.
- use aerial photographs and plan perspectives to recognise landmarks and basic human and physical features; devise a simple map; and use and construct basic symbols in a key
- use simple fieldwork and observational skills to study the geography of their school and its grounds and the key human and physical features of its surrounding environment.

## Key Stage 2

Pupils should be taught to:

### Locational knowledge

- locate the world's countries, using maps to focus on Europe (including the location of Russia) and North and South America, concentrating on their environmental regions, key physical and human characteristics, countries, and major cities
- name and locate counties and cities of the United Kingdom, geographical regions and their identifying human and physical characteristics, key topographical features (including hills, mountains, coasts and rivers), and land-use patterns; and understand how some of these aspects have changed over time
- identify the position and significance of latitude, longitude, Equator, Northern Hemisphere, Southern Hemisphere, the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn, Arctic and Antarctic Circle, the Prime/Greenwich Meridian and time zones (including day and night)

### Place knowledge

- understand geographical similarities and differences through the study of human and

physical geography of a region of the United Kingdom, a region in a European country, and a region within North or South America

## Human and physical geography

- describe and understand key aspects of:
  - physical geography, including: climate zones, biomes and vegetation belts, rivers, mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes, and the water cycle
  - human geography, including: types of settlement and land use, economic activity including trade links, and the distribution of natural resources including energy, food, minerals and water

## Geographical skills and fieldwork

- use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate countries and describe features studied
- use the eight points of a compass, four and six-figure grid references, symbols and key (including the use of Ordnance Survey maps) to build their knowledge of the United Kingdom and the wider world
- use fieldwork to observe, measure, record and present the human and physical features in the local area using a range of methods, including sketch maps, plans and graphs, and digital technologies.

## Impact

Our Geography curriculum is high quality, well thought out and planned to demonstrate progression. The quality of work within children's books is regularly assessed to ensure appropriate pitch and challenge. We aim for all children to be equipped with the geographical skills and knowledge needed for the curriculum at Key Stage 3 and for life as an adult in the wider world.

## Review

This policy will be reviewed each summer to ensure it remains a true reflection of practice at Warren Wood.