

Quality of Education

Judgements on the quality of education by
evaluating the extent to which:

Our Lady of the Rosary

Intent

Leaders take on or construct a curriculum that is ambitious and designed to give all learners, particularly the most disadvantaged and those with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) or high needs, the knowledge and cultural capital they need to succeed in life.

Our Lady of the Rosary's curriculum is constructed to meet the needs of all pupils. Disadvantaged pupils are planned for. Each curriculum subject is designed and tracked from Nursery to Year 6, where key concepts, knowledge and skills are in place to ensure that pupils learn more and remember more. The curriculum has enrichment activities built into it where the children visit external settings or external visitors support the in-school curriculum.

The provider's curriculum is coherently planned and sequenced towards cumulatively sufficient knowledge and skills for future learning and employment.

The curriculum at Our Lady of the Rosary has been based on what the children need to know at the end of each year group and stage of their education. History, Geography, Computing, Music, Art and Design, Design and Technology, Spanish and Science have been planned and sequenced through Bishop Chadwick Catholic Education Trust and are sequenced to lead directly into the KS3 curriculum. The pupils can articulate how the lessons that they are being taught links to other areas of the curriculum and their past, present and future learning.

The provider has the same academic, technical or vocational ambitions for almost all learners. Where this is not practical – for example, for some learners with high levels of SEND – its curriculum is designed to be ambitious and to meet their needs.

All pupils at Our Lady of the Rosary have access to the same curriculum; support is given to those pupils that need it. The support ranges from adult support to classroom resources. Some SEND pupils have a personalised curriculum which is ambitious and is designed to ensure full coverage is in place.

Learners study the full curriculum. Providers ensure this by teaching a full range of subjects for as long as possible, 'specialising' only when necessary.

The children at Our Lady of the Rosary have access to a broad and balanced curriculum which is not thinned down. All subject areas have an allocated amount of timing spread across the weeks and terms



Implementation

Teachers have good knowledge of the subject(s) and courses they teach. Leaders provide effective support, including for those teaching outside their main areas of expertise.

Teachers at Our Lady of the Rosary have a clear programme of training in place. This is provided internally, externally and through Bishop Chadwick Catholic Education Trust. Subject leaders are well trained in their fields and ensure that this is disseminated down to other members of staff. Early Career Teachers are partnered up with a senior teacher within the same year group and are provided in-school training and training from the Appropriate Body.

Teachers present subject matter clearly, promoting appropriate discussion about the subject matter they are teaching. They check learners' understanding systematically, identify misconceptions accurately and provide clear, direct feedback. In doing so, they respond and adapt their teaching as necessary, without unnecessarily elaborate or differentiated approaches.

The curriculum design with Our Lady of the Rosary has been implemented and constructed to weave assessment for learning activities in. Progress is measured both quantitatively and qualitatively; misconceptions are addressed quickly and accurately. Short term planning is developed to allow teaching to be adapted through the early identification of difficulties.

Over the course of study, teaching is designed to help learners to remember in the long term the content they have been taught and to integrate new knowledge into larger concepts.



In the revised 2019 Education Inspection Framework and the 2021 Handbook progress is redefined as: 'pupils knowing more and remembering more'

At Our Lady of the Rosary, we have introduced subject revision clocks in each classroom from Y1 to Y6.

KS2 pupils also create their own knowledge clocks which include the key vocabulary they have learned, the key knowledge and any other interesting facts. These are used effectively to link and build upon prior learning. By referring to class and Individual displays, children are reminded of key knowledge from previous learning.

They are able to refer back to previous learning and make links to new learning.

Displays in the classrooms also act as a learning aid for pupils to refer to.

Other strategies include:

Starting by igniting a pupils' prior knowledge, (within subject, other subject or personal)
When possible, provide stimulus from different stimuli

Get pupils to **repeat** what their understanding of the task is to their partner

Ensure pupils are provided with opportunities to reflect on their learning (this should involve some form of presentation)



Teachers and leaders use assessment well, for example to help learners embed and use knowledge fluently or to check understanding and inform teaching. Leaders understand the limitations of assessment and do not use it in a way that creates unnecessary burdens for staff or learners.

Assessments are completed daily as part of the formative assessment procedures. Each class has a separate assessment folder, and assessment information is tracked on iTrack. Termly Pupil Progress meetings are completed and support is rapidly put in place. At Our Lady of the Rosary, assessments are purposeful and ensure that they are beneficial to both staff and pupils.

Teachers create an environment that allows the learner to focus on learning. The resources and materials that teachers select – in a way that does not create unnecessary workload for staff – reflect the provider's ambitious intentions for the course of study and clearly support the intent of a coherently planned curriculum, sequenced towards cumulatively sufficient knowledge and skills for future learning and employment.

The classrooms within Our Lady of the Rosary have clear development areas on the walls. Y1-Y6 classrooms have working walls for English, Maths and RE. Geography, History and Science have revision clock displays. Teacher workload is consistently reviewed. Working walls are used to support the learning and are taken directly from the daily lessons. Classrooms are well resourced. EYFS classrooms are zoned to capture the key areas the learning.

A rigorous approach to the teaching of reading develops learners' confidence and enjoyment in reading. At the early stages of learning to read, reading materials are closely matched to learners' phonics knowledge.

All classrooms in Our Lady of the Rosary have a designated reading area. We have a good selection of 'Dandelion books' which are decodable in line with our 'Sounds write' approach; books have been purchased and are interwoven into the early curriculum. Our Lady of the Rosary has a phonics lead who works closely with the English lead EYFS leads. Some pupils in KS2 are supported with decodable books and additional phonics lessons where needed. The school holds a reading week every year where the enjoyment of reading is brought to the forefront of our curriculum.

Impact

Learners develop detailed knowledge and skills across the curriculum and, as a result, achieve well. Where relevant, this is reflected in results from national tests and examinations that meet government expectations, or in the qualifications obtained.

Results in classes are strong and where pockets of attainment are lower than the expected standard, the progress measures are high and are easily identified in tracking systems, pupils' books and pupil voice.



Learners are ready for the next stage of education, employment or training. Where relevant, they gain qualifications that allow them to go on to destinations that meet their interests, aspirations and the intention of their course of study. They read widely and often, with fluency and comprehension.

Guest speakers are brought into school along with past pupils. Links across the curriculum are embedded with links to future careers. The lowest 20% of all readers in each class get daily intervention, so that all pupils can leave the primary school with the ability to access the reading materials that will support them in the next stage of their education.