



Curriculum rationale

At Wantage CofE Primary school we develop happy, resilient and ambitious pupils who are well-equipped to move on to their secondary education.

Our school and church communities value every child as both a learner and as an individual. We follow Christ's example in how we work with each other and care for our world.

We provide the foundations of learning in a wide range of subjects and inspire ambition by giving children insight into what is possible.

Through using our 'Growth Mindsets', we promote unlimited aspirations and develop the skills to achieve them.

The Wantage curriculum:

Provides a high level of challenge (critical thinking, philosophy, leadership & teamwork, morality & ethics, deeper thinking and subject mastery)

Expects and rewards significant effort (Growth Mindsets)

Ensures that children take great pride in their work (reflects their very best efforts in: creativity, presentation, content, quality, quantity)

Connects our school to the outside world through social, moral, spiritual and cultural development (Politics, ecology, social networking, business, economics, religions, the Arts, education across the world etc)

Has a distinctly Christian ethos (takes Christ's example as the model for how we should live)

Develops the characteristics of effective learning (Positivity, resilience, exploration, taking risks, curiosity, reflection, becoming proactive, responsibility, self-reflection and high self-esteem)

Promotes excellence in everything, encouraging learners to be aspirational (manners & social skills, academic, sporting, creativity, technology)

Incorporates and values the wide-ranging interests of its pupils (giving children a voice and promoting children's happiness and well-being)

Provides opportunities to grow high levels of trust in our pupils (Risk identification and management, additional responsibilities, moral and social conscience, caring for others, practising democracy, demonstrating tolerance and respect)

Teaches a high standard of English through every subject (using ambitious vocabulary, a wide range of English grammar, accurate structure, cursive handwriting and accurate spelling)

Ensures that children are proud to participate in 'The Wantage Way' (taking ownership of their own learning, reflecting on what they have done well and identifying next steps, developing responsibility and resourcefulness and a willingness to take risks in order to learn, respect and care for each other, are ambitious and highly motivated)