

# Chapel Street Community Primary School



## Curriculum Parent Session – January 2019

WOW! Thank you to all the parents and carers who came to our Curriculum Session with Clive Davies, OBE, on Tuesday last week. It was very encouraging to have nearly 80 of you there to find out more about your child's learning and our new curriculum.

Please see below for a brief overview of the information shared and questions asked.

Our next Curriculum Session for parents will focus on the 'Values' at the heart of our school.  
We would love for you to join us:

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February at 2:00pm**

### Information from Clive

- A new Ofsted Framework will be used from September 2019.
- This will still require schools to ensure children are successful in Reading, Writing and Maths but will have a stronger focus on wider curriculum areas than before – for example science, history, geography, art, design technology and computing.
- We were given a grading of 'Requires Improvement' in our last inspection (2017) and are working hard to achieve 'Good' as soon as possible.
- A priority for our improvement has been raising standards in basic skills for all children and promoting Literacy across the curriculum – all children must be able to read and write in Standard English and meet age related expectations for maths. We will continue to do this.
- A further focus, since September has been providing a broad, rich, balanced, engaging and ambitious curriculum that is challenging for all children.
- Our new curriculum prioritises: Shared experiences; High quality texts; Rich vocabulary; Questioning; Independence; Knowledge; Community links; Resilience and developing character.
- We now use a 'Mastery approach' where we differentiate for children's needs by challenge and support but the content is largely the same for all.

### Questions from parents

- **Is all the focus on academic learning? What about things like resilience?** Our curriculum has a strong focus on children's holistic development including social, moral, spiritual, character, British values and emotional wellbeing. This is delivered through PSHCE, assemblies, enrichment activities and the wider curriculum. We greatly value this side of all children's education.
- **When will there be more workshops for parents?** We have had feedback from parents that you would like more workshops in school to learn with your children and see how we do things in school. There is a Reflection day every half term for all classes. There will be other dates across the year but please speak with your child's class teacher if there is something in particular you would like to know. They will be happy to help.
- **What is happening at Chapel Street for the changes to Sex Education?** Last year the DfE completed a consultation on their proposed changes to Sex Education for Primary and Secondary schools. This will include Relationships Education in all Primary Schools which will be compulsory for all children and 'Sex and Relationships Education' in Secondary Schools. We are waiting for the DfE to publish the outcomes of their public consultation – following this, there will be consultation with parents in the Summer Term to inform our curriculum starting from September 2019.

## How can you grow your child's knowledge at home?

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