

# Curriculum Policy Whole School

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**Policy area:** Teaching and Learning

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This policy will be reviewed in full by the Head of School on a yearly basis, or more frequently if there are changes in policy. This policy was last reviewed and agreed by the Head of School on 5th September 2018. It is due for review in August 2019.

## Signed

Rod Jackson  
Head of School

Date: 27<sup>th</sup> August 2019



## Overview

### Policy statement

International Community School's curriculum underpins the School's Vision and Mission. The school is committed to an academically challenging and balanced curriculum following the frameworks of the International Baccalaureate's three programmes (PYP, MYP, and DP) whilst meeting the needs of all children whatever their background and abilities.

### Purpose/Rationale

The School caters to the needs of individual children of both sexes from all groups, including the most able and those who require Student Support. Embedded in our curriculum offer to students is facilitating their acquisition of knowledge, skills and qualities which will help them to develop intellectually, emotionally, socially,

physically, morally and aesthetically, so that they may become independent, responsible, useful, thinking, confident and considerate members of the community.

### **Applicability**

This policy applies to all ICS teaching staff, parents and students.

### **Statutory guidance**

Independent School Regulations (2014)

SMSC Development of Pupils in Independent Schools (Dfe, Nov. 2014)

The Primary Years Programme: A basis for Practice (IB, 2009)

General Regulations Primary Years Programme (IB, 2014)

Statutory Framework for Early Years Foundation Stage (Dfe March 2017)

Guide to the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme IB, (2016)

The IB Middle Years Programme (IB, 2016)

This policy has links with the following ICS policies:

- Academic Integrity
- Assessment and reporting policy (Primary and Secondary)
- Behaviour and anti-bullying policy (Primary and Secondary)
- Whole School Inclusion Policy
- Early Years Foundation Stage Policy (Primary)
- Language Policy (Primary and Secondary)
- Performance and Career Management System (Secondary and Primary)

### **Access**

This policy is available on request from the School offices. We also inform parents and guardians about this policy when their children join ICS, through our newsletters and our website. The policy is provided to all teaching staff (including temporary staff and volunteers) at induction alongside our ICS Professional Code of Conduct.

### **Failure to comply**

Teaching staff are expected to be familiar with this policy. Failure to abide by it will result in intervention by the Senior Leadership Team.

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# Curriculum Policy

## 1 Objectives

- 1.1 We make provision for the academic, spiritual, social, moral, cultural, physical and creative development of our students in order that they become successful world citizens.
- 1.2 Through multidisciplinary approaches we nurture the development of our young learners in the following ways by :
- 1.3 We create and maintain an exciting and stimulating learning environment by exploring diversity and its value in mediating multiple perspectives.
- 1.4 We provide children with learning opportunities in a variety of environments, locally, nationally and globally.
- 1.5 We provide learning environments which are inclusive and ensure the physical and emotional wellbeing of all children
- 1.6 We ensure that each child's education has continuity and progression
- 1.7 We develop intercultural understanding and fostering differentiated learning approaches to enable children to achieve their very best.
- 1.8 We cultivate dispositions and attitudes that reflect both British values and internationally-minded values which challenge all kinds of prejudice and stereotyping
- 1.9 We develop academic literacy, numeracy and information technology skills to enable them to be successful 21<sup>st</sup> Century learners.
- 1.10 We recognise the crucial role which parents play in their children's education and make every effort to encourage parental involvement in the educational process

## 2 Written, Taught, Assessed Curriculum

- 2.1 All parts of the ICS curriculum is adapted from the Programme Standards and Practices mandated by the International Baccalaureate The curriculum is developed to ensure that students learn how to:
  - 2.2 Demonstrate the ability to self-reflect and self- evaluate to become assessment capable learners

- 2.3 Think and solve problems mathematically in a variety of situations using concepts of number, algebra, measurement, shape and space, and handling data
- 2.4 Listen and read for a variety of purposes and be able to convey their meaning accurately and appropriately through speech and writing for a variety of purposes
- 2.5 Adopt a scientific approach to problems, develop an enquiring mind and explore their individual interests
- 2.6 Communicate their knowledge and feelings through various art forms including art/craft, music, drama and be acquiring appropriate techniques which will enable them to develop their inventiveness and creativity
- 2.7 Learn about geographical, historical and social aspects of the local environment and national heritage and be aware of other times and places and recognise links between family, local, national and international events
- 2.8 Retain a connection with their cultural heritage through the unique expressive power of language, be it a modern language or a mother tongue/home language.
- 2.9 Develop the ability to make reasoned judgements and choices, based on interpretation and the evaluation of relevant information from a variety of sources
- 2.10 Demonstrate the Early Learning Goals as appropriate in all of our nursery and reception students

### **3 Social, Emotional, Spiritual**

- 3.1 We aim to make provision for the academic, spiritual, social, moral, cultural, physical and creative development of our students in order that they become successful world citizens.
- 3.2 Students and staff are guided by the IB learner profile attributes
- 3.3 Students will be adaptable; know how to solve problems in a variety of situations; know how to work independently and as members of a team
- 3.4 Students are able to build healthy relationships with their peers and sustain those friendships
- 3.5 Students are empowered to assert themselves confidently and value student's voice
- 3.6 Students are able to construct a set of moral values, such as honesty, sincerity, personal responsibility, on which to base their own behaviour
- 3.7 Students understand their actions and the consequences they may have

- 3.8 Students care for and take pride in their work and in their school
- 3.9 Students develop an appreciation of others no matter what their background or abilities
- 3.10 Develop agility, physical coordination and confidence in and through movement
- 3.11 Students know how to apply the basic principles of health, hygiene and safety
- 3.12 Students are provided with opportunities to engage in service to the community
- 3.13 Students understand the connections between themselves, the curriculum and the environment, locally, nationally and globally, using these connections to enhance their learning
- 3.14 Students are prepared for the challenges and opportunities of life as a world citizen
- 3.15 Students cultivate dispositions and attitudes that reflect both British values and internationally-minded values which challenge all kinds of prejudice and stereotyping
- 3.16 Students develop academic literacy, numeracy and information technology skills to enable them to be successful 21<sup>st</sup> Century learners.
- 3.17 Students recognise the crucial role which parents play in their children's education and make every effort to encourage parental involvement in the educational process

#### **4 Roles and responsibilities**

- 4.1 Each division of the school has an assigned curriculum coordinator
- 4.2 The principals of each school line manage the curriculum coordinators to ensure that the curriculum adheres to our policy and beliefs
- 4.3 Teachers are responsible for planning, adapting, and modifying the curriculum to meet the needs of all students
- 4.4 The curriculum that is provided to every child ensures student progress in all areas
- 4.5 All teaching support staff must have a strong understanding of the curriculum and are involved in the teaching and assessing as appropriate

- 4.6 Students are expected to be involved in their own curriculum goal setting to ensure progress and their understanding of their own learning
- 4.7 Parents are expected to engage in their child's curriculum through a variety of ways depending on the needs of the child and the curriculum area

## **5 Monitoring and review**

- 5.1 The written curriculum is modified and reviewed with the permission and guidance from the appropriate curriculum coordinator
- 5.2 The curriculum is reviewed annually to ensure vertical and horizontal alignment across subject areas and can be modified with authorization from the curriculum coordinators
- 5.3 The coordinators monitor the daily, weekly, and long-term curriculum planning of all teachers to ensure that they match our policy and beliefs

## Reference(s)

IB Programme Standards and Practices

<http://www.ibo.org/globalassets/publications/become-an-ib-school/programmestandards-and-practices-en.pdf>

Independent School Standards and Regulations 2014

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2014/3283/schedule/made>

SMSC Development of Pupils in Independent Schools 2014

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/improving-the-smsc-developmentof-pupils-in-independent-schools>

Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage 2017

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/335504/EYFS framework from 1 September 2014 with clarification note.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/335504/EYFS_framework_from_1_September_2014_with_clarification_note.pdf)

IB Middle Years Programme 2016 <http://www.ibo.org/globalassets/digital-toolkit/brochures/my-programme-brochure-en.pdf>

Guide to the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme 2016

<http://www.ibo.org/globalassets/publications/recognition/dpguideforuniversities-en.pdf>