

Trinity Nursery School

ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES POLICY



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Signed by the Principal: _____

Signed by Chair of Governors: _____

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1	25.05.21	S. Alexander	Previously named Policy for Healthy Eating and Enrichments Activities. This is now a stand-alone policy with only reference to the Healthy Eating Policy.



Introduction

This document describes the Trinity Nursery Schools' Enrichment Policy. This is endorsed by the Board of Governors, used by all staff, both teaching and non-teaching and is available on our website. This policy was devised by the Principal and will be monitored and reviewed on an annual basis.

Rationale

In order to extend the learning opportunities and curricular themes your child will experience; we offer a wide and varied range of Enrichment activities which may include:

- A range of 'real' or natural materials used in their play, e.g., real vegetables to wash and chop in the home corner, pasta, rice or bark as sensory alternatives in the sand tray.
- Cooking activities allow the children first-hand experience of following a recipe, working together and finally tasting and eating the end result. We regularly make soup, buns, scrambled egg, soda bread etc which offers the opportunity for budding scientists to explore dissolving and mixing, quantities and capacity.
- Growing a wide range of vegetables in our vegetable patch and having a super range of planters – all of which the children help to tend and sometimes the children may bring the produce home.
- Planting hyacinth bulbs, sunflowers, marigolds, cress seeds and beans.
- Experimenting and creating models with different craft materials such as clay, papier mache, dough and our favourite 'gluck'.
- Caring for butterflies, snails, crickets and worms throughout the year to develop the children's understanding of minibeasts and life cycles. through snails and crickets.

We have many visitors to the school to enrich our curriculum themes. Some examples which may occur dependent on availability and interests of the children:

- Hedgehogs and owls visit during our Autumn theme.
- The Ark Farm brings their Small Animal Roadshow when we are learning about Spring and New Life.
- RSPB comes with their Bird and & Garden Mat and Minibeast Road Show.
- The People Who Help Us Theme is enriched with visits from PSNI, Fire Fighters, Ambulance Service, Library, Recycling Education, Vets etc.
- We extend the children's understanding of their culture and cultural diversity by celebrating St Patrick's Day with dancers and musicians and occasions such as The Chinese New Year with a banquet and dressing up.
- We extend the children's physical development through our Football Coaching Programme and Yoga.

There are many special times celebrated in Nursery which may include:

- End of theme celebrations.
- Your child's birthday will be marked with a very special cake.
- Santa visits during our Christmas party where all the children will receive a present.
- The Easter Bunny pays a surprise visit and leaves an Easter egg for each child.
- We celebrate Mother's Day and Father's Day.
- We have a Christmas Nativity and Graduation Ceremony during the year when parents are treated to wonderful entertainment and hospitality if possible.

As evidence of the children's achievements, at Trinity Nursery School we take photographs throughout the year and use them as part of displays around the school for the children and parents to enjoy. We also use photographs and upload them to each child's online learning journals using the Seesaw Class App. This is used to record the children's learning and progress throughout the year, as well as to communicate with our families. We also use these photographs to put together a digital memory book for each child which is presented to them at the end of the academic year. They are a lovely keepsake and contain some of the most memorable times the children have experienced during their time at Trinity Nursery School.

The cost of the activities and visitors outlined in this policy are met through our Enrichment Fund. We aim to make school activities accessible regardless of family income and to offer these activities throughout the nursery year. Therefore, we ask parents to support us by agreeing to pay the sum of £6 per week. This will



be paid half termly or weekly and receipts will be issued if required. By making payment to the school your child can avail of the healthy snack (please see our Healthy Eating Policy for further information on our website) and enrichment activities we offer on a daily basis.

**** Trinity Nursery School will endeavor to celebrate and carry out the above mentioned activities but will be mindful of government legislation and guidance at that time and plan accordingly.***

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