

## Fairfield Endowed CE Junior School

### Library Policy

#### Rationale

The provision of a well-stocked and well-maintained library and library areas are essential in a primary school. Being able to use a library is a skill for life and it's hoped that, not only will it encourage children to increase their individual reading; it will also encourage children and parents to use the facility within the local community and see a purpose to its existence.

The library caters for the learning and recreational needs of the children, parents and teaching staff. The library is a special place in school and all its activities reinforce the school's programme of study, it is an essential feature of the school's curriculum.

#### Aims

- To inspire children to have a love of books and of reading.
- To provide a collection of resource materials to meet the educational and recreational needs of the children, parents and staff.
- To provide opportunities for children to develop the skills needed for effective, independent and information retrieval.
- To enable children to learn and practice skills related to the efficient use of a library or other research base.
- To provide an area where there are many opportunities for cross curricular work.

#### Planning

All classes have a timetabled slot in the week to swap home readers with the school's librarian/s. Children are encouraged to choose books appropriately matched to their ability. We encourage children to change books regularly so that they establish a routine for reading. Staff remind children on how to look after books and provide children with a plastic wallet for transporting to and from home.

If classes wish to use the library for specific activities, slots can be booked in advance using the displayed timetable on the wall.

#### Learning Outcomes

##### Lower School

Children will have begun using the library for book exchange and for locating books for research purposes. They will be developing skills in skimming and scanning texts for information and retrieval; developing their note-taking skills; mastering their knowledge of alphabetical order and other ordered systems.

All children in lower school will also have the opportunity to join the local library in Buxton.

## Upper School

Children will be expected to use the library facilities more independently both for research and leisure purposes. Mastery of key skills in skimming and scanning texts for information and retrieval as well as being able to make notes and cross reference information from one source to another will be being exercised.

Older pupils will also be expected to support younger, less experienced readers in how to use the library for different purposes.