

## **Lyndhurst School Policy for the Gifted and Talented**

**Aims –** To ensure gifted and talented children are appropriately challenged.  
To identify children with areas of special ability.

**Definition -** Top 5-10% of children in each year group  
(regardless of overall spread of ability)

### **Provision at Lyndhurst**

Children are generally taught in mixed ability groups, although “setting” in Maths and English may occur from Year 4 upwards, if the Class Teachers and D.O.S. consider it would benefit the particular year group. In other year groups (from Reception – Year 3) staff provide extension work within the class for children who are identified as gifted and talented. Higher expectations from staff also provide challenge for these children (e.g. differentiation by outcome especially in English tasks).

Teachers aim to provide a curriculum to challenge the whole ability range, including the gifted and talented. Differentiated tasks and homework as well as questioning at deeper levels of understanding help meet the needs of these children.

A Register of gifted and talented children is kept by the Co-ordinator and a discussion of their individual abilities and possible ways of meeting their needs is held at the start of the school year. The Register is not made available to parents and pupils are not told that they are on the register. This is to avoid unnecessary “pressure” being put on the children identified as gifted and talented to out-perform their peers.

Special provision for children who are gifted and/or talented in fields such as Sport, Music or Art is made in response to the needs of individual pupils as identified by the staff who teach them.

**Resources:** There are some reference books for staff kept by the gifted and talented Co-ordinator.

**Teaching Resources** e.g. for extension work in Maths and English are kept in individual classrooms and include the following:

**Maths:**  
Spotlight Series

**English:**  
Comprehension Books 1-4

Ideas for helping to challenge the gifted and talented children can also be sought from the Subject Co-ordinators and/or Gifted and Talented Co-ordinator.

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