

Child Development - Curriculum Intent

At OHA our Child Development curriculum intent is:

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Broad and balanced	All students have the opportunity to study all subjects on the National Curriculum including PSHE and SRE. This should allow all students to develop emotionally, intellectually and creatively and provide an opportunity to follow their own journey towards their own aspiration.	The aim of our Child Development curriculum is to equip students with sound knowledge and skills needed for more specialised study in Childcare or Health & Social Care at KS5 or beyond. We aim to provide opportunities for students to discover how children grow and develop whilst understanding the diverse circumstances that can affect a child's development.
Preparation for the future	We believe that all students should have the skills, knowledge and understanding to have a successful Key Stage 4 and open doors to both Post-16 study and future employment.	Our Child Development curriculum aims to give learners the opportunity to develop sector-specific knowledge and skills that support learners on their journey into post 16 opportunities – i.e KS5 courses, primary school teaching, child nursing and social care degrees. We aim to ensure that all students: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand and explore the characteristics of children's growth and development • Develop and understanding of how children learn through play • Investigate how a child learns, develops and adapts through play.
High aspirations:	We have designed a curriculum which is enjoyable, ambitious and motivates all students including SEND and the most disadvantaged towards lifelong learning.	The Child Development curriculum has been designed to follow a 3 block structure; explore, develop, apply. This allows students to build on and embed their knowledge, supporting SEND students. It facilitates knowledge recall whilst enabling students to grow in confidence before putting into practice what they have learned through various assessment opportunities. EXPLORE: Children's growth and development DEVELOP: How children learn through play. APPLY: Investigate how children learn, develop and adapt through play.
Promotes the Academy values	Our students will demonstrate Respect, Resilience and responsibility throughout their daily life at the academy.	Our Child Development curriculum promotes individuals to take responsibility and ownership of their internal assessments (coursework), ensuring that independent research is completed to enable them to succeed in the assessments set. Students also need to demonstrate responsibility and resilience with regards to meeting strict assessment deadlines. Students will demonstrate respect and responsibility in relation to the language used and attitudes shown towards the various backgrounds and circumstances of the various children being studied throughout the course (Learning Difficulties, genetic conditions etc).
Rich knowledge based	Students will leave OHA following five years of study, fully prepared for a variety of ambitious destinations. By providing students with extended and independent learning, our students will be ready to embrace the wider world around them.	Our Child Development curriculum should allow students leave the academy with the understanding of how children grow and develop between the ages of 0-5 years, the importance of play and how to adapt play to suit the needs of the children. The skills gained from the curriculum will form a solid foundation for a variety of higher education or career paths linked to the Early Years, or Health & Social Care settings.