

### **Curriculum Entitlement Legal Framework**

The Curriculum Entitlement Statement is underpinned by the following legislation:-

- Maintained schools have obligations under section 78 of the Education Act 2002 which requires schools, as part of a broad and balanced curriculum, to promote the spiritual, moral, cultural, mental and physical development of pupils at the school and of society, and to prepare pupils at the school for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of later life. The requirements to actively promote fundamental British values in schools can be met through the general requirement in section 78 of the 2002 Act.
- The requirements for Academies and Free Schools are set out in section 1A of the Academies Act 2010 (broad and balanced curriculum) and the Education (Independent School Standards) Regulations 2014 (spiritual, moral, social and cultural development and active promotion of fundamental British values.
- Under section 405 of the Education Act 1996, parents have the right to withdraw their child from **all** or **part** of Sex and Relationships Education (SRE) provided outside national curriculum science.
- The Equality Act 2010 provides a legal framework to protect the rights of individuals and advance equality of opportunity for all. It is against the law to discriminate against anyone with 'protected characteristics'.
- The Ofsted inspection of the broad and balanced curriculum requirement is covered by Section 5 of the Education Act 2005. (Common Inspection Framework – September 2015)
- Section 13A of the Education Act 1996 requires Local Authorities to ensure that their education functions are exercised with a view to promoting high standards, ensuring fair access to opportunity for education, and promoting the fulfilment of learning potential by every child.
- Section 42A and Section 45A of the Education Act 1997 places a duty on schools to provide independent careers advice for all year 8 to 13 pupils, that inspires and motivates them to fulfill their potential and to be prepared for life in modern Britain.

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