



Gifted & Talented Pupils Policy

St Mary's values the contribution of every member of our school family. We have high expectations of all our pupils, each having their individual learning goal – not just achieving a particular level, but in gaining 'learning skills'; skills which enable all children to become increasingly confident, independent learners. Within this context, we recognise that some children can be identified as 'Gifted & Talented'.

The DFE AND OFSTED define 'gifted pupils' as those with academic ability which places them significantly above the average for their year group. Talented pupils are those with artistic, musical, sporting or dance abilities which are significantly above average. This figure is typically 5-10% of pupils within each year group, although it may vary from year to year.

It is widely recognised that high expectations raise the achievement of all pupils. Provision for gifted and talented pupils therefore usually takes place on the context of whole class teaching. By giving pupils open ended tasks, analysing and evaluating or allowing choice in the way that ideas are presented, for example, children can exploit their natural inclinations and push the boundaries of their learning.

By offering a range of clubs and arranging a variety of educational visits and workshops, from sport to modern foreign languages: from maths games to cookery, children are also given the chance to expand their horizons.

Should you wish to learn more about our provision, a copy of our Gifted and Talented policy is available on request.