

St Chad's Patchway CE VC Primary School

"Learning to love, loving to learn."

Key Principles underpinning Assessment

These principles underpin our school's Assessment policy on how we will assess all children throughout their school career. Staff CPD training will be at the heart of this process.

- It provides clear evidence of children's progress across year groups;
- It provides accurate information on children's progress and determine whether our assessment system is fit for purpose

We believe that:

1. Assessment is at the heart of teaching and learning: it provides evidence to guide teaching and learning and the opportunity for children to demonstrate and review their progress.
2. Assessment is fair: it is inclusive of all abilities, purposeful and appropriate to the needs of the children, and free from bias towards factors that are not relevant to what the assessment intends to address.
3. Assessment is honest and the outcomes are used in ways that minimise undesirable effects; outcomes are conveyed in an open, honest and transparent way to assist children with their learning and the judgements. These judgements are moderated by experienced professionals across the local authority in a shared approach to teaching and learning to ensure their accuracy.
4. Assessment is ambitious: it places achievement in context against nationally standardised criteria and expected standards for which schools and school leaders are accountable. It embodies, through objective criteria, a pathway of progress and development, which supports transition, for every child. It sets high expectations for all learners.
5. Assessment is appropriate: any assessment process should be clearly stated; conclusions regarding the child's achievement are valid (to age, task and to the desired feedback information); it should draw on a wide range of evidence to provide a complete picture of the child's achievement and it should demand no more procedures or records than are practically required to allow children, their parents and teachers to plan future learning.
6. Assessment is consistent: judgements are formed according to common principles; results are readily understandable by third parties and results are capable of comparison with other schools, both locally and nationally.
7. Assessment outcomes provide meaningful and understandable information for children in developing their learning; they help parents in supporting their child with their learning; they support teachers in planning teaching and learning; enable school leaders and governors in planning and allocating resources, and track the child's progress.
8. Assessment feedback should inspire greater effort and a belief that, through hard work and practice, more can be achieved.
9. Assessment will seek to ensure that the school's Christian values and ethos remain at the heart of the process.