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Our Commitment to Personal Development at Cedar Park

Cedar Park prides itself on academic success and the progress that our children make within the core and wider curriculum. However, just as important is our commitment to giving children experiences that help enrich their lives and prepare them for life outside of school.

We follow the Jigsaw scheme of work for PHSE, RSE and RE. However, below are some of the things we do as part of our Personal Development Offer that our outside of our regular teaching:

Sport and Health	• We have our very own **swimming pool**. Children from Year 1 to Year 6 learn how to swim at Cedar Park. • We host **multiple sports clubs** after school. These include Kungfu, boxercise, football, multisport, basketball, archery, badminton, gymnastics and netball. • Our wraparound care is facilitated by **Sports4Kidz**, who are committed to providing sport during after school care. • We play in **numerous inter-school competitive events**. These include competitions in swimming, gymnastics, netball, tag rugby, football and dodgeball. • Every Monday we host a '**Movement Monday'** club. This is an hour dedicated to Pupil Premium children and for children less engaged in physical activity. • All of our Year 5 and 6 pupils have the chance to go through the **Bikability** course, which equips them for all they need when cycling on British roads.

Culture and Religion	• We celebrate **Being Different, Being Equal Week** every year. Each year has a theme that celebrates difference and how difference can enrich a community. Themes have included race, faiths, family types and disabilities. • We are linked to a school in Kenya called **Kombaka School**. We have a long-standing relationship where the two schools share work and experiences. We also have an annual assembly about Kombaka. • We have a monthly visit from a member of our local church, who uses **bible stories** that link to our school behaviours. • As well as these Christian assemblies, we also celebrate different faiths through theme days. Most recently, we celebrate **Yom Kippur Day**, but we have also had **EID Day** and **Diwali Day.**

Charity	• Cedar Park does lots of charitable work. Most of this work starts with an idea from a pupil. Examples of this are our **Hidden Book Swap**, which was done to raise money for Afghan refuges and the **Class Challenges** where money went towards the Pakistan Earthquake appeal. • The school also helps to raise money for the RSPCA, NSPCC, Wycombe Shelter and Children in Need. • Each year, we host a **Harvest Assembly**, where donations are brought in by families and are delivered by pupils to the OneCanTrust.

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Pupil Voice	• Pupil Voice drives a lot of what we do at Cedar Park. Children are consulted with on all elements of the curriculum through our audits. • On top of this, our **School Council** and **Head Pupils** are able to feed information to senior staff about the direction they'd like the school to go in. • Pupils drove our **Going Green Agenda** in 2022-23 and are now very much steering our quest for a **happy, safe and successful lunch time**.
Safety	• Safeguarding is paramount at Cedar Park and runs through our PHSE, RSE, computing, science, PE and swimming curriculum. • We do have themed days that help to reinforce key messages. One of those days is **NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe Day**, which we embrace every year. • KS1 learn about private parts being private during **PANTS day**. We reiterate this message with KS2 children as they get older. • Our annual **Internet Safety Day** is really important and emphasising some of the dangers that children encounter and learn about through our computing and PSHE curriculum. • Year 5 pupils do a **Fist Aid Course** in autumn term. • Year 6 pupils visit **Hazard Alley** so that they can learn to act swiftly in an emergency. • Our older students are taught life-saving as part of our swimming offer.
Music and The Arts	• Every child form Nursery up engages in our music curriculum. Some children do additional **music tuition** in singing, percussion, guitar and piano. • We show up our musical talents in a series of assemblies at the end of the year where singers, drummers, guitarists and pianist display all that they have learnt in front of pupils and parents. • We have a **school choi**r, who perform at school events like the Summer Fayre. • There is plenty of opportunity for performance at Cedar Park through our **Harvest Festival, Remembrance Assembly, Christmas Concerts and Year 6 Production**. • Our Year 4 class have the wonderful experience of performing in the **Wycombe Swan** as part of the Energize Show. • Our Year 5 pupils form a **brass band** that performs to parents in the summer.
Healthy Relationships	• We have an RSE curriculum that goes through the school up to Year 6. • In 2022, we took part in the **Agents for Change** event facilitated by Equaliteach. On the back of this, we now have **MITPs (peer mentors)** who are able to resolve conflict and help find an activity for someone isolated on the playground. Our MITPs are trained by MIND. • We have a **Buddy Bench**, which is a place a child can sit if they need someone to play with. Often our MITPs will notice this and play with them or direct them to a group they could play with.

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Beyond the National Curriculum	At Cedar Park, we are committed to enrichment days. These include: • Mental Health Day • Kindness Day • The Year 6 residential trip to River Dart • Cedar Park Poetry Festival • The Big Bed Time Read • Science Day • History and Geography VR Day
The School Environment	We are so lucky to have spaces in the school that enrich our children's experiences: • A sensory room • A cooking room • An art room • A Forest School • A library • A swimming pool
British Values	• Our core principles are to **Be Kind, Be Inspired, Believe**. We live by these principles. • In order to achieve our key principles, children chose six behaviours that they are rewarded for demonstrating- **co-operation, compassion, courage, passion, perseverance and respect.** • We have a **British Value Award** for each class from Year 1 to Year 6. To achieve bronze, silver, gold, platinum, diamond and headteacher awards, a number of in-school and community-based projects or tasks need to be completed. • We hold annual elections for our Head Pupils and School Council positions. A campaign is followed by a day at the ballot boxes. • We were visited in March 2024 by our local MP, Steve Baker, who answered various question that the children had about democracy. • Our Being Different Being Equal Weeks go beyond 'tolerance' and actively celebrate difference.