Glyne Gap School

Curriculum Guideline 8 (CG8): Guidance for Teaching Core Skills for Functionality- Literacy, Numeracy and ICT

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1. Curriculum Intent

The school aims to teach children the knowledge skills and confidence that will enable them to lead as full, happy and independent a life as possible. Within the school and community, we aim to provide a learning experience that is exciting and challenging and that offers pupils the same curriculum opportunities at an appropriate level, as their peers in mainstream schools. "The ability to communicate, read and write is a fundamental skill to independent living."

The Glyne Gap curriculum is therefore designed to be both incisively relevant to the needs of individual pupils <u>and</u> ensure an entitlement to curricular breadth and balance. To provide a short hand Glyne Gap School uses the term tier 1 to address the former and tier 2 to address the latter. (A full explanation of this is found in Curriculum Guidelines CG1 Curriculum at Glyne Gap - Design & Delivery).

Teaching at Tier 1 is characterised by the Essential Skills for Learning and Life through Communication and PSHE and Core skills for building functionality, through Literacy, Numeracy and ICT. The emphasis on teaching the core skills of literacy, numeracy and ICT is in terms of 'what it can do' to develop pupils' independence and confidence through their functional use to support their learning in school, in the community and their future lives, rather than teaching the skills in isolation.

Communication, Language and Literacy Curriculum Overview

Communication... the Bridge to Literacy

(An Overview)

COMMUNICATION

ESSENTIAL skill for learning and life

Skills learnt are central for pupils to be able to meet their basic needs and to progress nearly all other learning.

An integral pre-cursor for all pupils "literacy"



COMMUNICATION

Once pupils have achieved GGA6 in Communication, they are introduced to early functional literacy skills alongside their continued work within the Communication curriculum.

Pupils working below GGA6 will continue their essential learning in Communication and experience a breadth of literacy experience in their tier2 learning supported working within the engagement profile.

GGA Assessment areas include: Expressive Language, Social Communication & Speech, Receptive Language, Attention & Listening, Comprehension & Imaginative Play



CORE SKILLS FOR FUNCTIONALITY

Functional Literacy

For pupils working GGA7+

Emphasis on teaching the core skill of literacy is in terms of 'what it can do' to develop pupil's independence and confidence through its functional use to support their learning in school, in the community and in their future lives, rather than teaching the skill in isolation.

GGA Assessment areas include: Independence & Organisation, Leisure, Mechanics of Reading and Writing (7-10)/ Independent living (11+) and Core



CORE SKILLS FOR FUNCTIONALITY

Phonics & Early Reading

For pupils working GGA11+

(Pupils demonstrating capacity to develop higher reading skills)

Emphasis on teaching the mechanics of reading (i.e. word reading and Lang comprehension) to support the functional application of literacy. Taught alongside ongoing learning in Functional Literacy.

Assessed using READ, WRITE, INC phonics screening tool & GGA National Curriculum Literacy Based Profile



The <u>impact</u> of this curriculum is that pupils will be able to:-

- Apply their skills of communication & literacy to advocate for themselves, make & express informed choices to the best of their ability
- Apply their skills of communication & literacy to independently access purposeful leisure and vocational opportunities (including where appropriate work) that are meaningful to them
- Maintain and develop meaningful relationships and friendships (including where appropriate using functional technology to keep in touch)

This policy outlines how the Curriculum areas of <u>Core Skills for Functionality</u> are implemented in order to support the achievement of this Curriculum intent and should be read in conjuncture with the Curriculum at Glyne Gap Policy (CG1), Communication & Language Policy (CG5), and Phonics & Early Reading at Glyne Gap (CG18)

2. Communication... The Bridge to Literacy

Communication and Language (along with personal and social development) is at the very <u>centre</u> of SLD/PMLD education and as such our Curriculum. We define it as an <u>Essential Skill for Learning and Life</u>, and is prioritised as such in all pupil's individual learning plans. In our setting, we believe <u>EVERY</u> child is a "Communicator", and should be provided with Outstanding Teaching and Learning opportunities to develop these skills, to the best of their ability.

There is a complex link between communication and literacy. At Glyne Gap we define literacy as reading and writing with a focus on teaching skills for functionality. Communication should not be seen as a separate subject, but as an integral pre-cursor to all literacy development. Although all pupils are working below national standards at key stages 1 and 2, the DFE programme of study (2014) makes explicit: "the National Curriculum for English reflects the importance of spoken language in pupils' development across the whole curriculum- cognitively, socially and linguistically. The document goes on to say that 'spoken language underpins the development of reading and writing'. As such all pupils' development in "reading" is underpinned by and integrated into their learning within the Glyne Gap Curriculum area of Communication.

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3. Curriculum Implementation – Functional Literacy

Definitions & Development of Communication, Language and Literacy

There is a complex link between communication and literacy. In order to understand this link between communication and literacy it is important to have clear definitions of both terms.

Communication:

At Glyne Gap we define Communication as how we interact with others.

Communication incorporates:

- The use of non-verbal methods e.g. listening, looking, facial expression, body language
- how we understand others and the world around us (receptive skills) and
- how we make ourselves understood (expression)

Language:

At Glyne Gap language is described as the comprehension of a vocabulary (receptive language) and how this vocabulary is used (expressive language).

In this setting, \underline{ALL} pupils have difficulties with their Speech, Language and Communication due to the nature of their learning disabilities.

Literacy:

The New National Curriculum (2014) does not contain a definition of literacy, however the English framework divides 'language and literacy' into three sections: spoken language, reading and writing and vocabulary development.

The Department for Education (DfE) does not maintain a definition of literacy as schools are free to develop their own literacy practice around statutory requirements.

Here at Glyne Gap we define literacy as <u>reading</u> and <u>writing</u>, with a focus on teaching skills for functionality.

The development of formal literacy requires a certain level of language skills. All pupils need to establish the pre requisite skills of communication (Essential Skills for Learning and Life) before progressing to early literacy skills (Core Skills for Functionality).

Delivery and Development of Reading

Context

For our pupils reading should be interpreted as any activity that leads to the derivation of meanings from visual or tactile representations, for example, objects, pictures, symbols, or written words... and that these may be accessed visually or through touch. It can provide functional sight vocabulary to enable pupils to be independent within the community. In the Nursery the prime area of Communication and Language and the specific area of Literacy form a central element of the early years curriculum. In Reception and in the Infants, Reading is mainly taught across the curriculum through Communication and Language, and planned for through their IEPs. Reading for Junior pupils is planned for through their IEPs (within Functional Literacy) and is mainly taught as part of class sessions with a focus on functionality. However, there may be opportunities to incorporate some aspects of reading within other sessions, through topic work and through physical development. Reading for Seniors and at the Faculty is incorporated through Functional Literacy linked to developing their independence, which is planned on an individual basis linked to their IEPs and goals, this may be delivered individually, in pairs or small groups and in a range of different contexts, including in the community.

Strategies for teaching Reading - Whole School Approach

For pupils working at GGA9 and below, the teaching of their Early Reading will be delivered through:

- Adopting a Total Communication Approach & providing a Total Communication Environment which includes:
 - providing access to a language/symbols/text rich environment (including the use
 of Communication Stations around the school to ensure resources are always
 available to support reading for meaning)
 - providing a means of handling, using and gaining information i.e. objects of reference, photos, pictures, symbols etc
 - development of listening skills
 - symbolised recipes
 - symbolised/photo instructions/timetables
 - · early phonics e.g. initial letter sounds of pupils' names
 - early word recognition e.g. names, timetable vocabulary
 - introduction of symbol/word topic vocabulary
 - functional sight vocabulary e.g. shopping list
 - Chat books and communication books using photos/ symbols
 - Providing activities which offer a rich and diverse exposure to books and stories for pleasure and an immersive language environment including:
 - providing a culture of reading for enjoyment and leisure
 - Sensory stories and tactile exploration
 - Songs bags
 - Group stories sessions and related activities
 - Personalised reading books (photos/symbols)

For more details of the progression of reading skills, see the Appendix 2: The Communication Ladder & Appendix 3: The Development of Reading skills.

Strategies to support Subject specific Phonics & Early Reading Skills (for higher attaining pupils)

For pupils working at GGA10, and above demonstrating they have the capacity to develop skills at a higher level, we believe that teaching of reading (decoding and encoding written text), supports them to have greater opportunities for their independence, personal autonomy, independent living and work in the future, and as such is a priority area of learning.

For these pupils, We have created the Phonics and Early Reading Curriculum, (taught alongside the whole school curriculum area of Communication & Core Skills for Functionality Curriculum). Through this Curriculum, pupils receive specialist teaching and input in subject specific areas of learning of Phonological Awareness, Word Reading and Language Comprehension, to ensure they have the opportunity to be sufficiently challenged and extend their learning in order to gain the greatest level of independence and personal autonomy for the future.

These pupils are identified through the completion of GGA10 in the Functional Literacy Assessment, and through teacher discussions at Pupil Progress and liaison meetings.

Once identified, formal assessments are completed and specific targets are planned and bespoke 1:1/ small group reading sessions are delivered to support them extending their early reading skills. Reading sessions provide focus opportunities to work on:

- more advanced phonics e.g. initial sounds, final sounds, blending to read CVC words
- Individual Read, Write, Inc programmes
- High frequency word activities
- Comprehension activities

In addition, these pupils will be given home learning with families given additional support to continue this learning at home. This may include:

- Individualised reading books to take home with the expectation of reading at least 3 times per week
- Tricky word boxes
- Additional Reading & Comprehension activities

For full guidance in the delivery of the Early Reading programme of study, please refer to CG18 Supporting the Teaching and Learning of Phonics & Early Reading at Glyne Gap

Delivery and Development of Writing

Context

For our pupils writing should be interpreted as any activity that communicates and records events, experiences, information, thoughts and feelings. This will include selecting the most appropriate form of recording according to pupils needs for example using objects of reference, pictures, photographs, symbols, word stamps, audio recordings and dictation. All relevant ICT and communication aids should be used to foster and support writing. Writing is mainly taught as part of class Literacy sessions for infant and junior pupils and planned for through their IEPs. However there may be opportunities to incorporate writing within topics and through creative arts.

Writing for Senior pupils and pupils at the Faculty will be incorporated through functional literacy linked to developing their independence.

Strategies for teaching Writing - Whole School Approach

The teaching of their Early Writing will be delivered through:

- Tactile exploration
- Mark-making in variety of materials
- Use of mark-making tools
- Opportunities for mark-making through play
- early phonics e.g. writing initial letter of pupils' names
- Introduction of early handwriting skills (e.g. tracing, overwriting, joining dots, copy writing)
- Use of technology e.g. typing, composition using symbols on screen
- Use of photos/symbols/words to recount events, tell stories, answer questions, write captions
- as well as functional skills for independence and leisure, such as form filling, texting, emails and use of the internet

In addition, pupils working at GGA10 or above and engaging in the subject specific Early Reading Curriculum will be given specific support within these sessions for writing activities including letter formation, encoding and appropriate sentence structure. (For more details of the progression of writing skills, see the Appendix 3: The Development of Writing skills).

4. Curriculum Implementation – Functional Numeracy

Delivery and Development of Numeracy

Context

Numeracy is mainly taught as part of class sessions for Infant and Junior pupils and planned for through their IEPs. However there may be opportunities to incorporate some aspects of numeracy within other sessions, through topics and through creative arts. Numeracy for Senior pupils and pupils at the Faculty is incorporated through functional Numeracy linked to developing their independence.

Strategies for teaching Numeracy

Numeracy comprises the three strands of Number, Using and Applying and Shape, Space and Measure

Infant and Junior pupils:

- Providing opportunities for sensory exploration of a variety of objects
- Using number songs and rhymes to engage pupils and develop their understanding of number
- Providing play activities involving a variety of objects and media of different sizes, shapes, colours (e.g. sand, water, stacking objects, bricks, musical instruments, puzzles)
- Establishing a culture in which counting activities are incorporated throughout the day and in different contexts, including sabotage in which there are not enough or too many items
- Developing pupils' understanding of the passage of time through class timetables and calendars.
- Giving access to games which develop mathematical skills (e.g. dominoes, snakes and ladders, lotto games)

- Where appropriate, providing more formal numeracy sessions for pupils to develop specific mathematical skills
- Providing opportunities to transfer mathematical skills into a real life context (e.g. in the community, through role play)

Senior and Faculty pupils:

Providing opportunities for students to develop and apply mathematical skills in a way
that is functional and develops their independent living skills (e.g. shopping within a
budget, programming a microwave for the correct amount of time, finding correct seat
number in a theatre)

In addition, pupils working above GGA10 and above may attend specific targeted Numeracy sessions to work on:

- More advanced number and calculation skills
- Telling the time
- Use of calculators

5. Curriculum Implementation – Functional ICT

Design and Development of ICT

Context

ICT within our school context is focussed on the functional application of ICT skills rather than the technological equipment used. The new expanded Functional ICT GGA levels are designed to promote independence and functionality, they have been sub divided into three areas of: communication and information skills, independent living and leisure to reflect the needs of our pupils rather than the content of the new National Curriculum (2014). The GGAs are progressive; new skills are introduced throughout the levels, as a pupil moves up through the levels, opportunities to generalise skills in a range of contexts or using a range of different technological equipment are provided.

ICT is mainly taught as part of class sessions for Infant and Junior pupils and planned for through their IEPs. However, there may be opportunities to incorporate some aspects of ICT within other sessions, through topics and through creative arts. ICT for Seniors and at the Faculty is incorporated through Functional ICT linked to developing their independence, which is planned on an individual basis linked to their IEPs and goals, this may be delivered individually, in pairs or small groups and in a range of different contexts.

Strategies for teaching ICT

Functional ICT comprises of three strands of Communication and Information, Independent Living and Leisure.

Infant and Junior pupils:

Provide opportunities to use information carrying devices within regular activities (e.g. circle time for news)

 Giving access to a range of technological equipment during activities throughout the day to develop ICT skills (e.g. plasma screen during literacy, a blender to make smoothies, an IPAD during art or music)

Senior and Faculty pupils:

- Provide opportunities to develop function communication and information skills through the use of mobile phones and the internet. (e.g. text a friend to arrange a meeting, look up the time of a film)
- Planned activities to develop and apply independent living ICT skills in a functional context
 within the school and faculty setting (e.g. making own hot lunch using technological
 equipment in the café or silver room)
- Opportunities to generalise these skills across a range of different contexts (e.g. home, flat, work placement)
- Giving access to technological leisure activities (e.g. console games, video links with friends)

For our most able pupils there would be opportunities to demonstrate that they can use a range of functional ICT skills within a real life situation in a day or the whole week (e.g. plan, shop, cook etc for a day in the flat, or plan and carry out activities, meals, daily cleaning tasks at the flat during a block week).

The Teaching of Online Safety at Glyne Gap

As a society technology and social media is progressing at a rapid rate. These advancements provide exciting opportunities for our young people, but also without the appropriate guidance, support and teaching in place to safeguard, use of technology can put our young people at risk of serious harm.

We recognize that as a school many of our young people, due to their learning disability, will not be accessing these platforms independently and therefore are offered some protection from such risks. However, for those developing higher level Functional skills, these risks are amplified due to their level of understanding within the areas of Communication and Personal Development. As such we have created the Keeping Safe Online Curriculum to support students and families.

The Keeping Safe Online Curriculum is based on materials and guidance from the National Online Safety forum and fulfills the statutory online safety safeguarding duties outlined in the Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE) guidance (Sept 2022).

Pupils will begin accessing taught Online Safety as part of their tier 2 PSHE blocks in key stage 4 & 5 (seniors & faculty students). (Prior to this time, pupils use of technology will always be facilitated by others and therefore risks can be managed proportionately). Within the PSHE Curriculum blocks, one of the 10 areas of online safety at GG will feature each term, with specific learning outcomes covered and key information for parents shared alongside. PSHE is planned for within pupils' Teir1 IEPs, with Online safety content is included within the PSHE curriculum blocks to ensure pupils have a wider understanding of the topic such as boyfriend/girlfriend relationships when discussing more complex challenges that can occur online.

Pupils who have achieved GGA10 of the Functional Literacy and Functional ICT assessments, will have developed the functional skills to begin to access technology without support. For these pupils, we have therefore created the "Glyne Gap Keeping Safe Online assessment" to be completed alongside the Functional ICT GGA, and used to support the teaching of Online Safety to individual pupils. The Keeping Safe Online Assessments are designed to identify potential gaps in

knowledge and inform bespoke planning for the individual needs to support them to begin to manage their own safety online. Pupils are discussed at T5&6 Pupil progress and Liaison meetings (where pupils Annual Progress in the Core Skills for Functionality is discussed), and pupils identified as requiring bespoke teaching in there area, will be assessed individually using the Keeping Safe Online Assessment, and specific Online Safety Goals, will be included in their Tier 1 IEPs under Functional ICT.

Assessments are broken up into 10 broad areas of Online safety, with small step outcomes identified within each area. Each outcome is assessed based on the level of support the individual required for each step. Assessment steps are not hierarchical, and any of the learning steps can be worked on at any time, based on the need of the individual. However the level of support required as identified in the assessments, should determine the opportunities the individual has independent use of technology. Assessments are used to inform learning targets, which are then included in pupils IEPs and assessed in line with the whole school CG1 Curriculum and CG 10 - Impact of the Curriculum- Assessment, Recording and Reporting policies.

Assessments are kept alongside pupils GGA Functional ICT levels within their Pink files, and shared with parents as part of pupils AR meetings and next steps and agreed control measures written and implemented for the individual based on pupils understanding demonstrated in this assessment. Control measures are included are shared across settings and agreed by school/student/families, to support independence and safety online.

Support for families to support Online Safety at home is offered for the whole school annually via accessible materials from the National Online Safety website within the Term 6 Newsletter, (such as information on how to set up parental controls), in preparation for the Summer break when pupils may have less structured time and freer access to devices. In addition, materials relating to discussions held within PSHE topics may be sent to relevant families termly.

Online safety is discussed on an individual basis at pupils Annual Review meetings as appropriate, and as pupils move onto the Keeping Safe Online Assessments, specific materials and teaching resources are provided for parents to support an individual as required alongside their termly goals.

GG Acceptable Use Agreement

Pupils achieving GGA10 and moving onto the Keeping Safe Online assessment in order to begin to access technology independently, must also sign the GG Acceptable Use Agreement. This document outlines for students, in terminology they can understand, how they must conduct themselves when using devices, with the understanding if they break the rules of the agreement, it may result in them being unable to access technology in school.

Families and teachers also sign this agreement as a commitment to supporting the young person in managing their use of technology safely, (understanding that they may always need additional help to do so), and working together to support their teaching and learning in this area.

6. Measuring, Monitoring and Evaluating the Impact of Core Skills Curriculum

There are 7 assessment instruments we use in school to show achievement and to track progress for pupils- see CG10 Impact of the Curriculum.

For Literacy, Numeracy and ICT the 5 most compelling assessment instruments are:

- 1. Pupil IEP's which include communication goals and may include literacy, numeracy and ICT goals that are written and evaluated on a termly basis and are p-level referenced.
- Pupil Assessment Files- contain a summative assessment using the speaking and listening, reading, writing, number, shape, space and measure, using and applying, and computing DFE performance descriptors and have the expanded GG assessments for each area which are updated at least annually. (Included within these are the pre-key stage assessment performance descriptors).
- Annual Review Reports- which provide summative description of Communication and Language, Literacy, Numeracy and ICT progress during the past year which is GGA referenced and goes to parents.
- Zig Zag Books/Progress files which are cumulative pupil records of achievements that describe attainment and progress that are GGA referenced and are completed on a termly basis.
- 5. Liaison Meetings termly progress judgements are made on overall progress in all areas, and an annual judgement of attainment and progress for Communication & Language, and Core Skills for Functionality in Literacy, Numeracy and ICT are made in term 5&6 liaison meetings using school based data and teacher assessment for every pupil.

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7. Roles & Responsibilities

The Assistant Headteachers maintain oversight for the monitoring and development of the Whole School Curriculum. Within this area this consists of

Barbara Clarke – Curriculum Lead for Whole School Curriculum (5-16) & Personal Development Sarah Tidmarsh – Curriculum Lead for Early Years (0-5) and Post 16 Curriculum & Communication & Language

The Core Skills leaders will support the teaching staff in the delivery of Literacy, Numeracy and ICT. They will monitor the subjects within the school and will also commission independent external consultants on behalf of the Governing Body for monitoring and further development of the core subjects based on the external monitors report and recommendations.

In addition to the Curriculum Leaders, in addition, the school has appointed the following Middle Leaders to support the delivery, development and training for the specific area of the curriculum for which they hold responsibility. They will identify relevant courses to attend or to recommend to staff and organise appropriate training for staff and parents and ensure they keep staff informed of developments in their curriculum area via teachers meetings.

Faye Fernandez – Early Reading Lead
Rebecca Gander – Communication & Home learning Specialist Teacher

8. Working with parents

The school has a policy on partnership with parents and this includes negotiating and agreeing termly goals. (See CG1). Goals are individually drafted and forwarded to parents for comment at the beginning of term, a copy of the agreed goals are then sent to parents and the evaluated goals are sent to parents at the end of term. Pupil's individual goals will include at least one or two goals within Communication and Language taken from their communication programme and may include a Literacy, Numeracy or ICT goal. Additionally, teachers will ask for parental support with home reading or communication work and for supporting students understanding within their Online Safety. Training for parents is offered in all aspects of Literacy with a particular emphasis on communication such as signing and PECs, this may be in a group setting or tailored to meet the individual needs of parents and their child.

The school provide specific support for parents through the Communication Team and Early Readers Programme, to provide bespoke support for pupils and their families, to facilitate the learning to be continued at home and in-skill families with the tools to deliver this learning out of school.

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9. Next Steps/ Developments

Core skills will be reviewed as identified in the school monitoring plan and linked with the school's development plan. Within this cycle, subjects within core skills will be the subject of discussion at a Teaching and Learning Governors meeting, external monitoring by a consultant or county advisor, with written reports being submitted to governors.

Development plan 2023-24

- To extend the skills of a group of pupils working towards subject specific skills within literacy and numeracy (See SDP for further detailed planning and key tasks)
- To embed the Keeping Safe Online Curriculum with pupils, teachers and parents, and enhance the on-line safety training offer for parents
- To enhance the quality of books and reading areas available for pupils ensuring they are appropriate developmental phase of pupils

Other supporting policies

CG1 - Curriculum at Glyne Gap School

CG10 - Impact of the Curriculum- Assessing, Evaluation and Tracking Progress

CG5 - Supporting the Development of Communication and Language

CG18 - Supporting the Teaching and Learning of Phonics & Early Reading at Glyne Gap

Appendices

Appendix 1: The Glyne Gap Curriculum Model

Appendix 2: The Communication Ladder

Appendix 3: The Development of Reading & Writing Skills

Appendix 4: GGA Functional Literacy Assessment Progression Guidance

Appendix 5: Keeping Safe Online Curriculum Map, Assessment & User Agreement

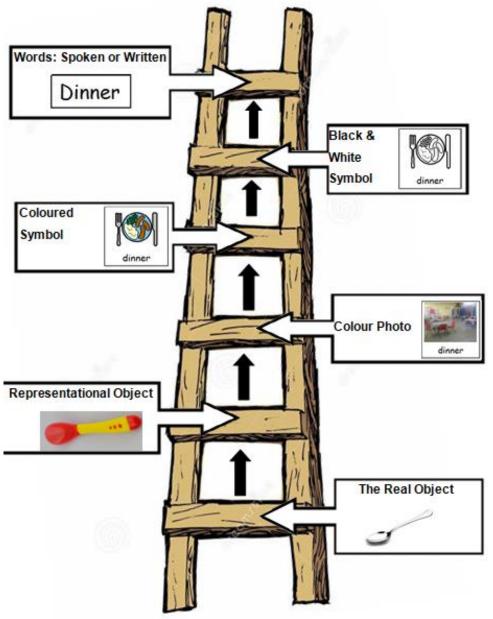
Appendix 1: The Glyne Gap Curriculum Model

Glyne Gap School Curriculum Model

Core skills building for functionality (Tier 1) Essential skills for learning and life All areas taught according to individual skills need. Assessment arrangements: IEPs, annual reports, Glyne Gap Assessments (GGA) Medium term curriculum Breadth of learning Subjects included areas (Tier 2) arrangements plans (MTCPs) Information and Organisational Skills, Mechanics of Reading and Writing, Early/General Mathematics, Core Vocabulary, Independent Living and Play/Leisure GYMNASTICS, OAA, ATHLETICS, Personal Care, Personal Autonomy including SMSC, Annual Reports PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT PHYSICAL SKILLS FOR LEARNING AND LIFE Sports awards GAMES, TEAMWORK, OLYMPIC VALUES COMMUNICATION AND LANGUAGE Speaking and Listening • Positioning / Mobility LITERACY, NUMERACY and ICT Careers
Citizenship
Healthy living
Sex & Relationships IEPs MYSELF, MYSELF AND OTHERS, MYSELF AND MY FAMILY, MY COMMUNITY Annual Reports
GGA PSHE Personal Learning PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT • SMSC IEPs CREATIVE DEVELOPMENT • Art
• Drama
• Dance
• SMSC Annual Reports CREATIVE DEVELOPMENT and understanding the Arts ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE OF THE • Science Science
 Design & Technology
 Geography & History
 Languages
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 SMSC Annual Reports WORLD and scientific and technological KNOWLEDGE GGA Science OF THE WORLD understanding

Appendix 2:

The Communication Ladder



Appendix 3

The Development of Reading Skills

(Where skills featuring in Glyne Gap Functional Literacy & Communication Assessments)

GGA1 Objects of Reference

GGA5 Photos GGA6 Pictures GGA6 Symbols

GGA7 Single word level with symbol support if necessary

GGA8-11 2-4 word

GGA8 initial letter sound of own name/peers names

GGA9 letter/sound recognition own name GGA9 matching same letters in lower case GGA10 sound/sign initial letters of familiar words

GGA10 initial sounds/final sounds GGA10 rhyming words/patterns

GGA10 blend

GGA10 Introduces sets of 6 high frequency words with symbol support

GGA11+ Read Write Inc Scheme

Blending sounds to read words (CVC, CCVC, CVCC, CVVC etc)

High frequency word activities

Comprehension skills

The Development of Writing Skills

(Where skills featuring in Glyne Gap Functional Literacy Assessments)

GGA7 Understanding that marks convey meaning

Use of symbols/photos to convey meaning

GGA8 Describe pictures at a 2 word level

Trace/overwrite/copy shapes or straight line patterns

GGA9 Write own name Copy single words

Copy single words

Sequence three words/symbols to describe a picture

GGA10 Group letters with spaces in between

Write a few simple words from memory

Rehearse and dictate a sentence for an adult to scribe

GGA11+ Writing for a range of purposes

Write some letters in response to sounds

Copy writing from whiteboard

Put words of a sentence in the correct order $% \left(1\right) =\left(1\right) \left(1\right) \left$

GGA12+ Introduces Spelling/ Handwriting/ Punctuation/ Composition

Appendix 4:

GGA Functional Literacy Assessment Progression Guidance

Level 10 Assessment Flow chart

