

# The Bailiwick of Guernsey Curriculum

Information for parents  
and carers







# What is the Big Picture and what will it mean for your child?

**The Bailiwick Big Picture Curriculum has been written with a view to preparing the children and young people of our Islands for the opportunities and challenges of living in the 21st century.**

In developing the new Big Picture Curriculum, and with guidance from leading curriculum experts Mick Waters and Jonathan Hannam, schools and teachers have worked to bring together best practice and set an ambitious plan that sets high expectations for schools and all children.

All children and young people should have the same opportunities and entitlement. We want our young people to grow into healthy, successful adults. They will know about their islands and the big wide world and learn the skills to manage their own lives. This will enable them to gradually understand the world of work.

Children also need to be ready for tests and examinations both at school and in later life. The Bailiwick Big Picture Curriculum helps schools to plan to achieve all of these things.

The Bailiwick Big Picture Curriculum has been written to flow from age 5-19. Increased emphasis is placed on meaningful and purposeful learning across subject areas, skills development and personal achievement.

The Bailiwick Big Picture Curriculum is intended to develop all children as: successful learners, confident individuals, responsible citizens and effective contributors.

# The Big Picture Curriculum—Jo

**A** These are areas that enrich the learning for the children

**B** These are skills to help children cope with the normal pressures and changes of life, have a sense of purpose, work productively and make contributions to the community in which they live.

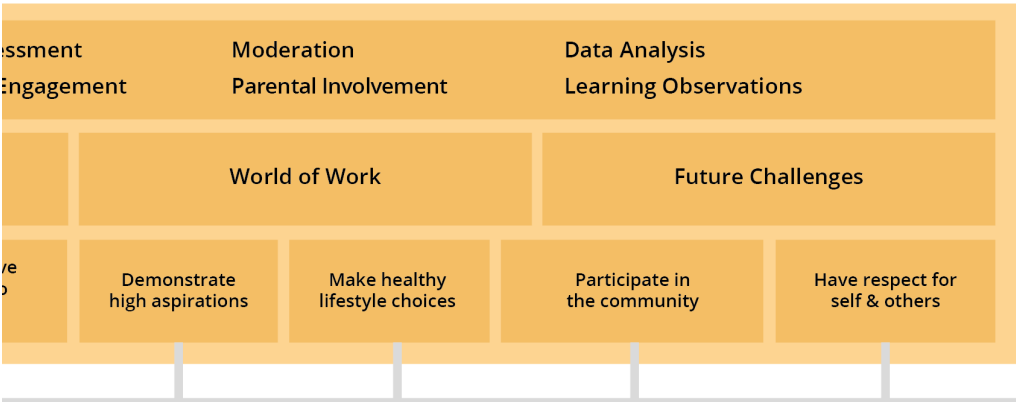
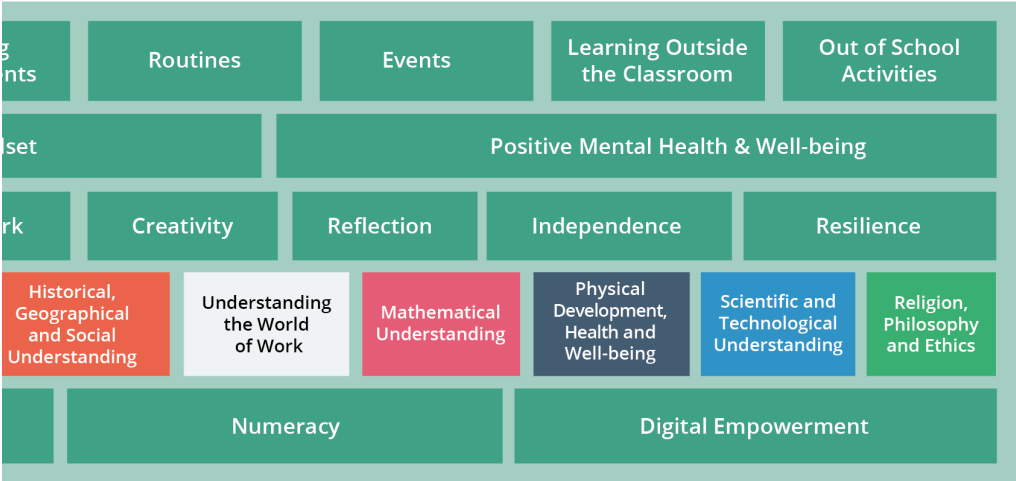
**C** These are vital skills that need to be taught so that children will use them to develop in all aspects of their lives

**D** Subject areas

**E** These core skill underpin all aspects of the curriculum



# Joyous and Purposeful Learning



# What will it look like in your child's school?

**The Big Picture aims to retain the best of current practice in our schools, whilst seeking to place greater emphasis on important elements required to secure well-rounded learning.**

There will be a bigger focus on:

- taking learning outside the classroom
- promoting positive mental health and well-being
- understanding the world of work and the life skills linked to managing money
- the understanding of other cultures and their languages from a younger age (Year 1)

whilst recognising that the skills of communication (including reading, writing and speaking and listening), numeracy and digital empowerment play a central role in all that the children do and will be integral to all aspects of learning.

## **Communication:**

Communication skills offer an essential passport to learning. They involve both sending and receiving information, ideas and opinions. More information and ideas are communicated to us now than ever in a wide variety of forms. Therefore, it is essential to give children and young people the skills to be able to communicate in this constantly changing world.

**Numeracy:** Maths skills are vital and learners will be offered the chance to develop these skills across all curriculum areas. By exploring these links, children will understand that maths is all around them and will learn how to use maths skills within real life situations.

### **Digital Empowerment:**

All children must be able to use and apply their digital skills, knowledge and understanding confidently and competently in their learning. They will become independent and careful users and creators of technology, able to collaborate, recognise opportunities and risks, and use strategies to stay safe in their global community.

## **Parental Partnership**

Parents and carers are key partners in their children's education and play a vital role in supporting their child's learning, choices and chances in life. We recognise the need for parents and carers to have high quality, easily accessible information about their child's education. One of the best ways to get involved in your child's education is through your child's school.





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