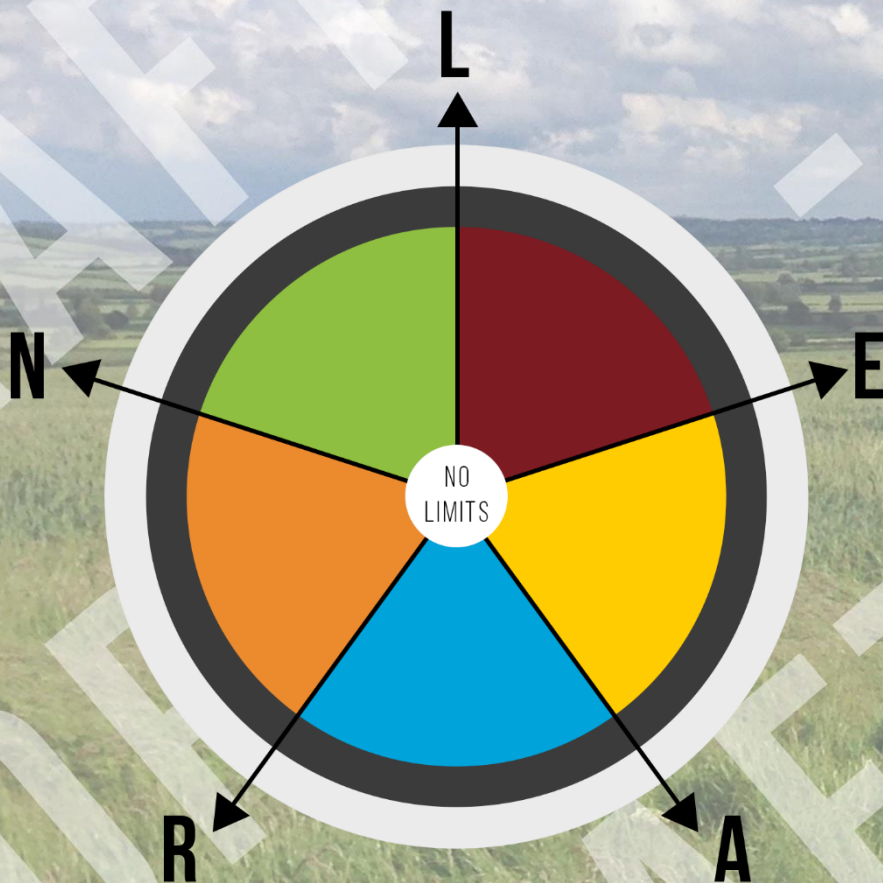


Discovery Schools Trust Wrap Around Care and Holiday Club Strategy

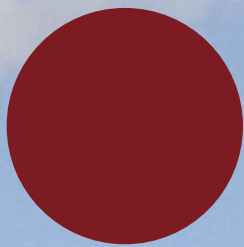
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'Learning, a never ending journey'



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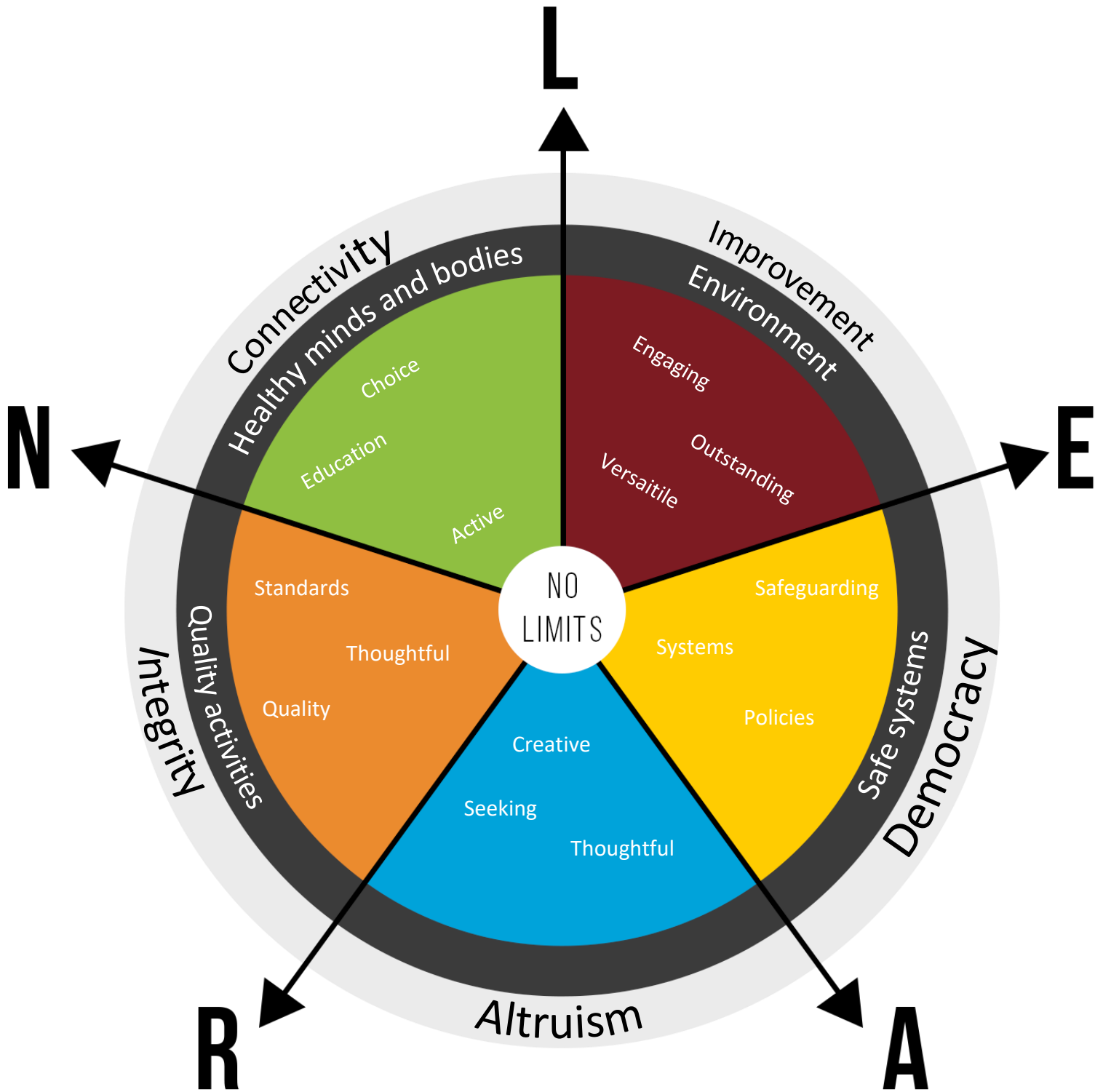
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The WAC & Holiday Club strategy is based upon the five elements of the Discovery Trust learning wheel. The five spokes comprise of the key elements which lead to successful learning for all pupils.

This teaching and learning strategy has been created in collaboration with leaders from each of the Discovery Schools. Current research from a variety of sources has been used to help formulate the strategy.

Discovery Schools Trust WAC & Holiday Club Strategy

The aim of this strategy is to :

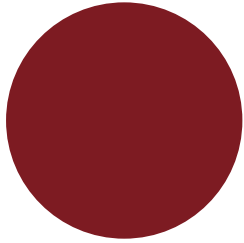
Provide every child with the opportunity to access wrap around care, including breakfast / before school care, after school care, holiday clubs.

Provide quality provisions for working families where parents feel their children are well looked after.

Ensure activities are rich, stimulating and engaging where children are learning and developing life skills.



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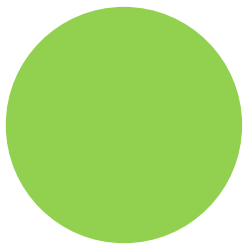
“Adults admire their environment; they can remember it and think about it – but a child absorbs it.” ~ Maria Montessori

Our priority is to ensure that our Wrap Around Care/Holiday Camp provisions provide environments which are engaging and stimulating. Children are provided with engaging environments both inside and outside. The environment provides structure, facilitates social interaction, fosters independence, decreases challenging behaviour and encourages staff efficiency.

To enable Wrap Around Care/Holiday Camp staff to meet the standards of the Trust:

- Each school will have enough space that can be used by Wrap Around Care/Holiday Camp staff. In some cases, this would be an external building just for Wrap Around Care.
- The environment in Wrap Around care will consist of specific learning areas. These specific areas add to the learning experiences of the children promoting independence, turn taking, creativity, personal and social, Mathematics and extended learning. Specific areas for the children are to include Construction, Mini world, Games, Book area, Arts/crafts, Free choice.
- Children will have the opportunity to access outside space daily. Children will be outside for a minimum of 20 mins.
- Learning environment to be taken outside with a variety of activities provided. This is to be based on spaces used in the indoor environment. Giving children a choice of activities.
- Wrap Around Care provisions are providing children with the opportunity to make choices at meal times and sit in an engaging environment to enable interaction.





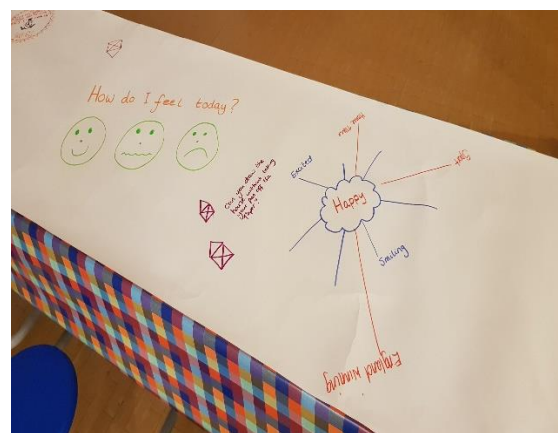
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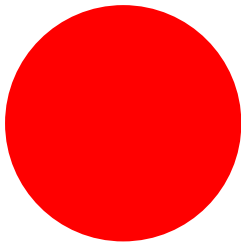
"Physical fitness is not only one of the most important keys to a healthy body, it is the basis of dynamic and creative intellectual activity." ~John F. Kennedy

Our priority is to ensure all children that attend our Wrap Around care/Holiday Camp provisions are provided with an opportunity to engage in physical activities and have a choice. Not only will this provide a healthy body but also a healthy mind. Children will remain engaged in Wrap around Care/Holiday Camp provisions. We want all our children to have access to a healthy breakfast and snack.

To enable Wrap Around Care/Holiday Camp staff to meet the standards of the Trust:

- Each school will provide children the opportunity to access outside for a minimum of 20 minutes with planned activities and spaces.
- Holiday Camps will consist of a day of planned activities where children will have the opportunity to participate in activities that are both physical and mentally challenging.
- Each Wrap Around Care provision and Holiday Camp will provide the children with a healthy choice at breakfast and afternoon snack. The food provided by Wrap Around Care/Holiday Camps will be to a minimum Bronze Food for Life Standard (www.foodforlife.org.uk)
- Independence will be promoted in the clubs with children having the opportunity to self-serve and make choices from the varied menu. Children having at least 2 choices to select from.
- By creating an environment around meal times that allows interaction between children and the staff (position of tables/chairs, staff helping and sitting with the children engaging).
- Children will be given the opportunity to have a voice in Wrap Around Care/Holiday Camps through Annual surveys completed with the children. Do the children feel safe? enjoy the food? know who to talk to if they have a problem or are worried? Like the activities that happen in WAC and the Holiday Camps? Through these surveys we can reflect on the provisions.
- Give the child a voice for activities. What are the current interests in the clubs?





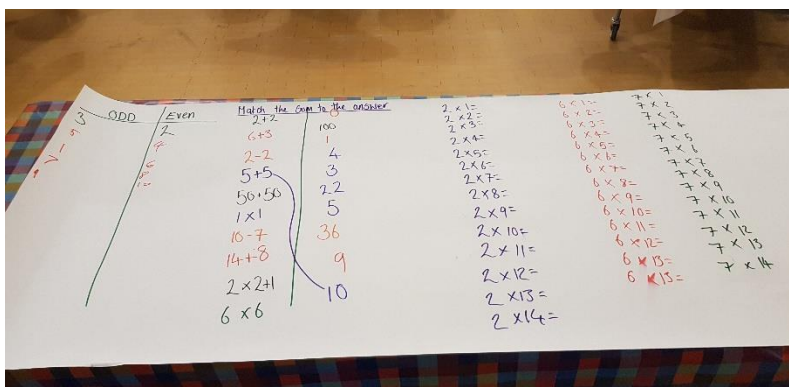
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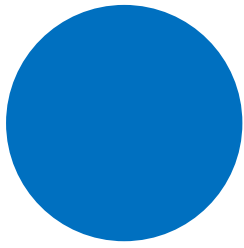
“Focus on the journey, not the destination. Joy is found not in finishing an activity but in doing it.” ~Greg Anderson

Our priority is to ensure all children that attend our Wrap Around care/Holiday Camp provisions are provided with an opportunity to engage in a variety of activities and have a choice through specific learning spaces in the provision.

To enable Wrap Around Care/Holiday Camp staff to meet the standards of the Trust:

- Each provision will provide specific learning spaces for the children. Construction, Book area, arts and crafts, Physical activities, mini world.
- Holiday Camps will consist of a day of planned activities where children will have the opportunity to participate. There will be a variety of activities such as cooking, arts/crafts, sports, dance, creative arts, science, ICT.
- Activities in the Wrap Around Care will be planned on a timetable with all staff contributing. Activities will include outside play daily for at least 20 mins.
- Activities can be in partnership with the school (Topics that are in place)
- Where possible staff to extend the child’s learning through interaction/engagement.
- A variety of activities to be planned by the Wrap Around Care provision which is then timetabled and where possible displayed for parent/carers to view.





Resources for learning

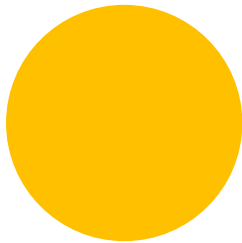
“Alone we are smart, together we are brilliant.” ~Steven Anderson

Our priority is to ensure that our Wrap Around Care/Holiday Camp provisions provide high quality engaging environments. This is achieved through adult interaction and good quality resources. Resources includes children having access to appropriate spaces including outside. A well-resourced provision promotes positive behaviour amongst children and motivated staff.

To enable Wrap Around Care/Holiday Camp staff to meet the standards of the Trust:

- Each provision will provide specific learning spaces for the children. Construction, Book area, arts and crafts, Physical activities, mini world.
- Resources such as arts/crafts are to be replenished inline with the with school processes on ordering.
- Wrap Around Care provisions to actively seek donations from parents/carers through newsletters etc.
- Discovery Holiday Camps to use own equipment/resources for each individual school's where they are operating from.
- When ordering resources thinking of future activity ideas with the children.
- Provide the children with a variety of activities and resources to use.





Safe Systems

"...in serving the best interests of children, we serve the best interests of all humanity."

-- Carol Bellamy

Our priority is to make sure that every child/adult is safe in the environment. Systems are in place that will minimize risk. Procedures are carried out in accordance with Discovery school's Trust policies.

To enable Wrap Around Care/Holiday Camp staff to meet the standards of the Trust:

- Staff are to all be Paediatric first aid trained.
- Manager of the Wrap Around Care provision will be a DSL.
- All staff are to complete Food/Hygiene, prevent duty, FGM, Child protection and Health and Safety.
- All Wrap Around Care and Holiday Camp staff to have knowledge of Fire safety procedures.
- Wrap Around Care Managers to complete regular termly reviews with the staff.
- Wrap Around Care staff to have the school's annual child protection training.
- Safer recruitment procedures followed in recruiting staff. The manager of the Wrap Around Care provision and Extended Services Manager to be part of the recruitment process.
- Managers/Site leaders of Discovery Holiday Camps to complete risk assessments on areas/activities used by the children.
- Virtual Pack for Wrap Around Care to be read by ALL staff which clearly states policies for the Trust.

