

Dorset Primary School No: 5132 **LIBRARY POLICY**

PURPOSE:

The school library is a multi-media resource centre around which most of the school's activities resolve. It is not only a book room but also a workshop, resource and recreational centre of the school. The library should help to develop and stimulate a love of literature and reading and provide opportunities for children for the development of location and research skills and the effective use of material.

BROAD AIMS:

1. To develop within each child a deep appreciation and love of literature by presenting the best of children's literature
2. To widen the child's reading experience and provide scope for useful leisure time interest and hobbies
3. To consolidate the natural curiosity in the child by developing the ability to see the required information in an organised resource centre
4. To encourage children to assume some responsibility for their own education to become independent, self-reliant and skilled in library usage
5. To develop a professional library so that the staff, school council members and parents keep in touch with education developments and trends

GUIDELINES:

The Library Resource Centre:

- Provides, promotes and maintains the resources needed to implement the educational policy of the school
- Provides the means of enriching the educational experience of all children by making available materials of various types, and at the levels of difficulty to support the curriculum
- Encourage children to broaden interests and tastes and turn to books and other materials found in libraries as sources of knowledge and pleasure
- Teaches children skills in the use of books and libraries so that they will be able to use library facilities with ease during their formal education and throughout their life
- Co-operates with teachers to supply the materials they need to enrich and extend their instructional program, and for their further professional growth
- Supplies related materials such as videos, CD's, posters, maps and kits to supplement print material
- Provides for maximum use of library facilities through continuous improvement in the selection, acquisition and organisation of library materials and practices relating to their use