Dawn House School: Life Skills Progression Map

Engage, Develop, Communicate, Aspire



• Recognizing and coping with stress and frustration.

Primary 1:	Primary 2:	Junior:
 Self-Care: Learning to dress and undress independently. Managing personal hygiene, such as washing hands and brushing teeth. Using the toilet independently. 	 Personal Hygiene: Reinforcing routines for personal hygiene, such as washing hands thoroughly and regularly. Understanding the importance of dental hygiene and brushing teeth twice a day. 	 Personal Hygiene: Maintaining consistent personal hygiene routines independently, such as washing hands, brushing teeth, and grooming. Understanding the importance of personal cleanliness and its impact on health.
 Communication: Developing speaking and listening skills. Expressing needs, feelings, and thoughts clearly. Understanding and following simple instructions. 	 Self-Care: Dressing and undressing independently, including managing fastenings such as zips and buttons. Recognizing when to seek help from an adult. 	 Self-Care: Dressing and undressing without assistance, including managing more complex fastenings like shoelaces and buckles.
Social Interaction:Playing cooperatively with others.Taking turns and sharing.	 Communication: Using full sentences to express thoughts, needs, and feelings. 	 Preparing simple snacks and meals with minimal help.
Building relationships with peers and adults. Emotional Regulation:	 Listening attentively and responding appropriately in conversations. Asking questions to gain information or 	 Communication: Engaging in more complex conversations, expressing ideas clearly and confidently.
Identifying and expressing emotions.Developing strategies to cope with frustration and	clarification.	 Listening actively and responding thoughtfully in discussions.
disappointment. • Learning to manage impulses.	 Social Interaction: Building and maintaining friendships. Understanding and following classroom and 	 Writing short stories, letters, or notes with proper structure and punctuation.
 Fine Motor Skills: Using tools like scissors, crayons, and paintbrushes. Developing hand-eye coordination through activities like threading beads and building with 	playground rules.Demonstrating cooperative behaviours such as sharing, taking turns, and helping others.	 Social Interaction: Building stronger friendships through empathy and cooperative play. Understanding and respecting the perspectives and
blocks.Practicing precise movements for tasks such as buttoning clothes or using cutlery.	 Emotional Regulation: Identifying and naming a range of emotions. Developing simple strategies for managing emotions, such ZOR 	feelings of others.Demonstrating conflict resolution skills and strategies.
Gross Motor Skills: Developing coordination and control through activities like running, jumping, and climbing. Participating in physical play that involves balance.	Recognizing the impact of their behaviour on others. Fine Motor Skills:	 Emotional Regulation: Identifying and expressing a wider range of emotions appropriately. Using advanced strategies for managing emotions,
 Participating in physical play that involves balance and spatial awareness. 	Using a pencil/pen with control to write legibly.	such as mindfulness or talking about feelings.

Cutting shapes accurately with scissors.

 Engaging in activities that build strength and flexibility.

Safety Awareness:

- Understanding basic safety rules, such as not talking to strangers and staying away from hot surfaces.
- Recognizing safe and unsafe situations.
- Following guidelines for safe behaviour at home and school.

Healthy Living:

- Understanding the importance of a healthy diet.
- Participating in physical activities.
- Learning about the importance of sleep and rest.

Independence:

- Developing confidence to try new things and take on challenges.
- Making choices and decisions in daily activities.
- Developing a sense of responsibility for personal belongings and tasks.

Home Management:

- Making simple cold drinks
- Using a knife and fork

Careers:

- Exploring uniforms and equipment used in certain job roles
- Exploring job roles through imaginative play
- Able to make connections between images/videos and job roles with adult support

• Manipulating small objects with dexterity.

Gross Motor Skills:

- Developing coordination through activities such as running, hopping and skipping.
- Participating in organized physical activities and games.
- Developing spatial awareness and balance.

Safety Awareness:

- Understanding basic safety rules at home, school and in the community.
- Recognizing the importance of staying safe online and knowing simple online safety rules.
- Identifying safe and unsafe behaviours and situations.

Healthy Living:

- Recognizing healthy and unhealthy foods.
- Understanding the importance of regular physical activity.
- Developing routines for adequate sleep and rest.

Independence and Responsibility:

- Taking responsibility for personal belongings and classroom tasks.
- Making simple decisions and choices independently.
- Developing a sense of accountability for their actions and understanding consequences.

Money:

- Identifying all the different coins.
- Knowing which coin or note is worth the most.
- Understanding of realistic prices for everyday items.

Home Management:

- Washing and drying pots
- Using a toaster and kettle safely

Careers:

• Able to identify a range of job roles

Problem-Solving:

- Applying problem-solving skills to more complex tasks and challenges.
- Working collaboratively on projects and group activities.
- Thinking creatively and critically to find solutions.

Fine Motor Skills:

- Improving handwriting skills and developing cursive writing.
- Completing intricate tasks, such as model building or detailed drawing.
- Enhancing dexterity through activities like sewing or using tools.

Gross Motor Skills:

- Participating in team sports and understanding basic rules of games.
- Developing coordination and strength through activities like climbing, dancing, or swimming.
- Practicing safe movements and understanding personal space.

Safety Awareness:

- Recognizing more complex safety rules and applying them in different contexts (e.g., road safety, stranger danger).
- Understanding the basics of internet safety and responsible use of technology.
- Identifying emergency situations and knowing how to seek help.

Healthy Living:

- Making healthier food choices and understanding the food pyramid.
- Recognizing the importance of regular exercise and its benefits.
- Developing habits for mental well-being, such as relaxation techniques.

 Exploring ideas for future jobs Able to identify their dream job Able to discuss some advantages and disadvantages of having a job 	 Independence and Responsibility: Taking on more responsibilities at home and school, such as helping with chores or classroom duties. Making informed decisions and understanding the consequences of actions. Developing a sense of accountability and reliability. Money:
	 Preparing correct amounts of money for an item. Understanding where money comes from and what it is for. Home Management:
	 Understanding a balanced diet. Placing dirty clothes in laundry basket. Make simple meals and snacks.
	 Careers: Able to discuss some advantages and disadvantages of certain job roles Able to link specific skills to suitable job roles Able to discuss businesses/organisations and identify the services they provides

Key Stage 3:

Personal Hygiene:

- Maintaining consistent personal hygiene routines with minimal reminders.
- Understanding the impact of hygiene on overall health and well-being.

Self-Care:

- Dressing and undressing independently, managing more complex clothing items like buttons, zippers, and laces.
- Preparing simple meals and snacks safely, including using basic kitchen tools.

Communication:

- Engaging in detailed conversations, clearly expressing thoughts and ideas.
- Developing active listening skills and responding appropriately in conversations.

Social Interaction:

- Building and maintaining friendships through empathy and effective communication.
- Demonstrating cooperative behaviour in group activities and resolving conflicts amicably.
- Showing respect and understanding for others' perspectives and feelings.

Emotional Regulation:

- Identifying and managing a range of emotions using appropriate strategies.
- Developing resilience and coping mechanisms for dealing with stress and setbacks.
- Expressing feelings constructively and seeking help when needed.

Fine Motor Skills:

- Improving handwriting and typing skills, focusing on accuracy and speed.
- Completing detailed tasks like model building, crafting, or using tools with precision.
- Enhancing coordination through activities like sewing, drawing, or playing musical instruments.

Gross Motor Skills:

- Participating in team sports, understanding rules, and demonstrating good sportsmanship.
- Developing coordination, strength, and flexibility through activities like swimming, dancing, or gymnastics.
- Practicing safe and controlled movements in various physical activities.

Key Stage 4:

Personal Hygiene:

- Maintaining personal hygiene with greater independence, including understanding puberty-related changes.
- Recognizing the importance of dental care and routine health check-ups.

Self-Care:

- Managing personal grooming tasks independently, such as hair care and choosing appropriate clothing for different occasions.
- Preparing more complex meals, understanding basic nutrition and food safety.

Effective Communication:

- Expressing thoughts, ideas, and opinions clearly and confidently in both oral and written forms.
- Using advanced vocabulary and grammar in writing, including constructing essays and reports.
- Developing persuasive speaking skills and participating in debates.

Social Interaction and Teamwork:

- Building and maintaining positive relationships through empathy, active listening, and effective communication.
- Demonstrating leadership skills in group activities and projects.
- Resolving conflicts respectfully and understanding different perspectives.

Emotional Regulation:

- Identifying complex emotions and using appropriate strategies to manage them.
- Developing resilience, coping with stress, and practicing mindfulness.
- Seeking support from trusted adults when dealing with emotional challenges.

Fine Motor Skills:

- Improving handwriting and typing speed and accuracy.
- · Completing intricate tasks such as sewing, model building, and crafting.
- Enhancing precision and coordination through activities like playing musical instruments or using tools.

Gross Motor Skills:

- Participating in a variety of physical activities and sports, understanding and following rules, and demonstrating good sportsmanship.
- Developing strength, coordination, and flexibility through regular exercise and fitness routines.
- Practicing safe and controlled movements in various physical contexts.

Safety Awareness:

- Understanding and following safety rules in different environments (e.g., home, school, online).
- Recognizing potential hazards and knowing how to respond to emergencies.
- Practicing internet safety, understanding the importance of privacy, and using technology responsibly.

Healthy Living:

- Making informed food choices, understanding nutrition, and the importance of a balanced diet.
- Recognizing the benefits of regular exercise and incorporating physical activity into daily routines.
- Developing habits for mental well-being, such as mindfulness and relaxation techniques.

Independence and Responsibility:

- Taking on more responsibilities at home and school, such as helping with chores or managing schoolwork.
- Making informed decisions, understanding consequences, and taking accountability for actions.
- Demonstrating reliability and self-discipline in completing tasks and meeting obligations.

Money:

- Understanding about some of the ways people pay for things cash, card, cheque, direct debit etc.
- Understanding as to how wages/salary differ dependant on job role, experience and responsibilities.
- Understanding and using key financial terminology e.g. income, outgoing, expenditure, profit, loss etc.

Home Management:

- Able to use an oven safely.
- Able to use a washing machine.
- Able to make beds.

Careers:

- Able to discuss realistic jobs and identify why others may be considered unrealistic.
- Making links between jobs and their specific skill requirements.
- Understanding the benefits and advantages of doing different jobs.

Safety and Risk Awareness:

- Understanding and following safety protocols in different environments, including online safety.
- Recognizing potential hazards and knowing how to respond to emergencies.
- Practicing responsible use of technology and understanding the importance of digital citizenship.

Healthy Lifestyle Choices:

- Making informed decisions about diet, exercise, and mental health.
- Understanding the long-term benefits of a balanced diet, regular physical activity, and good sleep habits.
- Practicing self-care and stress management techniques.

Independence and Responsibility:

- Taking on increased responsibilities at home and school
- Demonstrating accountability, reliability, and self-discipline in completing tasks and meeting commitments.
- Making informed decisions, understanding the consequences, and reflecting on actions.

Money:

- Knowing the minimum wage.
- Knowing what a pay slip looks like and understand the different information on it.
- Knowing how much it would cost for running a home.

Home Management:

- Able to keep a room tidy
- Recognising and using a variety of kitchen appliances
- Understanding and using sell by dates

Careers:

- Taking part in activities which develop enterprise skills.
- Knowing about a wide range of job roles and careers pathways including own early aspirations.
- Identifying key attributes and skills that will enhance employability.

Key Stage 5:

Personal Hygiene and Self-Care:

- Maintaining personal hygiene, understanding the physical changes during adolescence, and managing them effectively.
- Developing routines for skincare, dental care, and overall health.

Nutrition and Cooking:

- Understanding the principles of a balanced diet and making healthy food choices.
- Planning and preparing simple meals, following recipes, and practicing food safety.

Time Management and Organization:

- Prioritizing tasks, setting goals, and creating schedules to manage schoolwork and extracurricular activities.
- Using planners or digital tools to stay organized and meet deadlines.

Emotional Intelligence and Mental Health:

- Recognizing and managing emotions, developing coping strategies, and seeking support when needed.
- Practicing mindfulness and stress management techniques.

Communication Skills:

- Communicating effectively in different contexts, including formal presentations, group discussions, and written reports.
- Developing active listening skills and constructive feedback abilities.

Digital Literacy and Online Safety:

- Using digital tools responsibly for research, communication, and creativity.
- Understanding online safety, privacy settings, and the importance of a positive digital footprint.

Money:

- Understanding basic financial concepts such as budgeting, saving, and spending.
- Managing a simple budget and making informed financial decisions.
- Understanding why we have to pay tax, national insurance and make pension contributions.

Health and Wellbeing:

- Understanding the importance of physical activity and maintaining a regular exercise routine.
- Recognizing the connection between physical health and mental wellbeing.

Social and Relationship Skills:

- Building and maintaining healthy relationships, understanding consent, and practicing empathy.
- Navigating peer pressure and developing assertiveness.

Environmental Responsibility:

- Understanding environmental issues and the impact of personal choices on the planet.
- Practicing sustainability, such as recycling, conserving energy and reducing waste.

Home Management:

- Knowing how to change a lightbulb.
- Knowing how to read gas and electric meters.
- Knowing how to test a fire alarm.
- Knowing the costs associated with running a home.

Careers:

- Exploring different career options and understanding the pathways to achieve career goals.
- Developing skills such as CV writing, interview techniques, and work experience planning.
- Identifying the attributes of a good and bad employee/employer.