

Supplementary School

Hamara Supplementary School is a successful youth team project, designed to address the educational disadvantage of BME children underachieving in British state schools by identifying barriers that prevent young people from engaging in and enjoying learning. The project's primary aim is to raise educational attainment and aspirations to achieve, increasing prospects for children to succeed in education and employment.

The Supplementary School supports children from diverse backgrounds in its progressive, caring and high quality-learning environment every Saturday from 10am to 2pm. 6 trained and qualified teachers provided academic support to pupils with programs of study structured using the National Curriculum. We also plan various curriculum trips and activity days and provide mentoring and support to give young people positive experiences and raise their aspirations to succeed. Small class sizes and interactive teaching methods are used to engage and motivate pupils, offering a quality service and excellent provision of support.

In addition, the Supplementary School runs an easily accessible and affordable holiday play scheme during the Easter and Summer holidays, this is accessed by families from South Leeds and includes a variety of play experiences, workshops and day trips. A 12 week parenting programme was also delivered over the last 12 months to better equip parents with the skills to support their children with academia and help prepare both parents and children in year 6 for their upcoming transition to secondary school.

Key Achievements

- Working in partnership with Mainstream Schools, Leeds City Council, The national Resource Centre for Supplementary Education, The Leeds Supplementary Schools Network, Leeds Beckett University, Into University, Child Friendly Leeds, Yorkshire Cricket Board & BME Forum.
- 57 pupils were supported through the supplementary School project over the last 12 months.
- The Supplementary School project is recognised by the National Resource Centre for Supplementary Education with Quality Framework Awards including Bronze in 2014 and Silver in 2015 & Gold in 2016 as well as the Child Friendly Leeds Supporting Schools Award at the Child Friendly Leeds Awards in January 2016.

