

# What does excellence in financial education look like?

## Overview of Programme Criteria

### 1. Leadership and management

The school articulates the importance of financial education through a clear vision statement, used in the School Improvement Planning process. The leadership and management of financial education is led by a school champion who is fully supported by the school's senior leadership team.

#### Waltham Leas Primary

Driven by a dedicated Financial Education Champion, Waltham Leas Primary in Grimsby has established a clear and inspiring vision for financial education. Well planned Year Group initiatives provide opportunities for pupils to progress from penny saving activities in Foundation Stage to organising fundraising events in Year 6.

#### Sacred Heart RC Primary School

Sacred Heart RC Primary School in Manchester uses a wide range of teaching and learning approaches including a strong emphasis on the creative curriculum and the physical environment. Financial education has been built into six key learning themes covered by each class every year. This has included exploring the cost of keeping healthy in PE and exploring food costs and choices in Science.

### 3. Pupil involvement and assessment

Pupil progress is assessed through baseline, formative and summative assessment opportunities. Regular focus groups and surveys with young people inform the development of their learning by identifying their changing needs and experiences.

### 2. Teaching and learning

Financial education is secured within a planned, high quality teaching and learning programme, informed by pfe's framework of financial education learning outcomes, and monitored and evaluated to ensure high quality pupil outcomes. Students experience a range of engaging and real learning opportunities, co-delivered by a team of trained staff, complemented by the use of expert visitors and a range of up to date financial education resources. An inclusive and diverse range of perspectives about money are recognised and embraced throughout the learning programme.

#### Yeading Junior School

The 'Bank of Yeading' aims to help pupils develop financial responsibility. It provides opportunities for pupils to make personal choices about money through currency – 'Yeadoes' designed by the pupils a, which they earn for attendance, punctuality, good behaviour and the quality of their work. The pupils decide whether to save some or all of their Yeadoes in the Yeading Bank. If they do, they earned interest.

#### John Warner School

John Warner School in Hoddesdon uses financial education as a way to support pupils' transition from local primary schools. The Maths Department ran a project with 8 feeder primary schools on planning and costing a vegetable garden to feed a family. This was then extended to growing produce which was then sold at market, involving pupils in budgeting, calculating costs, profit and loss.

### 6. Sustainability

A comprehensive sustainability plan identifies the school's commitment to 'Continuing Excellence' in financial education through: leadership and management; the engagement of young people in the development of quality teaching and learning programmes; ongoing, high quality, staff development; and a commitment to working with other schools.

### 4. Staff development

A comprehensive professional development programme, informed by the needs of pupils and staff, is established to enhance the specialist knowledge of the financial education champion. A planned programme of staff development and training ensures an increasingly skilled teaching team.

#### Plymouth Primary School Cluster

A group of financial education 'Lead Teachers' in Plymouth have created a primary teachers' planning and resource bank as a way of sharing their own outstanding practice in financial education. The resource bank has been shared with other schools in Plymouth and across the South West through training sessions and conferences.

### 5. Sharing financial education

The school is committed to sharing excellent practice with the whole school community, other schools, and beyond, by showcasing financial education on the school website, through networking events, at local, regional and/or national conferences and in the media. Quality assured training is delivered by the financial education champion, to cascade and extend best practice in other schools.

#### Bow School

Bow School in Tower Hamlets has outstanding links with employers from the local area. Students in all year groups are encouraged to think about their future and are given the opportunity to meet a wide range of employers and universities. The key employer partnerships have been recognised as exceptional and contribute to students' experiences, broadening their horizons and providing them with important skills, knowledge and understanding beyond the classroom.

