**What is Cultural Capital?**

**Cultural capital** is the accumulation of knowledge, behaviours, and skills that a student can draw upon and which demonstrates their **cultural** awareness, knowledge and competence. It is one of the key ingredients a child will draw upon to be successful in society, their future career and within the world.

**Cultural capital** promotes social mobility and success in our stratified society.

**Cultural capital** gives a child power. It will help them to achieve goals, become successful, and rise up the social ladder without necessarily having wealth or financial **capital**.

**Cultural capital** is having assets that give students the desire to aspire and achieve social mobility whatever their starting point

In EYFS, **Cultural Capital** is about preparing children with the knowledge and skills for what comes next. This is so important in early years because what children learn in those vital first years of life will stay with them forever*.*

**Policy Rationale**:

At Westlea Primary School, we recognise that for any student to aspire and be successful in life, they need to be given rich, inclusive and sustained opportunities to develop their cultural capital. The School’s Vision recognises four key areas of development which are interrelated and underpinned by British Values. Together and over time, these areas cumulatively contribute to shaping a student’s cultural capital:



. **The Westlea Vision**

**Dream, Believe and Achieve through L.O.V.E**

**Learning**

**Opportunities**

**Values**

Truth

**Educational Excellence**

Hope

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| **Learning for life**ReadingWritingPSHEREDTICTMathsMeta CognitionHealthy Schools | **Opportunities: the connected world**Broad and balance curriculumMusic and Sporting opportunitiesPerformancesTrips and VisitorsOutdoor learningFundraisingExtracurricular activitiesArtGeography |
| **Rule of Law** | **Mutual Respect** |
| **Democracy** | **Individual Liberty** |
| **Vision and Dreams**Freedom to thinkGlobal LearningBe the best you canChallengeCreativityTolerance KindnessAcademic excellence | **Educational Excellence**Social SkillsFrenchScienceHistoryInclusionPurposeful CurriculumPerseveranceam Work |

Responsibility

Courage