



Key Skills



part 1:

Philosophy & Rationale



NCC Curriculum Guidance: 'The Whole Curriculum' (1990) 1

Core Skills

All these skills are transferable, chiefly independent of content and can be developed in different contexts across the whole curriculum.

Many organisations have made lists of these core skills which, whatever else they emphasise, have as their basis

Communication

Numeracy

Study

Problem Solving

Personal and Social

Information Technology



QCA: *Planning, teaching and assessing the curriculum for pupils with learning difficulties (2001)*

Developing Skills

The Key Skills

- Communication
- Application of Number
- Information Technology
- Working with Others
- Improving Own Learning and Performance
- Problem Solving

Thinking Skills

- Sensory Awareness and Perception
- Early Thinking Skills

Additional Priorities

- Physical, Orientation and Mobility Skills
- Organisation and Study Skill
- Personal and Social Skills
- Daily Living Skills
- Leisure and Recreational Skills



Key Skills

are

generic learning skills applicable across all contexts: home, school and community

and they

promote meaningful and socially inclusive living



Key Skills

- **key skills do not replace subjects**
- **subjects provide contexts for Key Skills**



Three Entitlement Questions

- ***What is taught?***

- Key Skills & relevant content within the framework of the NC

- ***Where is it best for learning to take place?***

- Meaningful Contexts

- ***How is learning best experienced?***

- Collaborative Processes

Taken from the 8 Ps



The Key Skills Index (IndexKS)



A Guide to the IndexKS

- **Designed around 7 key skills**
- **Defines and fully describes key skills and their components at different ability levels across all ages for learners with PMLD & SLD**
- **Level descriptions are written in a narrative style**
- **Skills described in terms of what a learner might be doing**



The Seven Key Skills

- **PSH**
- **Communication**
- **Application of Number**
- **Physical**
- **Problem Solving**
- **ICT**
- **Improving own Learning & Performance**



7 key skills



P.S.H.
Communication
Application of Number
Physical
Problem Solving
I.T.
Improving own Learning & Performance



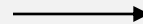
17 components



e.g. in P.S.H
Personal
Social
Health, Hygiene and Safety



each component has about 6 elements



e.g. in P.S.H. Personal
Feelings and Emotions
Personal Relationships

Evidence of success

‘smiles and vocalises when doing stretching exercise in pool with physiotherapist’



there are 4 tiers

e.g. in P.S.H. Personal, Feelings and Emotions

Tier 1 – ‘shows different feelings and emotions such as enjoyment, displeasure, happiness, sadness or anger’



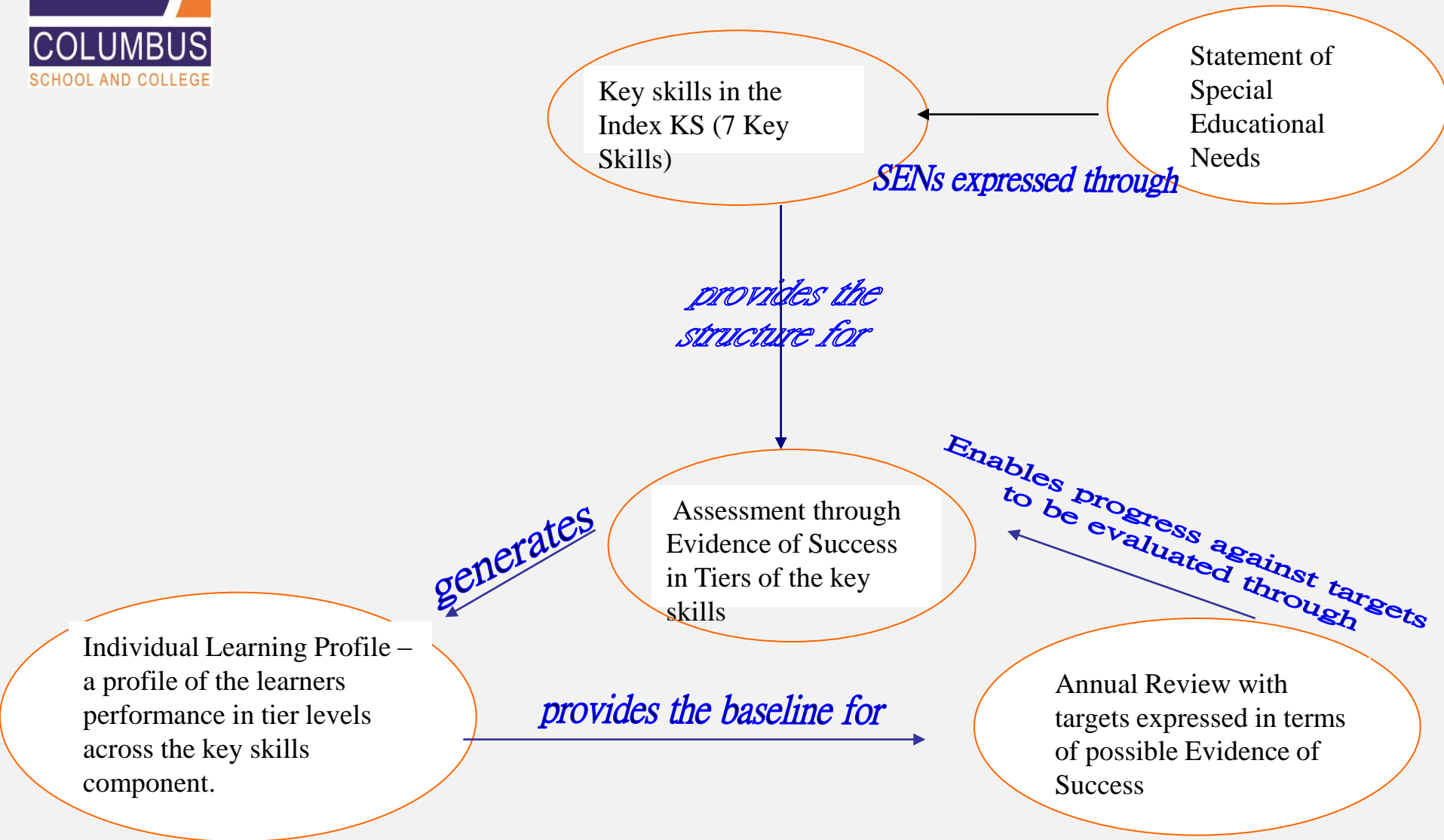
- **the ILP**

(individual learning profile)



A Model of Assessment

The Possible Model of Assessment





Reflections on the Model

- **Take 3 minutes to read through the diagram**
- **Discuss this with a partner (5 minutes)**
- **How is this similar to what you do now?**
- **How is this different from what you do now?**