



#### What is it?

The 'BEACON' principle outlines the key elements underpinning every lesson taught at St Aidan's.

We use these steps to ensure consistent teaching and learning, which is adapted to meet each child's needs.

#### Why is it important?

The 'BEACON' principle was created based upon Rosenshine's evidence informed Principles of Instruction, which were developed to include key aspects which can be drawn upon in every lesson.

Children are encouraged to develop their knowledge of not only their learning, but **how** we learn and **how** to improve.

At St Aidan's, we give every child the opportunity to reach their full potential and "Let your light shine..."

<b>B</b>	<b>Bulging Brains can Bring it Back</b>	Recently, a growing body of research has shown that the practice of remembering previously studied information (i.e. retrieval practice) is more advantageous for long-term retention of BRAIN memory.
<b>E</b>	<b>Explain and Explore to make things Easy</b>	'Knowledge is power'. Knowledge does much more than just help hone our thinking skills: it actually makes learning easier. Gaining knowledge is a continual process over time. Those with a rich base of factual knowledge find it easier to learn more — the rich get richer! The more you know, the easier it is to learn. Learn in small steps, by modelling, by following procedures, scaffolding and asking and answering questions.
<b>A</b>	<b>Access Amazing vocabulary</b>	Vocabulary is critical to our success. Vocabulary growth is directly related to school achievement. Vocabulary helps us to think and learn about the world. Expanding our knowledge of words provides unlimited access to new information.
<b>C</b>	<b>Complete task</b>	We apply previous and new knowledge, skills and understanding to different situations. We are encouraged to use our broader knowledge, work collaboratively, use problem solving skills and be creative. We should also be able to complete tasks independently and take responsibility for our own learning; we can 'overlearn'. Developing ourselves as independent learners, including where to look for help, is important as it helps us to stay motivated and improve our academic performance.
<b>O</b>	<b>Own our learning</b>	
<b>N</b>	<b>New learning - how much have we learnt?</b>	What have we learnt? How much have we learnt? What do we know now that we didn't before? Reflect on <b>what</b> we have just learnt, keep retrieving past knowledge and know <b>how</b> what we have learnt helps us in all that we do.