



PROSPECTUS



I am incredibly proud of our school family and love working in this community. Whilst having the advantages of a large school, I am constantly impressed by the small family feel in every classroom where every child is valued.

Our school motto: 'We care, we learn, we succeed' is at the heart of everything we do and this is reflected in our high achieving and happy school.

We have a highly skilled and committed team of staff who work with parents to strive for the best for every child. Ofsted have confirmed that we are a 'good' school with outstanding features and we provide a broad curriculum with high expectations where everyone is encouraged and supported to achieve.

This prospectus aims to give you a taster of the school. We hope you find the information you are looking for. Please feel free to contact the school with any queries you may have.

Miss Karen Parr
Headteacher

“Oaklands Primary is a welcoming and vibrant school, where all pupils, regardless of their background or ability, are challenged to achieve their very best. Your determination that all pupils will be successful and your high aspirations permeate the school”.

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The School Ethos

In our friendly and well-equipped school, we provide each child with an education for the future. High expectations are achieved through our culture for learning as well as stimulating and creative experiences, where everyone regardless of age or ability, is encouraged and supported to make excellent progress.

We value and provide:

- A forward thinking and interesting learning environment where children are able to grow, develop and succeed safely and securely.
- Outstanding teaching which enables children to become independent well-rounded individuals who are confident to take ownership of their own learning.
- Regular opportunities to work in unison with parents, carers and the community to promote the well-being of our pupils.
- Experiences to inspire children to raise their self-esteem and aspirations.

About our School

When choosing a school, you need to be clear about its defining features. Here are ten things to help you understand what we offer at Oaklands Community Primary School.

We are fortunate to work in a purpose built school which includes 16 classes. Around 420 boys and girls aged between 4 and 11 attend our school.



As part of the school building, we have many spaces that can be used to support children's learning. This includes group rooms for intervention, an ICT suite, a dedicated cookery room, a nurture provision and spaces for other specialist support such as Speech and Language.



Each year we welcome 60 Foundation Stage children into our school community. A comprehensive induction programme allows children to settle quickly.



Children leave our school well equipped for secondary. We are at least in line and often exceed National Standards.

On the school site we have a fantastic Autism Base, privately run day nursery and wrap around care provision.



We have a dedicated Inclusion team who provide additional support in English and Maths. Individual or small group tuition is also provided for pupils who have English as an additional language.



The outside space at Oaklands is incredible with extensive field spaces and large play courts which are used for play and lunchtimes as well as for the wide range of sporting opportunities on offer.



Our dedicated Forest School is surrounded by woodland and complimented by a wildlife area and large pond.



The children are very fortunate to have the opportunity to join after school clubs which are run by both school staff and some professional coaches.



We have a fully equipped kitchen on site and our catering team provide high quality meals for the children each day. The catering team can meet any dietary needs.



Early Years

Learning through play is an important part of our Foundation Stage. We believe children learn best from activities and experiences that interest and inspire them.

Through play, children learn to adapt, negotiate, communicate, discuss, investigate and ask questions. We believe it is important that adults take an active role in child initiated play through observing, modelling, facilitating and extending their play. The development of language is a key element of this stage of their education.

As a result, children here make rapid progress. They quickly learn phonic sounds which enables them to read and write. They also learn number skills progressing to simple calculations.

We provide children with a stimulating experiences both inside and outside of the classroom. We have amazing facilities with an inviting purpose built outside area where children learn through play.

Parents are pivotal in their child's learning journey. We regularly share with parents different strategies on how best to support their child in their first year of school.



One parent's comment was typical of many: 'All the staff are brilliant and provide a fantastic, safe, secure and positive learning environment.'

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Curriculum

At Oaklands Community Primary School, our curriculum is designed to ensure our young people leave us with high aspirations: they will know how to make a positive contribution to their community and be ready to take on responsibilities in their wider society.



At the heart of our success are the Oaklands' core values:

- **A clear focus on reading, writing and maths: firm foundations ensure future achievement and academic success.**
- **Fostering fluency in social communication; ensuring every child has a voice that can be heard, and the ability to create their own socially supportive networks.**
- **Enabling and encouraging pupils to choose healthy and safe lifestyles: actively opting to promote their own physical, mental and interpersonal health and adopting the habits of lifelong learning.**

Building on the National Curriculum, we offer a range of exciting and purposeful experiences as a context for deep and meaningful learning across all subject areas encouraging pupils' logical, analytical, inquisitive and creative thinking. These enable our pupils to master key skills and accumulate knowledge with real-world value and application. Pupils acquire, develop, practise and refine these skills through a balance of collaborative and independent activity within a rich indoor and outdoor learning environment.

Learning is driven forwards by engaging teaching, attentive assessment, and carefully considered progression through the Oaklands' curriculum that is matched to our pupil's development and interests.

We aim to challenge all learners through rich curricular and extra-curricular opportunities so that they become resilient problem-solvers who are critical, creative, risk-taking thinkers. We encourage them to be self-motivated, determined and independent in their approach to achieving their goals, both now and in the future.

Our pupils demonstrate their understanding of the world, different cultures and individual differences through mutual respect and acceptance. We provide our children with an exciting, broad and rich curriculum that inspires learning. Please click on the individual icons for more information about each subject. If you require any further information, please contact Miss Smith through the school office.



In our happy, inclusive and nurturing community, sufficient flexibility exists to ensure that every child is given the opportunity to thrive, belong, succeed and discover who they truly are.

Personal Development

We play a key role in developing children's character. Our school ethos and rich educational experiences enable children to think carefully about their choices, be eager to learn and behave with integrity both in and out of school.

We are proud of how our children are well prepared for education. Parents and visitors tell us that their children are confident, articulate and responsible citizens. Our children are incredibly understanding of the needs of themselves and others and this is reflected in the inclusivity across the school. Our staff champion our children and have every confidence in them to achieve and aspire to be the best they can be.

The children's spiritual, moral, social and cultural understanding is developed through opportunities for them to learn about rights and responsibilities and they learn to appreciate what it means to be a member of our diverse community. British values are promoted to support our children to become healthy, independent and responsible members of society. This is necessary if they are to make sense of their experiences, value themselves, respect each other, appreciate differences and feel confident and informed as British citizens now and in the future.

Our children are encouraged to develop their sense of self-worth by playing a positive role in contributing to school life and the wider community. We help children understand how they are developing personally and socially which helps them make decisions and tackle issues that are all part of growing up. We foster our children's self-esteem and encourage them to embrace challenge. Our teaching places emphasis on collaboration and co-operation as well as individual learning. We place importance on celebrating their success and recognising achievement in its different forms.

Our curriculum:

PSHE is taught throughout the school focussing on different topics each term and it is embedded throughout the school day. Key national campaigns and global events are focussed on throughout the year e.g. Children's Mental Health Week, Road Safety Week and Children in Need. Our curriculum:

- Promotes the physical, social and emotional well-being of pupils including developing effective interpersonal relationships
- Provides sex, relationships education (RSE) in line with statutory guidance
- Provides statutory health education including drug education and the importance of a healthy lifestyle
- Promotes British values and citizenship (democracy, the rule of law, liberty, respect and tolerance)
- Provides a safe place for discussion of current, relevant social issues
- Provides an awareness of careers and financial education
- Helps children use technology safely and responsibly
- Prepares children for the next stage of their education.

'Pupils across the school are extremely polite, focused and well mannered. Their attitudes to learning are a credit to you and your staff. They show great interest in their work and listen carefully to adults'.

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Facilities

Our state of the art facilities mean that your child has the best chance of success in and outside the classroom.

We pride ourselves on getting the most out of our specialist facilities and keeping up-to-date with advances in technology and communication. The school's facilities include:

- Every classroom is fitted with an interactive whiteboard
- Over 100 iPads and a year group set of Chromebooks
- ICT suite
- Nurture provision room
- Reading gazebo
- Sports/Dining Hall
- Football pitches, netball courts and cycle track
- Forest School and wildlife pond
- Cookery room
- Amphitheatre
- Group rooms for intervention
- Fully equipped kitchen and experienced catering team
- Breakfast Club and After School Club



Admissions

If you feel this is the right place for your child to start their educational journey please visit our website for more information.

Oaklands Primary is a maintained school and therefore comes under the local authority admissions policy. Please contact the local authority if you wish to know more about the admissions arrangements and criteria.

The school will hold a number of new parent visits during the autumn term prior to the application end date. Dates will be published on our website and provided to local nurseries. Due to the high number of applications we receive, appointments to visit outside of the planned parents visits are very limited therefore please try to attend during one of the planned visits so that you are not disappointed.

During the summer term, prior to your child starting school, the Local Authority will provide the school with the names of the children who have been offered a provisional place.

Once this is received, we will invite you to visit the school with your child. It is during this visit that your child will meet their teacher for a play session and you will have the opportunity to talk to the teacher about your child and any particular needs.

We will also hold a new parents information evening when you will have the opportunity to view the school uniform, meet with staff who will be involved in your child's education and welfare including our Parent and Family Support Advisor.





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