



Fishwick Primary School



Prospectus

Curiosity

Respect

Compassion

Aspiration

Resilience

A warm welcome to Fishwick Primary School

From the Headteacher..

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to Fishwick Primary School. Thank you for considering our school for your child.

We actively encourage a warm, happy atmosphere that enables children to feel secure, and helps them to strive towards their individual goals.

Fishwick is an inclusive school that provides education for children aged 2 – 11.

We are very proud of our school and our children's achievements. We welcome parents or visitors who may wish to see the school at work. Everyone at Fishwick is committed to putting the children first. We aim to create an environment where all the children in our care enjoy coming to school, and make the best of all the opportunities they are offered.

Choosing a school for your child is a huge decision and we know you want it be right. So do we.



We will provide a quality education that enables all the children not only to progress academically and socially but also to enjoy their time with us.

If you would like to visit us please make an appointment by telephoning 01772 491402. We look forward to meeting you.

Kind regards,

Vicki Conway
Headteacher





“Dare to dream, work hard to achieve”



Mission Statement

"Dare to dream work hard to achieve"

Fishwick Primary School should be noted as a school with a warm and caring atmosphere. Where everyone feels secure and valued, and all are treated with dignity and respect.

- We value the individual.
- We ensure that each member of the school community is provided with an equal opportunity to develop their full potential.
- We promote a positive, caring atmosphere where all concerned show respect for the feelings and rights of others.
- We provide quality education for all.

Quotes from Ofsted:

Fishwick Primary School continues to be a good school.

Our Aims

- We know that children learn best when they are happy and secure. Learning is not only about academic skills like reading and writing, but about feeling good about yourself.
- In our school we aim to create a happy, stimulating, fun and inclusive learning environment which provides equal opportunities for all.
- Every child is different and every child is special.
- Our children will be helped to achieve their potential academically, socially, physically and emotionally.
- We believe in a creative approach to learning where the children learn through exciting themes, brought to life with visits and visitors.
- We follow the guidelines of the National Curriculum and provide daily English and maths lessons.
- We want our children to be confident, well balanced individuals who enjoy learning and who can make a positive contribution to their community.
- When our children leave us in Year 6 we want them to be confident, independent and excited about their future.

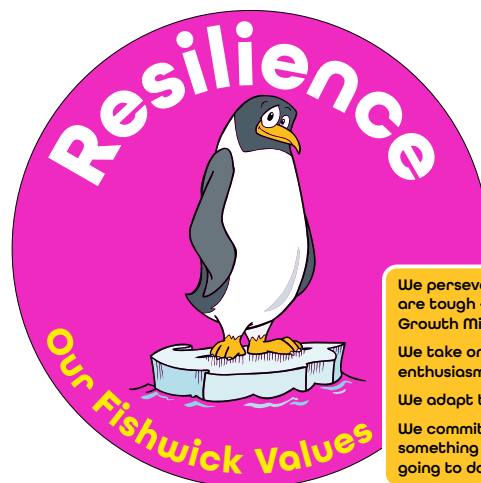
Intent Statement

At Fishwick Primary School the curriculum we are designing aims to meet the diverse needs of our community and to give our children:

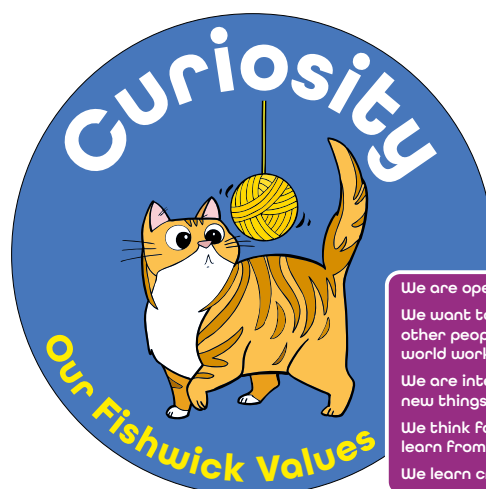
- A love of learning they will carry with them throughout their lives.
- A global perspective, opening their eyes to the world beyond their immediate environment.
- Preparation for the next part of their learning journey, both academically and as members of a learning community.
- High ambitions to lead happy, healthy and productive lives and the social and emotional skills to succeed.

We follow the National Curriculum with subjects being taught both discreetly and as part of carefully planned topics. We ensure our children have a breadth of opportunity and varied and interesting experiences. Our curriculum offer extends to our families and we have built in opportunities for them to be part of our 'learning community'. This is all underpinned by our core values and British values.

Our Core Values



We persevere when things are tough - we have a Growth Mindset.
We take on a challenge with enthusiasm.
We adapt to new situations.
We commit to doing something if we say we are going to do it.



We are open minded.
We want to understand other people and how the world works.
We are interested in learning new things in new ways.
We think for ourselves and learn from our mistakes.
We learn creatively.



We treat others how we want to be treated.
We look after property and our environment.
We are honest.
We are polite and have good manners.



We are kind to everyone.
We have empathy and understand other people's differences - we are all differently equal.
We are considerate to other members of our community and find opportunities to 'give back'.



We dare to dream and work hard to achieve.
We are positive and excited about our next steps in life.
We have confidence in ourselves.



Quotes from our parents:

The school goes above and beyond to ensure my children are happy and successful.





General Information

School Session Times

School starts at 8.55 am.

8.50am: a member of staff will open the doors and welcome the children on arrival. When the weather is bad the doors will be open from 8.45am.

Foundation and KS1

Morning: 8.55a.m. – 12.00p.m.

Afternoon: 1.00p.m. – 3.15p.m.

KS2

Morning: 8.55a.m. – 12.00p.m.

Afternoon: 1.00p.m. – 3.15p.m.

Playtime: 10.35a.m. – 10.50a.m.

Nursery

Morning: 8.55am – 11.55am

Afternoon: 12.05pm – 3.05pm

At home time a member of staff will be at the door to dismiss the children. We will not let a child go until the known adult collects them, or with KS2 pupils if we know they go home alone. If someone different is collecting your child please phone school and let us know.

WE WILL NOT LET YOUR CHILD GO WITH AN UNAUTHORISED ADULT OR CHILD.

Admission to School

- Lancashire County Council provide detailed information on their website.
- In year applications should be submitted to the Local Authority (Pupil Access) on **01772 532109**.
- Reception children applications are now to be done on line at www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/ if you require any further details please call into the office.
- The number of places available for admission to Reception at the time of writing is seventeen.
- Lancashire County Council will allocate places according to the following criteria:
 - Pupils who already have a brother or sister attending Fishwick Primary School.
 - Pupils who have particular Special Educational Needs, or for reasons of health, would find it more beneficial to go to their first choice school.
 - Pupils in order of closeness from their home to school. The order is decided by County Officers defining the shortest / safest route to school.
- All children offered a place are admitted in the Autumn Term before their 5th birthday.
- Parents and children will be invited to spend some time in school before starting so that they can get to know their teachers and other children in their class.
- The school also has nursery places for 2 & 3 year olds, please contact the office for an application pack.



Attendance

- It is important that children attend school on time and regularly if they are to fulfill their potential.
- Please telephone school to let us know if your child is unwell. School will contact parents if we have not received a message.
- Authorised absence covers such things as illness, hospital and dental appointments.
- When parents do not let school know why their child is absent it will be recorded an unauthorised absence.
- No holidays will be authorised in school time.



Quotes from Ofsted:

They feel happy and safe when they are in school.

Lunchtime Arrangements

- From September 2014 all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 may have a free meal as part of the Government's new initiative for universal infant free school meals.
- However, for children of any age, if you receive certain benefits or have a household income below the government's threshold you must register on line at: www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/free-school-meals/ Or telephone **01772 532109**. You will need your national insurance number.
- Nutritious, healthy meals are cooked on the premises and the children are able to choose in advance what they would like from the menu.
- Special theme day are offered at certain times during the year and all children are invited to have a school meal.
- Members of staff eat their dinner with the children. Older children encourage and support the younger children at lunchtime and we do not separate children having a packed lunch. We believe lunch time should be a pleasant, sociable time for everyone.
- Children may go home for lunch. They should be collected at 12 o'clock and return at 1 o'clock.
- Dinner money is payable on a Monday and it would help if it was in an envelope with your child's name on.
- If your child is bringing a packed lunch it should be put in a suitable container / bag with your child's name and class on.
- Please do not send food that needs heating as we have no facilities for this.
- For safety reasons please do not send glass bottles or cans.
- If your child has a food allergy (this does not mean any food your child dislikes!) or has dietary requirements for religious or medical reasons, please let us know.
- All children are provided with fruit at morning break and all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 have the option to have milk.



Parents' Evenings

Children learn best when home and school work together. We are always happy to discuss your child's progress with you although after school is often easier than before school when staff are welcoming the children.

There will also be opportunities for you to look at your child's work and discuss their progress on parents' evenings. In the summer every child will receive a written report.



Religious Education

Religious education is taught in accordance with the Lancashire agreed syllabus and children will be taught about the principal religions represented in the United Kingdom.

The law requires all pupils to take part in a daily act of collective worship. Your child will normally attend and participate but if you wish to withdraw your child from this please contact the Mrs Conway to arrange this.



Special Needs

At Fishwick we pride ourselves on meeting the needs of all children. We have an effective policy of identification based on staff observation where they may notice a child having difficulty. If this cannot be overcome in the classroom, then more assessment will take place to identify the child's needs and how to address them. We would always discuss any concerns with parents and involve you so that you can help and support your child.

Quotes from our parents:

They (my children) are happy and love their school.

Disability and Discrimination Act

The governing body recognises and adopts fully the elements of the Disability and/ discrimination Act by:

- Promoting equality of opportunity and positive attitudes
- Encouraging participation
- Eliminating discrimination and harassment
- Taking account of disabilities
- We make every effort to ensure that children with needs and disabilities have equal access to the curriculum and that appropriate support is available.

Every child should feel accepted, valued and secure within the school family and able to live successfully in our multicultural society.



Sex and Relationship Education

SRE at Fishwick supports our children through their physical, emotional and moral development. Pupils learn to develop confidence in listening, speaking and thinking about feelings and relationships e.g. friendships. They learn to name parts of the body and how their body works, how to protect themselves and to understand the changes in their body as they approach puberty.

Formal SRE will be taught through compulsory science lessons and PSHE (Personal, Social, Health Education) lessons. Parents may withdraw their child from some SRE lessons but not compulsory science lessons. If you wish to withdraw your child please see Mrs Conway.



Behaviour

We think good behaviour is linked to self discipline. We have high expectations of everyone in school and expect everyone to behave in the Fishwick way.

Children are continually praised for good work, good behaviour, politeness and consideration to others. We have achievement assemblies every week to celebrate our 'Stars of the Week.' There is no place for bullying at Fishwick and it is not tolerated by the staff or the children. Any racist incidents will be recorded, investigated and reported to the local authority.



Fishwick Primary School Golden Rules

The 'Golden Rules' for all children in school are:-

- We are Kind and Helpful
- We are Honest
- We Are Gentle
- We Listen
- We Work Hard
- We Look After Property





Safeguarding Children

All staff who work on the premises are DBS checked to ensure they are suitable to work with young children.

As a school we have a duty of care to report any concerns we may have about a child's safety to social services. Please note:

"Because of the day to day contact with children, school is particularly well placed to observe changes in behaviour or failure to develop."

Parents should be aware therefore that where it appears to a member of school staff that a child may have been hurt / abused, the school is required as part of the Local Child Protection Procedures to report their concerns to Social Services Department immediately.

Medicines in School

If medicines must be administered during the day, parents must report to the school office. Medication must not be sent in with a child.

We can only give antibiotics that have been prescribed for your child and which need to be given four times a day. Children may keep their asthma inhalers in their bag / tray to use when needed.



Quotes from our parents:

We all love this school.



Extra Curricular Activities

Over the course of the year a variety of clubs are offered including sport and dance.

Some of the clubs we have offered have been cheerleading, football, crafts and creative writing.

A free breakfast club is available from 8.00am for children in reception to Y6. Please ask if you would like details of this.



Quotes from Ofsted:

Pupils enjoy coming to school.

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Charging for Educational Visits

We believe that visits are an important part of your child's education as they bring their learning alive. Charges for visits are not compulsory and school pays for or will subsidise what it can. However, school funds are limited and we may ask for a contribution towards the cost. If you have difficulty making a contribution please see Mrs Conway.

Residential visits are also planned periodically. Payments are spread over a period of several months and parents will be kept well informed of arrangements either by letters or meetings.

Each visit is carefully organised and risk assessments are submitted to the Educational Visits Co-ordinator and the Headteacher for approval.

Data Protection

We fully comply with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) please refer to the website or call into the school office for further details.



Quotes from Ofsted:

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Complaints Procedure

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns. Please speak to your child's teacher in the first instance or you can always make an appointment or drop in to see Mrs Conway. We would always hope to be able to work with you to resolve any concerns but if this is not possible the full complaints procedure is available on the school website.

School Council

Everyone is a part of Fishwick and it is important that the children have a voice in school improvement. The school council elects one member from each year group and meets regularly, helping Mrs Conway to make our school a better place.



Quotes from our parents:

Lovely teachers and very aware of children's needs.



Uniform

School uniform gives a child a sense of belonging and pride in their school. Your child will feel that they are a part of their school if they are upholding the school's standards and expectations. We would like your support in making sure your child wears school uniform each day.

- Maroon sweatshirt/cardigan – these are available to buy from school.
- Black / grey trousers
- Black / grey skirt
- Plain white or maroon polo shirt
- Grey or black socks
- Black school shoes (trainers are only permitted if they are completely black – soles and uppers with no visible logos)
- Red gingham dress (Summer)

Sweatshirts, cardigans, book bags, P.E. bags and P.E. t-shirts with the school logo, along with P.E. shorts and pumps are all available to buy from the school office.

Jewellery

Lancashire County Council has a clear policy that jewellery should not be worn at school. Children may wear studs but they must be removed during P.E., games or swimming. This is your child's curriculum entitlement and it is not acceptable for your child to miss it. Any jewellery must be removed by the child. If your child is having their ears pierced, please try to have it done at the beginning of the summer holidays so that they have six weeks to heal.





Quotes from Ofsted:

Pupils behave well and treat one another with respect.



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