

# Wheatfield Primary School

*'High Achievement through Growing and Learning Together'*



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Wheatfield Primary School is a busy, thriving learning community where all learners feel valued, safe and happy. We expect and nurture the best behaviour and attitudes to education – as these are central to pupils achieving academic success.

Chris Dursley/Lois Haydon  
Head Teacher/Acting Head Teacher

Sue Davey  
Chair of Governors

*'The governors know the school's strengths and weaknesses. They have worked closely with the senior leaders on the school development plan, which focuses on the areas for improvement.'* (Ofsted, December 2014)

## Working in Partnership with Our Parents

We positively encourage parents to play an active role in the education of their children so that every child meets their full potential.

Our parents are invited to come into school to share ideas and contribute towards our development, policies and best practice. We encourage them to help us celebrate our learning and have daily contact with our teachers.

We communicate effectively with our parents and keep our parents informed of all the events and activities happening in school through our school gateway, website and monthly newsletters.

*'The school has developed good relations with parents. They are very supportive of the school.'* (Ofsted, December 2014)





## Our Ethos and Values

We have very high expectations of our learners and are committed to providing them with a safe and friendly environment so that all children are happy and eager to learn. Everyone is encouraged to care for, respect and value others. This ethos supports the development of positive relationships and helps to ensure that the children behave well and are ready to learn.

**Respect** I respect myself, treat others as I would like to be treated and value what I have around me.

**Enjoy** I find learning fun, enjoy working with others and come to school with a smile on my face/ go home with a smile on my face

**Achieve** I am always ready to be the best I can, I try my hardest and persevere.

**Learn** I ask meaningful questions, I make links in my learning and I am curious to find out more.

**Inspire** I am enthusiastic and creative in my learning, and share my ideas with others

**Believe** I have faith in myself; I believe in others, I rise to a challenge

'Behaviour is good; pupils are enthusiastic and positive learners. They are polite and show respect to all adults. They feel safe in school.'  
(Ofsted, December 2014)

## Our Learning

It is our aim to provide the children with a curriculum which is inspiring, broad and well balanced. Our curriculum is organised into themed units, which the children and their teachers develop together; they reflect the diversity of our community, the locality in which we live, and the needs of our children. Most subjects are taught through these themes, but discrete teaching of Maths, PE, and French also takes place.

'The new curriculum has been devised to stimulate and enthuse pupils and is beginning to capture pupils' enthusiasm for learning.'  
(Ofsted, December 2014)

Our website provides parents with lots of information about our curriculum for each Key Stage and subject area, as well as our latest KS1 and KS2 results.

We teach and celebrate all religions in our school. Parents can withdraw their children from all or part of religious education and collective worship if they wish and alternative provision will be organised.





## Children with Special Needs

We recognise that all children are individuals and have a variety of needs as they progress through our school. When a child is identified as having a special educational, behaviour or physical need, we work in partnership with parents. Where necessary, outside agencies are engaged to ensure that children have an appropriate programme of learning and additional support.

*'Those with special educational needs make similar progress to their classmates. Extra classes and additional support for this group of pupils ensure that they are well supported.'* (Ofsted, December 2014)

For children whose abilities may be classed as gifted or talented, we adjusted their access to the curriculum and ensure they are appropriately challenged. Children who have English as an additional language also have a specialised programme of support.

## Pupil Premium

Pupil Premium is an additional stream of funding which helps us support any underlying inequalities between children entitled to Free School Meals and their peers. We inform our parents how we spend this funding annually on our website.

*'Pupils from different backgrounds get on well with each other. The school is a cohesive community. As one minority ethnic pupil said, 'Everyone here is nice to each other.'* The pupil premium funding is used effectively in a range of ways.' (Ofsted, December 2014)





## Working with Our Community

Our school recognises its accountability to the local community. Our children are very proactive in fund raising projects which help others. Each year they come up with good ideas to raise money to support the work of both local and international charities. I

We drive improvement and relations within our community through our Diversity Forum which is a volunteer team of parents and carers who reflect the diversity of our school community. Their role is to support us to enhance the links that we currently have with our parents and the local community; to forge new partnerships locally, nationally and globally.

We regularly offer the resources and facilities of our school to local groups and charities.

## Wheatfield Plus

We are very proud of our extended school provision which is led by our caring, qualified experienced, teaching assistants and lunch break supervisors who are familiar and well known to your children. Our aim is to provide excellent childcare provision in a safe, enjoyable, kind and friendly setting.

We are able to offer quality play and provide activities which meet the individual needs of all children whilst supporting their social, physical, intellectual and emotional development.





### **School Grounds and Play Development**

Our outdoor spaces are a fantastic resource for playing and learning. We have a sports field, two hard play areas, an enclosed area for our reception children, outdoor classroom, playpod and conservation zone, as well as many bushes and trees for the children to explore and play in. We are continuously developing our grounds, ensuring that they can be accessed fully throughout the year.

Lottery funding has enabled us to further develop our pond area, create a bird-hide, stage area and, most importantly, a boot room for 'wellie storage'.

We also have a flourishing allotment in the grounds, managed by the children and teaching assistants, which provides produce which we use as part of our cooking in school.

### **Our Pupil and Family Support Worker**

Our Pupil and Family Support Worker helps support our pupils and families, providing advice and support on a range of subjects to do with life at school and at home. Parents who have any concerns about the wellbeing of their child are welcome and encouraged to make an appointment.

### **Extended Schools**

An exciting programme of educational visits enriches the curriculum and supports our children's learning both academically and socially. These visits range from walks in the local area, to longer residential opportunities in Y5 and Y6, when the children take part in a variety of team building and outdoor pursuit activities.

Theatre groups such as the Bristol Old Vic and individuals are also invited into school, to share their interests and skills with the children.





### Children's Comments

*'We do a lot of creative writing and writing instructions. I liked writing instructions on how to brush your teeth.'* Jessica (Yr 2)

*'I really love my school dinners. I remember when I had my first dinner in school and it was delicious.'* Lucy (Yr 5)

*'We get lots of rewards for our Maths. I love doing my Maths Stars and I have a badge and certificate to celebrate my learning.'* Jaytreeye (Yr 2)

*'I loved attending our school camp, especially when we lit a fire and sat around with my friends toasting marshmallows.'* Frank (Yr 5)

*'The teachers help you a lot and sort things out for you.'* Louie (Yr 6)

*'We love our golden time when we get to choose to do something; we really liked making lanterns.'* Sahasra & Anushka (Yr 2)

### Parent's Comments

*'Wheatfield school has been very supportive and understanding of Calum's additional needs, nothing is ever too much trouble.'*

*'It has been lovely to watch Oliver grow from a very shy, cautious little boy in Reception to a happy, confident Year 2 pupil. The staff do an amazing job of nurturing and supporting children on their journey through school.'*

*'Wheatfield is a happy and cheerful school where learning is fun.'*





## Safeguarding

We have a very comprehensive safeguarding policy and procedures. All staff receive regular child protection training and are aware of the actions which should be taken if they feel a child in their care is at risk.

*"Pupils feel safe in school and have complete confidence in all the adults who take care of them." Ofsted, 2014*

## Attendance

Regular school attendance is an important part of meeting a child's full potential. Our current attendance figures are 95.75%.

## How to Apply

September Reception admissions to our school are co-ordinated by South Gloucestershire. Applications should be made directly to them online at [www.southglos.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools-and-colleges/school-admissions/primary-school-admissions/](http://www.southglos.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools-and-colleges/school-admissions/primary-school-admissions/)

The closing dates for applications is 15 January 2017.

For in-year admissions, applications should be made online at [/www.southglos.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools-and-colleges/school-admissions/in-year-school-admissions/](http://www.southglos.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools-and-colleges/school-admissions/in-year-school-admissions/)

Please contact the school if you would like a tour of our school on 01454 868610.



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