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**All Hallows
Church of England
(Controlled) Primary School**



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What makes All Hallows special?

All Hallows Church of England Primary School has been serving the Gedling area of Nottingham for over 120 years. Our links with the local parish church, and the Christian ethos which is at the very heart of the school makes All Hallows a full and enriching learning establishment. We are all immensely proud of our school, and our wonderful children. Our warm and welcoming atmosphere encourages children to share, care and to develop the confidence to make the right choices, recognising their role in the learning partnership. Our high expectations seek to ensure that each child achieves educational success and a positive self-image. We take pride in ensuring that the children are happy at school. Children learn best when they feel positive, safe and secure.

The 'respect' agenda is a crucial part of all that we do and our ethos seeks to develop valued and responsible young people. We are very proud of our 'Investors in Pupils' status, and how our 'Stephen Lawrence Education Standard' supports our work on inclusion and equality. We believe that **'EVERY CHILD IS DIFFERENT AND EVERY CHILD IS SPECIAL.'**

Most important of all, we have wonderful children, outstanding behaviour, a dedicated and talented staff, and supportive parents/carers. Our Governing body provide effective levels of challenge and support. Working together as a group, we really can make a difference.

The Gedling Family of schools

We are proud to be part of the Gedling Family of Schools which includes ourselves, Priory Junior School, Phoenix Infant School and Stanhope Primary School. We have an effective collaboration which supports the learning of all our children, and the professional development of all our staff.



Come and see us

You are welcome to come along and see the school in action throughout the year. If you are a prospective parent please telephone the school office to make an appointment, and you will be warmly welcomed. We pride ourselves on keeping parents/carers informed about their child's progress and everything that is happening in school. Our weekly newsletter is a key source of information, as is our extensive website, which includes up to date class pages and key documentation. We hold three open evenings a year as well as open days, and a variety of information and training evenings. These include sessions on how we teach certain areas of the curriculum such as phonics and calculation. We encourage our parents/carers to take an active role in school life by helping their children's learning. At termly discussion evenings parents/carers have the opportunity to hear about our development plans, and have an input into future initiatives. Add to this our parent workshops, our extended services and support, and our school is a busy and exciting place for everyone.

There are opportunities throughout the year to attend class services, concerts, special events, and our weekly Friday celebration assembly. We are also indebted to our thriving Parent Teacher Association, and encourage all parents/carers to become involved. Our strong family and community spirit is a strength of the school.

Our Church Mission Statement

We are proud to be a Church of England school.

Our Christian ethos is important to us, and is reflected in everything that we do.

All Hallows Church of England Primary School has an ethos and teaching founded on Christian values and the belief that individuals are created by God and precious in His sight. We value and respect children of all faiths, and promote equality and respect. Our church mission statement is simply:

'Wanting the best for each member of the school – within a Christian environment, gladly working in partnership with each other, with home, church and the community.'





Our school ethos

All Hallows School endeavours to prepare children for a full, satisfying, and happy life. Recognising its historic foundation, the school will preserve and develop its religious character in accordance with the principles of the Church of England and in partnership with the Church of All Hallows, Gedling. Our school embraces and welcomes all cultures and faiths, and is proud of the equal opportunities provided for all children. The school aims to serve its community by providing an education of the highest quality within the context of Christian belief and practice. Children will achieve their full potential in a happy environment, with high academic challenge, where every child matters in a climate of respect, caring and sharing. All Hallows aspires to be at the heart of the community, with the children at the heart of the school.

**'Educating the mind
without educating
the heart is no
education at all.'**
Aristotle

Our aims

- To enable your child to develop to their full potential intellectually, socially, emotionally, physically and spiritually.
- To work within a balanced achievement based culture with high expectations.
- To build and develop the essential partnership between home and school for the ultimate benefit of the children in our joint care.
- To maintain the highest quality of care amongst all in our school community.
- To encourage an awareness of the religious dimension of life with special reference to Christianity.
- To develop a sense of respect, self-discipline, personal responsibility and responsibility for others in the school and the wider community.
- To offer a broad and exciting curriculum which engages all learners.
- To develop and promote an awareness for a healthy lifestyle (including participation in sporting activities), healthy eating and economic well being.
- To utilise all available opportunities to enrich and extend the learning of all.
- To promote and celebrate our diversity.
- To promote equality and inclusivity, and 'All Hallows' Values.'



'Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world.'
Harriet Tubman



Our children

We are very proud of all of our children, and their behaviour is always outstanding. Honesty, integrity and pride forms the basis of our behaviour contract, and lead to the core value of RESPECT. You will find our children to be kind, caring, respectful and have excellent manners. Our children are also happy and eager to come to school. We tell the children that 'the most important part of their school uniform is their smile.' We have numerous positive reward systems in school which encourage, engage and enthuse the children. We encourage our children to have a leading role in the running and organisation of our school. The 'pupil voice' at All Hallows is very strong, and our pupil School Council drives forward a lot of our initiatives. We are proud to be an accredited outstanding 'Investors in Pupils' school. The safety, welfare and happiness of our children is of paramount importance. At All Hallows we are committed to promoting equality and tackling unlawful discrimination of any kind. We are also proud to be the recipient of the 'Stephen Lawrence Education Standard.'



Our curriculum

At All Hallows CE Primary School we aspire to provide a high quality education for all of our pupils. We aim to create an exciting and well balanced curriculum which supports the needs of all learners, promotes high standards and ensures that the school's principles about learning become a reality.




We will provide a safe, secure and supportive environment for all children to learn.

We promise that every child will have the opportunity to shine.

We believe that children at our school are entitled to a range of first hand experiences and activities which will support them in becoming life-long learners and citizens of the 21st century in a modern democratic Britain.

We have created an exciting and well balanced curriculum by:

- **Offering a curriculum with exciting and engaging themes based on learning.**
- **Offering a broad, balanced and relevant curriculum which prepares our children for the next stage of education and their life in the community.**
- **Nurturing curiosity and a thirst for learning.**
- **Offering excitement, awe and wonder and foster children's engagement.**
- **Providing first-hand experiences both in the school, school grounds and wider afield.**
- **Fostering pupils' independence, responsibility and self-initiated learning.**
- **Ensuring there is skills progression and a raising of standards.**
- **Allowing time for work of quality and depth with time to reflect.**
- **Being responsive to the children's interests and pupil voice.**
- **Celebrating achievement.**
- **Creating an environment where all children feel secure and valued.**
- **Embracing diversity within our own community and beyond and be firmly committed to the principles of equality for all children.**



**“The mind is not
a vessel to be
filled, but a fire
to be kindled.”
Plutarch**

Core Curriculum

As well as providing an exciting curriculum for our children, we place a high value on our core subjects, reading, writing and maths. We ensure that our children become effective communicators and are confident with numbers. We also instil a love of reading and writing, creating a literacy rich environment which promotes high standards. We aim to provide high-quality mathematics education that supports a foundation for understanding the world, the ability to reason mathematically, an appreciation of the beauty and power of mathematics, and a sense of enjoyment and curiosity about the subject. We aim to ensure that our children become fluent in the fundamentals of mathematics, reason mathematically and can solve problems by applying their mathematics.

Physical Development

All Hallows CE Primary School is committed to the following aims:

- To provide a good learning environment for physical activity; to ensure that changing facilities have sufficient space, and are appropriate for the children.
- To challenge gender stereotypical beliefs and attitudes and promote positive images of boy/men and girls/women enjoying activity at all levels of achievement; (not just elite performer).
- To ensure that all physical activity is enjoyable and makes a positive contribution to the pupils' self-confidence and self-esteem;
- To provide all pupils with a varied and positive experience of physical education/activity;
- To cater for the physical needs of all pupils (whatever their age and stage);
- To ensure lunch times are productive periods where activity is encouraged and purposeful;
- To promote an understanding of the benefits of an active life style through the school's culture which embraces all members of the school community;
- To work in partnership with other agencies to promote activity patterns which are supported by extra-curricular and community activity provision.

Spiritual, moral, social and cultural development

We encourage our children to be:

- To be reflective about beliefs, values and human experience, enabling them to develop curiosity in their learning.
- To develop and apply an understanding of right and wrong in their school life and life outside school.
- To develop awareness of and respect for diversity.
- To respond positively to a range of artistic, sporting and other cultural opportunities.



School Times

Ideally, children should arrive at school no earlier than 8.40 a.m. For security reasons, gates will be locked until 8.30 a.m. A teacher will be on duty from 8.40 a.m. School starts at 8.50 a.m. As soon as the morning bell goes, we expect all children to line up. To help with a smooth start to the day we kindly ask that you leave your child at this point and do not follow them into school — we want our children to become independent, and our corridors are already very narrow and congested.

Our lunch break will be from 12.10 until 1.00 (12.00 for the Foundation and Key Stage 1 children). We provide an excellent cooked meal at lunchtime (please see the school website for more details).

School finishes at 3.20 p.m. and children can be collected from the exit nearest their classroom. For security reasons, the external gates will not be open until 3.15 p.m.



Clubs and Activities

Our out of school activities vary from year to year, according to the interests and specialist knowledge of the staff. In recent times such clubs have included art, chess, dance, football, basketball, handball, guitars, drama, Christian Union, gardening, and knitting! Throughout the year the children take part in a variety of performances, especially since we are lucky to have a fully equipped stage.

The school has an out of school care scheme on site called 'The Cabin.' This provides affordable child care both before and after school and during the school holidays.

A warm welcome awaits you at All Hallows

To all of our new parents, a warm welcome, and we are sure that your child will be very happy here. To all our prospective parents, please feel free to come and look around the school, talk to the children and staff, and see what we have to offer. Choosing a school is an important decision. We are proud of our school and all of the children, and hope that you will join the All Hallows family.

'A good head and good heart are always a formidable combination. But when you add to that a literate tongue or pen, then you have something very special.'
Nelson Mandela







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