



Holmes Chapel Primary School



Welcome

A message from the Headteacher



A warm welcome to Holmes Chapel Primary School

We are all immensely proud of our school; it is a welcoming and vibrant learning community committed to providing excellent teaching and learning, outstanding pastoral care and exceptional leadership and management.

We have a dedicated, caring and experienced staff who work hard to provide a balance of learning approaches to ensure that each child reaches his/her full potential. Our children thrive on the positive atmosphere and creativity within school and take full advantage of the many opportunities made available to them.

Happy children work to fulfil their potential; we place high emphasis on achieving this through close home/school links and fostering a caring and secure environment in which all children can prosper. We are proud of our creative curriculum which was rated "outstanding" by the school's last Ofsted inspectors.

The school is a member of the Aspire Educational Trust. The aim of the trust is simple: to give children and young people from all backgrounds an outstanding education. More information about Aspire can be found on the website: <https://www.aspireeducationaltrust.co.uk>

We hope that this brochure will give you a flavour of school life, but nothing beats coming into school to get a real taste. Visits are most welcome; if you want to know more, please phone to make an appointment for us to show you around.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.

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Our school

Holmes Chapel Primary School is a Community School with an age range of 4 to 11 years. We have two mixed ability classes in each year group.

Early Years Foundation Stage (Reception)

Our EYFS team work closely with all of our feeder pre schools, nurseries and childminders to help each child settle happily into our Reception classes. The children make a number of visits to school before they start in September and initially they come to school on a part time basis. This allows time for the children and staff to get to know each other. We have an information evening and coffee mornings to welcome new parents to our school community and to give parents information about how they can best support their child's learning.

The two Reception classrooms are linked and the children also have access to their own creative room as well as a dedicated outdoor learning and play area.

Joining school after Reception

If your child joins the school after Reception or part way through the school year, you will be invited to visit the school with your child to meet the class teacher and the other children. We will contact your child's previous school to ask for information that will help to make your child's transition as seamless as possible.

Key Stages 1 and 2

Throughout Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) and Key Stage 2 (Years 3 to 6) the children's progress is monitored to ensure each child reaches his/her full potential. In Year 6 the children complete SATs in English and Maths.

In each year group, the teachers work closely together, supported by teaching assistants, to ensure the same curriculum is covered across both classes.

Transfer to Secondary School

The majority of our pupils transfer to Holmes Chapel Comprehensive School. We have long established links with the Comprehensive School; children in Years 5 and 6 have several opportunities to visit and teachers from the Comprehensive School come to our school to talk to the children about their transition.





Our Curriculum

Our curriculum is broad, balanced and creative with topics covering history, geography and science.

Numeracy and Literacy

Numeracy and literacy are taught as discrete subjects every day as well as being incorporated in to many areas of the curriculum.

Reading

Reading is taught through phonics. We use a combination of home/school reading materials; structured reading scheme books and 'real' books. More information, including a downloadable reading leaflet for parents, is available on our website at <http://www.holmeschapelprimary.org.uk>



ICT

We have excellent ICT facilities, with computers and an interactive whiteboard in every classroom, a dedicated ICT suite, several computer bays around the school and a large set of laptops and tablets. Children also develop their skills using the secure pages of the school's website.



French

French is currently taught in Key Stage 2.

Music

All children have weekly music lessons and throughout Year 4, children have tuition in an instrument through the Wider Opportunities scheme.

Physical Education

All children take part in at least two hours of PE weekly both indoors and outdoors. In Year 3 children have swimming lessons at a local Leisure Centre, and Years 4, 5 and 6 have the opportunity to attend catch up sessions during the year, working towards the government requirements for all children to have the ability to swim at least 25m.

We welcome parents and carers to our annual sports day in July.

Environmental Education

Our large playground, extensive fields, woodland, and natural meadow mean that many aspects of environmental education take place in our own grounds. We also have allotments where the children grow fruit and vegetables.

More information about our exciting outdoor learning activities can be found on our website.

Emotional Well-being

At Holmes Chapel Primary School we recognise the importance of emotional wellbeing and how much a child's emotional health and wellbeing influences their cognitive development and learning, as well as their physical and social health and their mental wellbeing in adulthood. Our curriculum positively promotes wellbeing and resilience.



Educational and Residential visits

Our curriculum is enriched by trips out of school as well as by visits to school from experts. In Years 4, 5 and 6 the children have the opportunity to go on a residential trip.

Inclusion

Our Special Educational Needs Coordinator works with the class teachers, team of teaching assistants and parents/carers to provide any additional support needed for children with special education needs.

We also ensure that our more able children are challenged and extended by work set in class as well as having opportunities to take part in additional learning activities organised with other local schools.

We work hard to ensure that children with disabilities have equal access to the curriculum as far as possible. Parents whose children have any form of disability are encouraged to make an appointment to view the school and discuss their child's needs.

Learning Mentor

Our Learning Mentor works with staff and parents/carers to provide additional support for children with social, emotional and behavioural needs.

Extra Curricular Activities

We provide a wide variety of extra curricular clubs and activities, with clubs running before and after school and at lunchtimes. There are opportunities to sing and play instruments as well as private music lessons by visiting teachers. The school encourages children to take part in sport and our teams compete with other local schools in sports such as football (girls and boys), cross country, netball and boccia. Art, gymnastics, maths and gardening clubs are also offered.



Parent Partnership

We are keen to engage with parents and carers and for you to participate in your child's education in a number of ways.

Keeping Parents Informed

At the start of the school year, we hold a "meet the teacher" evening, where you can find out about the year's planned curriculum and topics and about how you will be able to assist in supporting your child.

Parents' Evenings are held twice a year to discuss your child's progress and all parents are given a written report at the end of the Summer Term.

Performances and Presentations

Parents are invited into school to celebrate key events with the children, share work or to enjoy performances.

Homework

Information about homework and the week's activities is communicated on the school's website and through your child's Home / School Book.





Parent Volunteers

Many parents, grandparents and carers enjoy volunteering in our classes, for example by hearing children read or helping on school trips. We are committed to safeguarding children and facilitate DBS checks where required.

Our Parent Teacher Association

We have a thriving PTA, open to all parents/carers and staff, which meets regularly to organise a wide range of events for children and adults.

Our Parents' Forum

Parents can exchange views, opinions and information on aspects of school life via the Parents' Forum, which usually meets each term.



Pastoral Care

We are proud of our happy and caring environment.

All aspects of school life are underpinned by our school Golden Rules and good behaviour is encouraged by earning house points for one of our four houses.



Lunches

We are designated as a 'Healthy School' and work hard to ensure we maintain our healthy school status.

You can choose either school dinners or packed lunches for your child each day. All school meals are cooked on site and the menu offers children a varied choice from a healthy and nutritionally balanced menu, including a vegetarian option.

Break Time Snacks

All Reception and Key Stage 1 children are provided with free fruit. Parents are also welcome to provide healthy snacks for their child. Crisps, chocolate and sweets are not allowed. Water bottles are encouraged throughout the day.





Administration

School Hours

Children arrive at school from 8.45am and school finishes at 3.15pm.

Before and After School Clubs

Before and after school care is available from local providers. More information is available from the school office or our website.





For more information

There are many ways you can find out more about
Holmes Chapel Primary School, simply visit the school office,
call us on 01477 533336,
email us at: admin@holmeschapelprimary.cheshire.sch.uk
or visit our website: www.holmeschapelprimary.org.uk



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the best that they can be.'**

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