

# Welcome to Purbrook Infant

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you so much for showing an interest in, and requesting information about Purbrook Infant School. Our school has a reputation for having a calm, welcoming and nurturing environment in which children develop positive attitudes to learning, delight in the excitement of learning new skills and learn to work positively with and alongside others. We take pride in their achievements and work hard to help all our children achieve high standards. We are very proud of our school and all who belong to the school community and look forward to sharing all that makes Purbrook Infant School a special place.

Starting school is probably one of the biggest steps you and your child will ever take. At our school, children come first and are at the centre of everything that we do. We appreciate that each child is special and unique and that everyone has a talent or skill that needs to be nurtured and developed. We strive to provide opportunities for every child to experience success and believe in fostering a 'whole child' curriculum.

These qualities and strengths of the school were identified in our most recent Ofsted Inspection Report (January 2015) [www.ofsted.gov.uk](http://www.ofsted.gov.uk)

At Purbrook Infant School we expect high standards of behaviour and good manners. The development of core values, alongside sound basic skills of learning, on which to build future academic progress are key factors in our ethos. We pride ourselves on an innovative and creative curriculum and a busy selection of after school clubs and on site wrap around care, providing safe and exciting extended learning for all our pupils.

We trust this prospectus will give you a clear picture of our school and the things you and your child can expect on becoming part of Purbrook Infant School community.

We are committed to fostering the valued partnership between home and school and to developing links with the local community.

From all the staff and myself, we wish you and your child a happy and successful time at Purbrook Infant School.



Mrs L A de Carteret  
Headteacher



## Our Vision

At Purbrook Infant School we believe in providing a happy, safe, caring and stimulating environment, where children become confident learners and achieve to the best of their ability.

Our Vision is:

**Learning and Growing Together**  
**\*Independence \*Resilience \*Respect**



This means so much and includes:

- Working closely with you, their parents and carers, to understand your child as an individual, so we can provide a personalised education
- Promoting high expectations of teaching and learning, ensuring everyone is respected and recognised for their strengths and differences
- Always evaluating and reflecting on what we are doing so that we can improve further

## Aims



Our aims are that the children at Purbrook Infant School should:

- Be confident, happy, independent and resourceful individuals
- Have the skills and knowledge to live safe, healthy and fulfilling lives
- Be responsible citizens who make a positive contribution to the community and to society
- Be successful learners who enjoy learning, are motivated, determined and achieve

The school community will:

- Provide a safe, secure and nurturing environment where children have a genuine voice
- Ensure excellent partnerships in the community to ensure excellent academic, social and pastoral support
- Ensure a rich and stimulating environment within which high quality learning takes place

These skills are the foundation on which every aspect of school life and the curriculum is based. We believe that children need to understand how important these life skills are, both at school, and for life. We discuss these values with children regularly, through assemblies, circle times and by linking them to our planned learning experiences.





## School Day

Age phase	School starts	Morning Break	Lunch	End of day
Early Years	8.45am	Ongoing free flow opportunities	11.50am - 12.55pm	3.15pm

We ask you that you are in school on time as this helps them to start the day well! It is school policy that no pupils will be permitted to leave the school site unless with a parent or carer during these hours.

## Early Years

The children achieve well at Purbrook Infant School and leave the Foundation Stage prepared for the next step in their education. We achieve this by providing the children with a balance of daily adult-led group times which focus on early reading, writing and maths and child-led play activities both inside and outside. We feel this approach gives children the firm foundations needed for later learning.

We have a purpose built outdoor area with a large sand pit, water area, creative zone, gardening area and large playground for physical play.

In Early Years the children will be engaged in the three prime areas of learning:

- Personal, social and emotional development
- Physical development
- Communication and language

They will also undertake learning in the four specific areas of learning:

- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Arts and Design

The learning in all of these areas will be based around fun, interactive topics such as Super Heroes or Mini Beasts that engage the children's interests. Wherever possible learning will be brought to life through visitors or trips such as visiting a farm or a day in the woods

**‘Children are active and inquisitive learners who behave well, co-operate with each other and enjoy all that is on offer.’  
(OFSTED 2015)**



## Starting School

Purbrook Infant School operates New Entrants Parents Meetings in the summer term prior to the date of admission, where general information will be given about the Early Years and you will be given the opportunity to meet the team working with your child. Home visits are set up with you at a convenient time to build and develop the home school links. The children will later be given the opportunity to spend some time in school; familiarising themselves with the environment and staff. We want to make the children's transition from home to school a happy, relaxed experience for you and your child.

## Moving On

The majority of our pupils will transfer to Purbrook Junior School, our linked school when they leave us in Year 2. Together with the junior school staff, we will work very hard to make the transition as smooth as possible. As well as specific meetings with the junior staff to discuss pupils, we will set up activities, with additional activities for less confident pupils to aid that transition.

## Working with Parents



We recognise the unique role the parent/carer has as the child's first educator. We wish to work in partnership with you to ensure future success for your child. Together we will:

- Manage carefully the transition from home to school and between different settings
- Establish feelings of trust and respect with parents/carers and children
- Treat children and families as individuals to ensure equal opportunities
- Find out about the child's faith and cultural heritage and home experiences so that familiar experiences and interests can be used as starting points for learning and teaching
- Share our Values Programme
- Promote self-confidence and a positive attitude to learning in all children, whatever their gender, ethnicity, home language, special educational needs, disability or ability



Parents are always welcome into school to help, on school trips or just to have a look to see how we work!





## Wrap Around Care



Purbrook Infant School run a breakfast club in our Early Years space. We are pleased to be able to offer wrap around care for your child from 7.45am to 8.50am and Beehive offer an afterschool club running from 3.15pm to 6.00pm at a reasonable cost. Breakfast and games will be provided in the morning and at a cost of £2.50 per child per day for breakfast and £4.00 to 4.15pm or £8.00 to 6.00pm.

## School Uniform



Winter Uniform	Summer Uniform	PE Kit
Maroon sweatshirt or cardigan with logo	Maroon sweatshirt or cardigan with logo	Yellow logo teeshirt
Grey skirt or trousers	Red and Yellow / Red and White / Yellow and White checked dress. Grey skirt / trousers or shorts	Black shorts
Yellow polo shirt	Yellow polo shirt	
White, grey or black socks Grey, black or maroon tights	White, grey or black socks	Winter – dark coloured tracksuit bottoms
Black flat shoes	Black flat shoes	Black plimsolls (inside) or trainers (outside)

## Jewellery and Hairstyles

At Purbrook Infant School it is policy, for health and safety reasons that any hair, on any child, male or female, long enough to be tied back should be tied back at all times whilst in school. Hairstyles we feel that are unacceptable, are for example Mohican, bright colours, hair patterns/shaving and large hair pieces.

Hairbands should be plain, dark school colours.

Children are not allowed to wear jewellery for safety reasons. For children with pierced ears, we will only accept a small stud and these will need to be removed before school on PE days for health and safety reasons.

No makeup or nail varnish is allowed in school.

