

Chantry Community Primary School Prospectus



CONFIDENT



CARING



CREATIVE





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Welcome

Welcome to Chantry Community Primary School,

We are a friendly, caring school with high expectations for every child and our Chantry values of *'Caring, Confident, Creative'* underpin everything we do.

Our children are encouraged to explore, discover and question through a range of exciting learning opportunities both within and outside the classroom. We pride ourselves on our broad and creative curriculum, supported by high quality arts experiences.

We have a dedicated team of staff who work hard to provide a calm and stimulating environment where good behaviour and mutual respect is modelled by everyone and where everyone is valued. As well as supporting children in their learning, we are also passionate about supporting their emotional development.

At Chantry, we work hard to get to know every child and nurture their skills and strengths. Our aim is to inspire confident, independent children whose excitement and curiosity for learning extends into their adult life.

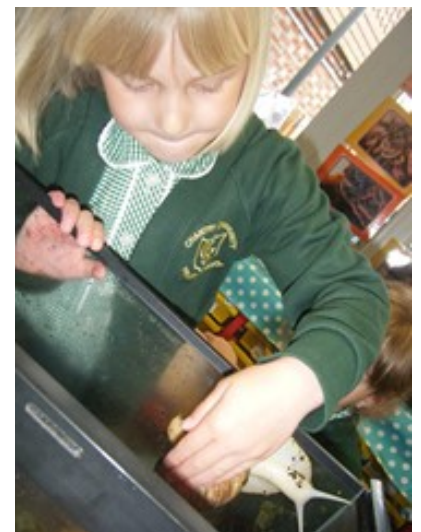
We work in partnership with parents and carers and the wider community to ensure the success of our children. We believe that children deserve the best possible chances in life and that they learn best when there are strong links between home and school.

Mrs B Reed
Headteacher



'Pupils behave well. They are polite and respectful of each other and adults. They are friendly and caring.'

Ofsted 2017



Our Aims and Values

At Chantry we aim to:

- Support all children to progress in their learning, fulfilling their potential.
- Encourage and develop each child's creativity
- Enable children to become resourceful, enquiring and independent learners.
- Create a secure and caring environment where children, staff and parents work together.
- Develop children's confidence and encourage them to respect the ideas, values and feelings of others, building positive relationships.
- Help children to understand they are part of a community, and encourage them to respect the environment in which they live.



Our Chantry Values

Confident



- **Aspirational:** we look to the future and aim high
- **Independent:** we think for ourselves, taking responsibility for our own learning
- **Resilient:** we never give up and learn from our mistakes

Caring



- **Respectful:** we care for and appreciate ourselves, others and the environment
- **Kind:** we are thoughtful towards others and their feelings
- **Honest:** we are truthful to ourselves and others - even when it's difficult

Creative



- **Passionate:** we look for what lights us up
- **Inspiring:** we are proud to share our ideas and be positive role models
- **Unique:** we are not afraid to be different

Our Curriculum

Our curriculum is designed to promote learning and support children's personal growth and development. It includes the requirements of the National Curriculum, along with a wide range of additional activities to enrich the experiences of the children.

Maths and English are delivered daily. We work hard to make sure all our children are fluent in reading and maths skills by the time they leave Chantry.

We ensure that all children have an exciting, broad, and relevant education which provides continuity, progression and takes individual differences into account. We teach children how to grow into positive, responsible adults, who can work and co-operate with others while developing their own knowledge and skills, in order to fulfil their full potential.

We are an 'Artsmark Platinum' school. This recognises our outstanding arts teaching and the extra-curricular opportunities we provide. We have an on-going partnership with the De la Warr Pavilion, Jerwood Gallery and Bexhill Museum and all children have the opportunity to be involved in collaborative arts projects. Performance in music, dance and drama is part of our school life and all children take part in performances in school and the community.

Inclusion is at the heart of our school. We treat all children equally and ensure that they learn and progress with their peers. Teaching and support are integrated together to help children overcome barriers to learning and access the curriculum.



*'Reading is like having a
film in your head'*

Current pupil



*'Pupils benefit from access
to a broad and balanced
curriculum. This helps them
prepare securely for life in
modern Britain'*

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The School Day



The school day runs from 8.45am to 3.15pm. The playground is supervised from 8.35am.

All children have a 15 minute morning break and 1 hour lunch break. Key stage 1 children also have a 15 minute break during the afternoon.

All children are required to attend school and any absence other than illness is not authorised.

Lunchtime

All school meals are cooked on site and are of a high quality. There is lots of choice with a main meal, vegetarian option along with a choice of jacket potatoes daily and baguettes during the Summer terms.

Lunches can be ordered on the day and we run an electronic payment system through ParentPay.

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are eligible for a free school lunch.

Children are also welcome to bring in a packed lunch.



Early Bird Club

We run an Early Bird Club from 8am daily. This is an opportunity for children to come and play in a calm, supervised environment before school.

There is a small charge for this club.



Foundation Stage



'Children make a strong start to their time in school. They settle quickly into Reception and start to make good progress.'

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In Reception, the children follow the Early Years Foundation Curriculum and children work towards Early Learning Goals.

These are divided into seven areas of learning:

- Communication and Language
- Physical development
- Personal, social and emotional development
- Literacy
- Maths
- Understanding the world
- Expressive arts and design



Our foundation stage curriculum is devised to include all these areas and is organised into learning journeys which are designed to match the interests and needs of the children. Parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's learning.



'Children are happy in reception. They learn through play together using a wide range of resources and materials. The outside space has been carefully designed to provide multiple learning opportunities.'

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Key Stage 1

'Pupils thrive in key stage 1 and attain well in the phonics check and tests at the end of Year 2. '

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Phonics

As part of our daily phonics teaching we use 'Letters and Sounds'. Children are grouped across Key Stage 1 for phonics to make sure that they progress at their own pace.



Writing

We want children to be confident, independent writers and so they write everyday from the start of Reception.

We teach a continuous cursive script and support children to develop a good pencil grip.



Reading

We love reading at Chantry and believe it is the most important thing we can help children to develop their skills in.

As parents we expect that you will support your child through daily reading at home and sharing books together.



Maths

Early maths is underpinned by daily practise of key number facts in class e.g. counting forwards and backwards and number bonds.

Our focus in Key Stage 1 is on securing childrens' skills in number and place value.

All maths work is



Core Subjects

We continue to support children to develop skills and confidence in English, maths and science. Children continue to read regularly and through our Accelerated Reader scheme take regular online quizzes to test their understanding of the books they have read.

All of our English work is based around quality texts. Through this, children produce imaginative writing and develop their skills in punctuation and grammar.

In maths, we focus on securing efficient mental and written methods in number. We also develop children's reasoning and problem solving skills.

'Strong work in literature means that pupils develop natural curiosity and imagination'

Ofsted 2017



Learning Journeys

We help our children to make links between skills and subjects by creating learning journeys. Examples studied in Key Stage 2 are: 'Were the Vikings Really Vicious?', 'Building an Empire' and 'All Creatures Great and Small'.

Responsibilities

In Key Stage 2 we encourage our children to take on extra responsibilities around the school. These include: play leaders, lunchtime helpers, manning the office at lunchtimes or being part of our Sports Crew. All year 6 children are buddies with our new Reception children.

Key Stage 2



Home Learning

All children have home learning tasks to support their learning in school. These usually include daily reading, weekly spellings and a piece of maths work.

'Chantry pupils like to be challenged'

Ofsted 2017



Extra Curricular Activities

Clubs

All children at Chantry have the opportunity to participate in after school clubs. These are run by teachers from the school and specialist staff from outside. We offer a wide range of clubs for example: art, drama, carnival, choir, netball, computing, gymnastics, tag rugby and lacrosse.



'The teaching of physical education is carried out extremely well.'

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Sporting Opportunities

Children can take part in a wide range of sports while at Chantry and we participate in local and regional competitions.

Recent sporting events include: cross-country, cricket, football, tag rugby, fencing and water polo.



Year 6 Residential Visit

Each year our year 6 children take part in a residential visit. This year they visited PGL at Windmill Hill.

Music

All children at Chantry currently learn the viola in year 3, and recorder in years 4 and 5. Year 2 and 3 children sing in the Hastings Music Festival.

In addition to class based music, children have the opportunity to receive instrumental tuition through East Sussex Music Service. We currently offer tuition in: violin,



Communication with Parents

Parentmail

Chantry has a paperless system and all letters are emailed out to parents. We find this helps parents access information as quickly and easily as possible.

Newsletters

Sent fortnightly, newsletters are a great way to catch up on school news and find out about future events.

Parent Consultations

We hold Parent Consultations twice a year, these give parents an opportunity to talk about their child's progress, achievement, behaviour and personal development.

Parents receive a report sheet that they can discuss with their child. A more detailed written report is sent out in July.

Class Email

Each class has an email account where parents can communicate with the class teacher.

PFF

Parents are encouraged to join our active 'Parent, Family and Friends' group who raise money for the school. They hold fundraising events throughout the year. Recent activities that the PFF have funded are a science show and an African drumming and dance workshop.

Opening Learning Weeks

Throughout the year, we hold Open Learning Weeks. These give parents an opportunity to spend time with their child's class, seeing learning in action and taking part too!



'It's great to come into school and see learning in action.'

Parent

Chantry Facebook Group



The Chantry community has its own Facebook page where teachers can share the learning taking place in their classes. This is a closed group that only parents who are signed up can access.



Admissions

East Sussex Children's Services Authority (CSA) makes arrangements for the admission of children to Chantry Community Primary School. Chantry will admit a maximum of 30 children to the Foundation Stage class each year.

For admission to our Reception class or admissions to other year groups please go to:

<https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/educationandlearning/schools/admissions/>

Where a detailed description of admission arrangements can be found.

A copy of the admissions booklet and application form can be obtained from the Admissions & Transport Team, County Hall, St Anne's Crescent, Lewes, BN7 1SG.

Tel: 0300 330 9472



Contact Us

We hope you enjoyed finding out more about our school.
More information can be found by browsing our website.

<http://chantry.eschools.co.uk/website>

Visits are welcomed; we would be proud to show you around our school.

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