

THE FAIRFIELD COMMUNITY
PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Introduction

The Fairfield Community Primary School is a 190+ pupil school from Nursery age to Year 6.

Headteacher: Mr Justin Schiffmann B.Ed (Hons)

Chair of Governing Body: Mrs Sue Girling

The school address:

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At The Fairfield Community Primary School we:

- Are good listeners
- Are honest and tell the truth
- Are kind and don't hurt each other's feelings
- Respect all property
- We always treat each other as we would like to be treated

The school was described by inspectors (OfSTED) as:
"a place where pupils make good progress and
achieve well."



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The School

The Fairfield Community Primary School educates children from Nursery to Year 6.

The Nursery and Reception classes have their own classrooms and they have their own outdoor learning and play area. The classrooms have activity areas where, for example, painting, computer work or role play take place. The classes are well supported with 3 adults in each. The Nursery class runs from 8:55 -12:00.

education are very important.

Key Stage 1 consists of Years 1 and 2. Key Stage 2 is Year 3, 4, 5 and 6. Each of these classrooms has an interactive whiteboard and data projector fitted. Each year group is limited to 30 pupils and a team of 13 teaching assistants support pupils who need 'a little extra help.'

At The Fairfield Community Primary School we believe that the foundations developed in Early Years





As a school we will:

- Help your child achieve the highest standards
- Help your child be confident and happy
- Encourage your child to take pride in their achievements
- Ask your child to be well behaved
- Expect your child to respect everyone in the community

The Fairfield Community Primary is a school which:

- Is committed to high achievement for all pupils
- Is highly regarded in the local community
- Works in close and effective partnership with all parents
- Prepares children to live in a multi-racial and multi-cultural society
- Is committed to continuous improvement, development and training for all

OfSTED inspectors found:

"Boys and girls from all groups make good progress. Strong leadership has ensured that pupils' progress has accelerated."



School Facilities

The school uses its budget creatively and is well equipped in many areas. The school has a fiction and non-fiction library. The Governors have invested heavily in ensuring that all of our children have access to the latest technology at The Fairfield Community Primary. We use PCs, Macs, iPads, iPod touch

and laptops as part of our learning. Interactive whiteboards are installed in all of our classrooms. Newly installed teaching kitchens provide cookery opportunities. The school has extensive grounds which offer pupils a unique educational experience. Investment in the latest educational equipment is ongoing.





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Parents' evenings

At The Fairfield Community Primary School we invite parents to meet their class teacher each term. The meetings provide an opportunity to discuss progress, achievement and share with parents other talents the child enjoys. The parents' evenings are used to review progress towards learning or behavioural targets a child may be working on and to agree new ones for the following term.

Open Morning

We annually hold an open morning for parents who would like their child to join our reception class. We take 30 pupils into Reception. At the open morning staff or pupils show prospective parents around the school.

We are very proud of our achievements at The Fairfield Community Primary School and welcome the opportunity to share this with our families.

OfSTED inspectors found:

"The vast majority of pupils behave well. Most of the parents and pupils believe that behaviour is good and has improved markedly over the least three years."



Behaviour and discipline

Children at The Fairfield Community Primary School are expected to be friendly, kind to each other and show that they enjoy school. If you are concerned about anything please let the class teacher know, we can work with our parents in partnership to

support your child. The structure of our behaviour policy enables the children to develop self discipline. Children are taught to understand that behavior is a choice and will have consequences - positive or negative.

Bullying

At our school we will not tolerate bullying or racism. If there are incidents of bullying or racism, you will be informed by school staff.

If your child is concerned about bullying or racism, please contact school immediately. If your child reports an incident of racism please tell us immediately

Attendance

Your child is required to arrive at school by 8.55 am. It is really important that your

child arrives at school on time ready to join their class teacher at 8.55 am.

We place a great emphasis on our children being educated... we don't want them to miss a thing.



Any questions?

What if I have a problem?

If parents have concerns about things at school that may be worrying your child, you have the opportunity to speak with the class teacher briefly each morning. If you need more time, you can arrange with the class teacher a mutually convenient time to sit down together and discuss concerns.

If you would like to meet with the Headteacher or Deputy Headteacher a senior member of staff is usually available before school. For longer meetings appointments must be made.

We ask parents to firstly discuss problems with class teachers as often problems or concerns can be quickly resolved.

What is my child studying at school?

In the Early Years children access the early learning goals, the main areas are literacy, mathematics, communication and language, personal, social and emotional development, physical development, expressive arts and understanding the world.

The subjects our children study are:

- English
- Mathematics
- Information Communication Technology
- Design and Technology
- Science
- Physical Education
- Art and Design
- Music
- Geography
- History
- Religious Education





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What is a Nurture Group?

Nurture Groups aim to provide children with support in their social and emotional development. A child can learn only when these needs are met and high quality provision can help to meet these needs. Our Nurture Group, known as 'The Ark', runs five mornings a week and caters for around 6 children in a 'home style' environment, purpose built for our needs. There are 2 staff who ensure children get appropriate attention and a structure and predictability they require. Breakfast is eaten together and activities worked through building self esteem, resilience and strategies to cope more easily.

What about out of school activities?

The school has many lunchtime out of school activities. These vary from time to time and are offered over the course of a year. If in doubt please check to keep up to date! Children are able to attend a breakfast club from 8.00 each day, where for a nominal charge, games and activities are organised by a West Bromwich Albion coach and a light breakfast is provided.

Is there a school uniform?

Yes there is a uniform which is simple and cheap to purchase. These colours can be used in any combination based on:

- Sweatshirt - Navy blue
- Cardigan - Navy blue
- Polo shirt - White
- Trousers or shorts - Grey
- Skirt or pinafore - Grey
- Summer dress - Navy blue check
- Shoes - Black leather
- PE kit - Navy blue shorts and white t-shirt

PE Kit:

- Navy blue shorts
- Navy blue tracksuit bottoms
- White t-shirt
- Trainers





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Assemblies

All of the children take part in an Act of collective worship each day.

At The Fairfield Community Primary School this is of a broadly Christian character and follows set themes which reflect the school's broad social, cultural and religious beliefs. Parents have the right of withdrawal from Religious Education and/or Collective Worship. We ask parents considering this to meet with the Headteacher to discuss the matter and agree how the school will meet the health and safety needs of children withdrawn.

What about the Governing Body?

The Fairfield Community Primary School has a supportive governing body under the chairmanship of Mrs Sue Girling. A full list of governors is available on request from the school office. The governors meet regularly and discuss the management of the school and its needs. The governors meet as a whole governing body and as sub committees to discuss finance, staffing, curriculum and buildings.

What is the school council?

Each class in school from Year 2 to 6 elects 2 class councillors every year. The school councillors represent the views of their class and debate whole school issues, for example:

- The school environment
- Behaviour
- Playtimes and lunchtime
- Celebrations in school

The school councillors have a responsible role, discussing any issues with their class and debating these in a school council meeting.





What if my child has special educational needs?

If your child has particular educational or behavioural needs, the class teacher will invite you into school to discuss these or spend time on parents' evening talking about their specific needs, targets and strategies for improvement. You will have the opportunity through regular review meetings to discuss your child's progress.

Will my child get to play competitive sport?

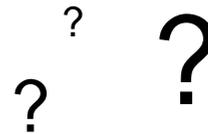
Our school provides opportunities for intra and inter sport competition. We have teams for a variety of sports over the school year. Matches are played home and away and you are welcome to support us. We take part in tournaments and competitions throughout the year. We provide regular sports coaching through West Bromwich Albion Foundation.

Does the school have a website?

Yes, please visit us at:

www.thefairfieldcps.worcs.sch.uk

We continually update the website with information and photos on the life of the school.



How will I get information on my child's progress?

You will be invited to a parents' evening each term. Detailed information on your child's progress will be shared with you and targets agreed for further improvement in Literacy and Numeracy. The class teachers will also talk about strengths and weaknesses in other curriculum areas as well as social development and your views. An annual report of your child's levels and progress will be sent home in July.



Other Information

Charging for School Activities

Where charges cannot be made, e.g. for school trips, voluntary contributions will be sought from parents. No child will be excluded if his or her parents are unable to make a contribution, but the Headteacher has delegated authority to cancel activities if there are insufficient funds to cover their costs.

Pupil Absence Rates

The total number of registered day pupils of compulsory school age on roll for at least one session during the reporting period up to and including, 4th October 2013 was 187. We also have 26 pupils in Nursery.

The percentage of half day sessions missed through authorized absence for the academic year 2012/13 was 4.4% and unauthorized absence was 3.2%.

School Nurse

The school nurse will be seeing your child regularly throughout their school life, and you will have the opportunity to discuss health problems with her when she will explain her role to you, during the Reception Year.

Documentation

The following documents are available for inspection at school:-

- School Prospectus
- Schemes of Work
- Inspection Reports about the school



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Finally - how do I arrange for my child to come to The Fairfield Community Primary School?

Reception

Parents are welcome to call in at the school office for information. Applying for a school place can be done online at:

www.worcestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Years 1 to 6

Parents who wish to admit their child to our school should contact the school to complete a transfer form. An opportunity will be made available to look around the school. You will be informed as soon as possible if a place is available.

Admissions policy

The pupil admission limit in each year group is 30.

Where there are more applications than places children are admitted in the following order of priority:

1. Pupils living in the catchment area of the school
2. Pupils who still have a brother or sister at the school at the time of application and admission
3. Pupils who have significant reason for admission. Such reasons include medical, social or compassionate grounds, the validity of which will be determined by the Directorate of Educational Services. Parents are required to produce a medical certificate or other appropriate information from an independent source. Supporting information should be attached to the application.
4. Pupils who live nearest to school by the shortest available walking route.

All information relating to Admissions Policy and Appeals Procedure can be found in the leaflet "Information for Parents on Education Service" available from the school office.