



Eccleston CE Primary School

Let Our Light Shine

Our Mission Statement

Eccleston Church of England Primary School is committed to high quality learning for all, within the values and virtues of the Christian tradition.

Our Values

Our school Ethos Group consulted all children, parents, staff and governors at the school to decide on our six core Christian Values which are:

• Friendship • Love • Trust • Forgiveness • Thankfulness • Joy and Celebration

Foreword: Katie Cade, Headteacher, says...

At Eccleston C of E Primary School we are passionate about providing high quality teaching and learning in a positive, happy, supportive atmosphere. All within the school community...students, parents and staff... are valued as an individual. We have high expectations of all and strive to provide a safe, challenging and exciting environment.

Achieving great results

Our exam results are consistently good and often outstanding, as validated by recent Ofsted inspections. Ofsted rated us as 'Good' overall with outstanding leadership, management, behaviour and safety in March 2017. And SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) rated us as outstanding in all areas in October 2016.

Parent partnership

Family and community are extremely important to us and we look forward to developing close links with all our families, and supporting you in any way we can. We see the school-home partnership as essential in helping pupils achieve their best, therefore we work very hard to involve you in every step of your child's time here... and increase your child's enjoyment of learning!

Get in touch

I hope that our prospectus gives you a flavour of the vibrant life of our school, the work of our pupils and the quality education we strive to deliver. We would be delighted to welcome you to our school. Please call the School Office on 01244 981000 to arrange a visit and see why our school is so special.



School day

Our school day starts at 8.55am and ends at 3.15pm.

Uniform

We believe that school uniform gives the children a sense of belonging to the school community. The school uniform is kept as simple and practical as possible and the colours are navy or gold polo shirts with blue trousers, skirts or pinafore dresses with navy blue cardigans and jumpers. Uniform items with the school logo on are available online from Forrester's Uniform Supplies at: www.monkhouse.com/c/1035/Eccleston-Uniform.

School meals and snacks

Children have the choice of either a hot and nutritious school dinner or bringing a healthy packed lunch into school. Menus are available on our website. Children in the Foundation Stage, and Years 1 and 2 are entitled to free school meals. Children in Year 3 and above can qualify for free school meals if their family are in receipt of certain income related benefits.

Ambitious curriculum: foundations for success

Our curriculum is shaped by our mission statement (Let Our Light Shine), vision and aims. We want all our children to develop an 'I can' attitude towards their learning and

a strong resilience to challenge, understanding the importance and the value of making mistakes.

A curriculum filled with enriching first-hand experiences

We aim to ensure that all children have a secure understanding of fundamental British Values, as well as our own Eccleston Christian values. A key approach to achieving our curriculum intent is for our curriculum to be filled with enriching first-hand experiences.

Music and the Performing Arts

As well as music lessons in class, whole school singing sessions take place weekly. Pupils are given the opportunity to listen to a range of music at the beginning and end of our Acts of Worship and hymns are sung during some of our acts of worship. Children from Year 1 upwards are invited to join the school Performing Arts Club. All children are invited to sing regularly in church for such services as Christmas, Harvest, Candlemas and Mothering Sunday. We have a number of tuned instruments and a piano in the hall and in the library. All classes have access to the online resource Charanga and to the online resource Sing Up. Children are given many opportunities to perform, both in school and in the local community such as the village hall and the Storyhouse theatre in Chester.



Enriched curriculum: trips, outdoor learning, P.E and clubs

Trips

Groups are often taken on educational trips to complement their learning in school. Examples of recent trips include:

- Storyhouse Theatre, Chester.
- The Zoo.
- Local air raid shelter
- Bishop's garden.
- Science based trip to Technquest.
- Year 6 visit to Myn-Y-Don Christian Adventure Centre.

Sport, P.E. and outdoor learning

We ensure that all children access high quality PE lessons throughout the week, and we use specialist coaches to lead a wide range of pre, and after school, sports clubs for all children...such as Multi-Sports, Football, Basketball, Gymnastics, Archery and Fencing. We also ensure our children are more active during lunchtimes by using external staff to lead lunchtime activities, and to train school staff to lead games. We also offer targeted activities at lunchtime and after school for less able and more able children to take part in a club. Our children attend swimming lessons from Year 2 – Year 6 throughout the year.

Competitions, festivals and tournaments

We are committed to increasing the range and volume of competitions, festivals and tournaments across Cheshire and Wirral for our pupils to attend.

We also signpost children to take part in external competitions, including funding any travel required to get to events. Competitions have included activities for Gifted and Talented pupils; Gymnastics Festivals for younger children; Football and Basketball for Key Stage 2 etc.

Clubs

Extra Curricula clubs

The school offers a wide range of extracurricular school activities and clubs. Recent examples include:

- Gymnastics.
- Performing Arts.
- Choir.
- Drama and Dance.
- Football.
- French.
- Read and Feed.
- Sewing.
- Multi Sports.





Admissions...and getting involved

Admissions arrangements

Applying for a place in Reception

To apply for a place for your Reception aged child, you will need to apply via the Local Authority's common application form. Please go to www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/admissions. Paper applications can be obtained by telephoning 0300 123 7039. Once your child has been offered a place in Reception for the term following their 4th birthday, you and your child will be invited into school for a range of induction activities and we will make a home visit so we can get to know you and your child and share with you what to expect.

In Year Applications

If you are looking for a place in another year group, please contact the school in the first instance on 01244 981 000 and ask for an appointment to look round. The school office will then provide you with further details on how to apply.

Applications under faith criteria

In order for the Governors to consider applications under faith criteria it is necessary for parents to also complete the school's supplementary information form (available from our school website). The common application form (and supplementary form) should be completed and returned by the date published by Cheshire West and Chester Council.

Application process

- The closing date for September applications is in mid January of that year.
- You will be notified of your child's placement by the following April.

Contact details for the Cheshire West and Chester Council Admissions Team

- Address: School Admissions, Cheshire West and Chester Council, Wyvern House, The Drummer, Winsford, CW7 1AH.
- Tel: 0300 1238123.
- Email: admissions@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk
- Web: www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

Getting involved

Voluntary helpers

We always welcome volunteers from our school and wider community to help with activities such as school visits, or supporting children in class etc.

Eccleston Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

Our PTA is well established and highly active. Several fundraising events across the year bring the parents together socially and raise monies which are spent directly on the children, e.g. whole school trips to the theatre, subsidising curriculum trips and organising discos. You are automatically a member as soon as your child is offered a place.

Governorship

We have a full and active Governing Body, which includes Parent Governors as well as representatives from staff and the local community. Church Foundation Governors help the school to maintain its Christian Ethos.



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