



Ribble Drive Primary School



Be the best you can be

Welcome to Ribble Drive Primary School

Foreword: Mrs K. Higson, Headteacher

Ribble Drive strives to inspire children to be the 'Best They Can Be'. At the heart of the community, our school is a happy and safe environment for our children and staff. One where the children always come first and diversity, individuality and achievement are celebrated at every level. It is a place of mutual respect where staff, children and families work together to foster emotional well-being and to create a positive environment which allows our children to thrive.

Making the most of your child's potential

We believe that primary school memories should be amongst the best a person has. It is a time when children have great enthusiasm and a thirst for discovery and learning. It is our challenge at Ribble Drive to make the most of your child's potential at this crucial time. We want all of our children to enjoy their time here and to be enthusiastic about learning, leaving the school at the age of eleven, as confident young people with a love of learning. We will nurture and encourage pupils, and hopefully inspire them to be active participants in their own development and education.

An ethos of praise, encouragement and challenge

We believe that children learn best in an ethos of praise, encouragement and challenge. We know the incredible importance of pastoral care at school and support from home to a young child's confidence and security. Growing self-esteem allows our young people to give respect, take responsibility and show confidence and tolerance.

Parent partnership

Family and community are extremely important to us and we look forward to developing close links with all your 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 0161 7666625 to arrange a visit and see why our school is so special.



School Day

Our school day is 8.55am until 3.30pm.

Breakfast Club

Our Breakfast Club runs from 7.45 at a cost of £3.00. Activities and breakfast are available. Please contact the School Office for booking details.

Uniform

It is our school policy that all children wear school 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 white polo shirts with plain grey trousers, skirts or pinafore dresses with navy blue cardigans and jumpers.



Where to buy

You can order and pay for school uniform via our School Office.

School meals and snacks

Children have the choice of either a hot nutritious school dinner or bringing a healthy packed lunch into school. Mellors provide our school meals and they pride themselves on delicious, satisfying school meals that children enjoy. Menus are available on our website. If you are sending a packed lunch, please use a lunchbox or cool bag clearly labelled with your child's name. Please make sure drinks are in leak proof plastic bottles (no glass please!) Well-balanced lunches include fresh fruit and vegetables and no sweets, chocolates, fizzy drinks or nuts.

Free school meals

Children in the Foundation Stage, 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.



Creative Curriculum

We recognise children as unique individuals with specific talents and needs. We work tirelessly to provide a varied and engaging curriculum and a positive school experience. You'll find our classrooms to be hives of activity and full of creativity and learning, making Ribble Drive a special place indeed for children. It is also part of our vision that all our children are filled with positive experiences, that they are aware of the endless possibilities that await them and that they are nurtured in order to develop within them, a confidence to embrace whatever comes their way.

The curriculum is divided into three stages

1. Early Years Foundation Stage: from ages 0-5
2. Key Stage 1: from ages 5-7
3. Key Stage 2: from ages 7-11

Music

Music is an important part of school life. The children enjoy regular singing sessions where hymns, carols, traditional and new songs are learnt and enjoyed by all. Our pupils will learn about music from different styles and cultures and explore playing a range of musical instruments. Pupils from the school perform annually at Manchester Cathedral, The Royal Northern College of Music and have also sung at Macron Stadium. We are proud that music makes such a powerful contribution to the quality of life within the school community and beyond.

Enriched curriculum

Trips

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

- Skipton Castle.
- Chester Zoo.
- Robinwood Activity Centre.
- Chester city.
- Manchester Science Museum.
- Palace Theatre Manchester.
- Smithills Open Farm.
- Cleveleys Beach.

Sport, P.E and outdoor learning

Children at Ribble Drive take part in a varied range of sports within class PE lessons, as well as clubs, intra-school and inter-school events. We encourage children of all ages and abilities to become more active and we promote and engage children in participation of physical activity by exploring new opportunities e.g. our 'Daily Mile'. We have extended our school participation in sporting competitions through links with local and other Bury schools, Broad Oak School and local secondary schools. Sporting Competitions we have participated in include:

- P & WJSSA Football league.
- P & WJSSA Netball league and competition.
- Broad Oak participation Event.
- BJSSA Rounders Tournament.
- BJSSA Kwik Cricket Tournament.

Clubs

The school offers an exciting range of lunchtime and after school activities and clubs. Recent examples include:

- Gymnastics.
- Street Dance.
- Football.
- Tennis.
- Rounders.
- Netball.
- Basketball.
- Athletics.
- Dodgeball.
- Multi Skills.
- Dance.
- Speed
- Agility and Quickness club.
- Games Club
- Lego Club
- Reading Gladiators
- Mindfulness



Children say...

I love school because:

"School Councillors help to make the school a better place."

"Maths really challenges you."

"It helps you become what you want to be."

"We get opportunities to do exciting things like perform at the Bridgewater Hall."

"Singing in front of an audience and hearing the applause makes me feel ten feet tall. Its amazing!"

"All the grown ups in school really care about the children and help them –not just with school work."

"It's just great!"

"Brilliant school dinners."



Parents say...

What do you want to say about school?

"Really welcoming."

"Staff who go the extra few miles."

"Caring. Head teacher puts children right at the heart of everything school does."

"Passionate and committed teachers and support staff."

"Nothing is too much trouble."

"Supports the whole family, not just the child in school."

"Brilliant school dinners."



Admissions and getting involved

Admissions arrangements

Children start school in Bury in the September after their 4th birthday. Bury Council manages the admissions process and you can apply online at: www.bury.gov.uk/admissionsprimary which provides full details of the application process.

Application process

- It is important to name 3 schools and to put them in ranking order.
- 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 Bury School Admissions Team

- Address: Admissions Team, Department for Children, Young People and Culture, 3 Knowsley Place, Duke Street, Bury, BL9 0EJ.
- Tel: 0161 253 6474.
- Email: Admissions@bury.gov.uk.
- Web: www.bury.gov.uk/admissionsprimary.

Getting involved

Governorship

When vacancies arise, parents of pupils attending the school may elect one or more of their number to serve as a school governor. Elected parent governors are full members of the governing body. More information can be found on our school website on the 'Governors' page tab or by contacting the School Office via email.



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