



SQUIRRELS HEATH JUNIOR SCHOOL

A 'Good' school with outstanding qualities

We are an Ofsted rated 'Good' school with many outstanding qualities. There is always lots going on to engage and motivate learners. Our aim is to create a safe and caring environment in which creative learning can flourish. We want our pupils to develop into well rounded individuals confident to learn, ask questions, listen to others and be independent. We pride ourselves on our high expectations and are proud of our pupil's good behaviour and positive attitudes.

Proud to be me

Welcome to Squirrels Heath Junior School

Foreword: Mrs M Shipton, Headteacher, says

Every child is valued

Our school is a warm and friendly environment where every child is valued and feels part of the school community. We work hard to promote the social, moral, cultural and physical development of all children so that by the end of Year 6, they are confident, motivated and successful learners who are respectful and considerate to the needs of others.

Our School Values and Code

Our School Community Code is 'Proud to be Me' and we strive to develop pupils' self-esteem and confidence, helping them to become the best that they can be and to be proud of their achievements. Our core values of Courage, Growth, Passion, Respect and Togetherness also help our pupils to understand the value of teamwork as well as their responsibilities as citizens.

Parent partnership

Squirrels Heath also values the school-home partnership as essential in helping pupils achieve their best. 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 an insight and understanding of our school. We would be delighted to welcome you to our school. Please call the school office on 01708 446 472 to arrange a visit and see why our school is so special.



School day: *settling in*

Our school gates open each day at 8:30, allowing pupils access to their classrooms to complete early morning work or to receive extra support from staff. The morning register is taken at 8:50. Morning break is from 10:30 to 10:45 and lunchtime is from 12:10 to 1:10. Dismissal time is at 3:15 each day.

Breakfast Club

This club runs from 7.30am every day in the Infant Building.

Abacus After School Club

This club is open Monday to Friday until 6.00pm in the Infant Building (term time only) and is privately run. If you would like a prospectus or to put your child's name on the waiting list please phone 07903 708764 or email info@abacusafterschoolclub.co.uk.



Uniform

The school uniform is kept as simple and practical as possible and the main colours are red and white. Items with the school logo may be purchased from either Havering Schoolwear, 160-162 Hornchurch Road, RM11 1QH (01708 767890) or www.myclothing.com. Alternatively, plain items can be purchased from a provider of your choice. Uniform items include white blouses, polo shirts or polo neck jumpers, with grey trousers or skirts and red cardigans, jumpers, fleeces or sweatshirts.

School meals and snacks

The Havering School Meals Service provides nourishing and well-balanced lunchtime meals and you can view the menus on our school website.

Packed lunches and snacks

If you decide to give your child a packed lunch please choose healthy options. Children may bring a piece of fruit or some vegetables to eat at break time. We have a snack stall available on Fridays where pupils may purchase a healthy snack to enjoy. We encourage children to drink water regularly during the day.

Creative Curriculum: *knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary for life*

Our broad and balanced curriculum seeks to develop the knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary for life as a responsible citizen in the 21st Century. Our pupils are encouraged to think creatively and critically and to respect others and the environments in which they live.

Curriculum content and knowledge

Children are taught in mixed ability classes and our school values of respect, courage, growth, passion and togetherness permeate our school curriculum. In order to strengthen the partnership between home and school, we regularly invite parents to attend workshops and open lessons so that they have a better understanding of the curriculum we offer and are able to support pupils at home.

Music

Music and singing are an important part of school life at Squirrels Heath Junior School. We teach an appreciation of music from all cultures and styles. In addition, peripatetic music teachers come to our School to teach individual or small group lessons. We take every opportunity for our children to become involved in performing music.



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

We arrange a variety of trips for children to extend their learning. These include visits to museums, theatres, historical sites and local places of interest. We also have a number of visitors and special events in school which both complement and enhance topics studied in class. Pupils in Year 6 have the opportunity to take part in a residential trip.

Sport, P.E. and outdoor learning

Our Physical Education program includes: Gymnastics, Dance, Swimming, Netball, Cricket, Badminton, Hockey and Athletics, just to name a few!

As a school we seek to encourage all pupils, regardless of ability, to participate in some form of physical activity and we offer an exciting and varied range of activities to engage all interests and abilities. We are very proud to have achieved the Silver School games award.

Clubs

Clubs - The school offers an exciting range of before school, lunchtime and after school clubs. Recent examples include: Football, Gymnastics, Cross Country, Archery, Fencing, Netball, Dodgeball, Choir, Recorder club, Art, Film, Sewing, Cookery, Digital Leaders, STEM, Eco, Lego and Computing Club. We also have a very active Student Council.



Our Vision

Our vision is that every pupil:

- Respects themselves, others and the environment.
- Embraces challenge within our safe and nurturing setting.
- Grows and thrives in our school community.
- Becomes a thoughtful and responsible young person.
- Works hard and strives to fulfil their potential.
- Acquires a love of learning, a joy for life and spiritual wellbeing.



Admissions and getting involved

Admissions arrangements

Year 3 entry and in year transfers

Havering Council is the admission authority for all community and voluntary controlled schools in Havering. This means that the Council sets the admission criteria and makes the decisions as to which pupils are admitted to these schools. The policy for these Admission arrangements can be viewed on the Havering website. Squirrels Heath Junior School is a three form entry Junior School. The majority of children transfer from our feeder Infant School with whom we share the same site.



Application process

- Apply online at www.eadmissions.org.uk.
- You can apply online for up to 6 schools (or 4 schools if it is an in year transfer) and you must list them in your priority 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 Havering School Admissions Team

- Online contact form: www.havering.gov.uk/admissions/contact.
- Online webchat: www.havering.gov.uk/admissions/primary.
- Email: schooladmissions@havering.gov.uk.
- Phone: 01708 434600 (Mon-Fri, 12-5pm).

Getting involved

Voluntary helpers

We value the contribution of parents and we actively encourage your help during the school day. Parents and family help with a variety of activities which include reading with our children, helping with activities and acting as extra pairs of hands on educational visits.

FOSH - Friends of Squirrels Heath

The school is very lucky to have a committed and enthusiastic PTA in our FOSH community. FOSH organises and co-ordinates many fun activities and social events for pupils and their families. They also help to raise much needed funds for the school so that we can continue to improve provision for our pupils. Information about FOSH and how to get involved is available on the 'FOSH' tab of the School website

Governance

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 website or by contacting the School Office via email.

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