



# Culcheth Community Primary School

*Where learning is fun!*



Dear Parents,

On behalf of all the children, staff and Governors I'd like to offer a very warm welcome to Culcheth Primary School.

We are extremely proud of our pupils and all of their achievements: we were voted Warrington School of the Year in 2017 for our outstanding contribution to sport. In our latest Ofsted inspection in 2017 we were delighted with the report which states that there is 'a caring environment in which pupils flourish' and that there is 'a clear focus on pupils achieving the best possible outcomes.'

We aim to provide a broad, balanced and engaging curriculum which both fulfils the National Curriculum requirements and meets the needs of each individual child. We aim to instil a passion for learning, making all lessons and activities stimulating and exciting.

If you would like to find out more and wish to see the school at work, you will always be made very welcome. Visitors always comment on the friendly welcoming atmosphere in school and the excellent behaviour of our children – we look forward to meeting you.

Kind regards,

*Mrs A Dodd*

Headteacher

## Our Staff Team

*Headteacher:*

Mrs Dodd

*Deputy Headteacher:*

Mrs Rodgers

*Teaching Staff:*

Mr Chesworth  
Miss Wardle  
Mrs Kenny  
Mrs Lockwood  
Mr Williamson  
Miss Ball  
Mrs Smith  
Miss Lea  
Miss Knowles  
Mrs Gorman

*Office Team:*

Mrs Lea





<i>Kitchen:</i>	Ruth (Cook)
<i>Midday Supervisors:</i>	Mrs J Leeming Mrs C Leeming Mrs Isles Mrs Haskins Mrs Atkinson
<i>Site Manager:</i>	Mr Thornton
<i>Teaching Assistants:</i>	Mrs Daintith Mrs Richardson Mrs Leeming Mrs Diggins Mrs Isles Miss Haywood Mrs Baldwin Mrs Deakin Mrs Atkinson Mrs White Mrs Ball
<i>Governing Body:</i>	Mrs Michaelas (Chair) Mr Bland Mrs J Smith Dr Hall Miss Hattlesley Mrs O'Donnell



## Governors

Governors are similar to a Board of Directors who make decisions about future strategic direction and hold the school leaders to account re school performance.

They decide how the school budget is spent; interview and select senior staff, decide on the school curriculum and work on the School Improvement Plan with the Headteacher and the Leadership team to help to move the school forward.

Governors serve for a term of 4 years.

Full Governor meetings are held once a term.

Committee meetings are held once or twice a term as required.

## Educational aims for our school

- To develop excellent attitudes and behaviour.
- To feel safe and valued as part of a caring school community that celebrates success.
- To enjoy learning and develop a passion to be life long learners.
- To develop learners with 'enquiring minds' who feel confident to ask questions.
- To encourage all learners to develop their full potential.
- To foster respect for others and an appreciation of the world in which we live.

## Admission

Culcheth Primary is a community school for girls and boys from 4-11 years of age. Warrington Borough Council co-ordinates admissions to school. Our published admission number is 30 per year group. Should this number be exceeded the Local Authority applies the following criteria when offering places:

1. Children in care
2. Siblings in school
3. Proximity to school

## Secondary School Transfer

The current admission criteria for Culcheth High School are:

1. Child in care
2. Siblings
3. Proximity to school

***'A caring environment in which pupils flourish' and parents are 'overwhelmingly supportive of school and are delighted with the quality of education that their children are receiving.' -Ofsted, June 2017***

## Organisation

Our school has seven classes, starting with Reception class followed by Y1 – Y6. Reception, Y1 and Y2 are known as Key Stage 1. Y3-6 are Key Stage 2.

We do not have any mixed age classes. Each class has at least one teaching assistant.

## Before/ After School Care – All Stars

This is provided by school and is run by our school staff.

All Stars opens at **7.30am** and runs until **6pm** daily.

Sessions are available on a flexible/ ad hoc basis. Payment for sessions is made via Parent Pay. A range of childcare vouchers are accepted.

Our aim is to provide a service that meets the needs of all our families in school.

## Times of School

Morning school: 8.55am -12.15pm KS1

8.55am -12.30pm KS2

Afternoon school: 1.30pm – 3.15pm

## Uniform

- Grey skirt/pinafore/ trousers
- White polo shirt with logo
- Navy sweatshirt/ cardigan with logo
- Plain socks
- Black sensible shoes  
(boots/ trainers may be worn outside)

In Summer a navy blue and white checked summer dress may be worn.

Your child will also need a **book bag** and a **PE bag**.

## PE kit

- Black/navy shorts
- White PE shirt with logo
- Black pumps
- Tracksuit/ trainers for outdoor activities as advised by class teacher (any plain design)

## School Meals

Lunch is prepared on the premises and served in the school hall. All meals meet the Government's strict standards and are nutritionally analysed. All Infants are given a free school lunch.

School operates a daily pay system, which allows total flexibility to choose between bringing a packed lunch and having a meal provided by school.

Meals are paid for online via ParentPay.

We are a healthy school and try to encourage healthy eating. We will encourage your child to try a taste of new foods and encourage them to eat fruit and vegetables. We ask for your support if your child brings a packed lunch and request that their lunch is as healthy as possible. If you need any inspiration for ideas, please speak to the school office. Sweets are not allowed in packed lunches.

We are able to cater for any special diets or food intolerances and will arrange a meeting with the catering staff if this is required.

## Water

We have fresh filtered water machines in school. Every child is encouraged to have a labelled water bottle and to drink regularly.

## Snacks

School provides a snack of toast/ crumpet in the morning with the choice of juice or milk. Payment for school snack is also made via ParentPay.

If you would prefer to bring a snack from home, we ask that it is a healthy snack bar, fruit or yoghurt. Sweets and crisps are not allowed.

## Curriculum

We offer a rich, engaging curriculum, which is taught in a cross curricular way wherever possible. Topics start with a pre-learning assessment, where the teacher finds out what the children already know and what they would like to learn about in the topic. We plan an exciting start to each topic, which may be a trip or visitor and finish each topic with a special activity, such as an assembly, making a film or book about the topic or making a mini museum for other children to learn about the topic.



*Parents say: 'A fabulous school with great staff.'*







## Core subjects

### English

English is taught daily, with a strong focus on developing phonics and early reading skills and writing through the Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1.

We focus on developing literacy skills across the whole curriculum.

### Mathematics

Mathematics is taught daily. We use investigations, problem solving and mathematical challenges to develop children's ability to apply maths skills. We use MathsWhizz online learning to complement lessons.





## Science

We aim to develop children's enjoyment and interest in science and build on children's curiosity through a range of planned investigations and practical activities.

## Computing

ICT is used as a learning tool throughout the curriculum via interactive whiteboards in each class, WiFi throughout school, visualisers in classrooms and voice recorders, to name a few of our available resources.

## Religious Education

We follow the Warrington agreed syllabus for RE. As stated in the 1988 Education Act, parents may request that children are withdrawn from lessons on religious grounds.

Children learn about the teaching of different faiths, developing a tolerance, respect and understanding for the beliefs of others.

## Foundation Subjects

### Music

We have specialist music tuition through school; music is rich and exciting. We offer a range of music tuition such as violin and piano. We take part in the Young Voices annual concert and perform at local shopping Centres and Bents Garden Centre.

### Art, Design and Technology

We provide a rich, stimulating environment to encourage children to communicate and experiment with the use of colour, texture, form, pattern and materials.

We enjoy a special Arts Week to celebrate the skills that we have learnt and to inspire children by using the skills of professional artists to work alongside us.

## Physical Education

We were voted 'Warrington School of the Year' for our Sports provision – every child receives at least two hours a week of quality PE. In addition to the wide range of activities offered in school, we offer after school activities such as football, cross country, netball and rounders and participate in inter-school competitions and tournaments.

## Modern Foreign Languages

We teach French from Foundation stage. We have a specialist native French speaking teacher who teaches throughout KS2.

## Humanities

History and Geography are taught through topics using an enquiry based approach to learning.

## Extra curricular activities

### After school activities

We offer a wide range of clubs and activities after school. Many of these are run by our own staff and are provided at a very low charge. A letter detailing which clubs are available is sent out each term.

Examples of clubs are running, cookery, netball, tennis, rugby and gardening.

### Residential Trips

Residential trips help to build friendships and to develop teamwork skills. We also find that they help to build self-confidence, resilience and encourage independence.

All of our Junior children are invited to attend residential trips, building up from one night in Y3 to 4 nights in Y5 and 6.

### Themed Days

We hold regular themed days through the year. Our regular days include:

*Green Day* – a whole day devoted to Eco-projects. We became the first 'Eco-school' in Warrington in 1997 and have 'Green Flag' accreditation.

*Decoration Day* – a day off timetable where we split into mixed age groups to make and design Christmas decorations to decorate our school for the Christmas period. This is the start of Christmas for us!

*Arts week* – usually 3 days devoted to the Arts- art, design, drama, dance and music. A range of activities and specialist teachers come in to work with classes.

We regularly invite visitors into school to enhance learning on our theme days.

**Parents say: 'Our daughters receive excellent education from dedicated, supportive teachers.'**



## Parents in School

We have an Open Door policy – you will always be made very welcome in school. Please do contact school or speak to anyone if you have any worries or concerns as they are often very easy to solve if we are aware of them.

If you require an appointment to meet a teacher or the Headteacher, it is helpful if you phone in advance to check availability.

We ask that all children and their parents sign our 'Home/school agreement' so that we are all working in partnership.

You will be invited to attend themed days, special assemblies, performances and sports days. We try to give as much notice as possible on our weekly newsletter.

## Volunteers

We always welcome volunteers in school. Even if it's only for an hour – if you have a particular talent or would like to help listen to children read, please let us know.

All volunteers will require a DBS check, please contact the office for a form and more details.

## PTA

We have an active PTA who arrange events across the year. They meet each month – details will be in the newsletter. If you are unable to attend the meetings but would like to volunteer to help at an event, please let one of the committee members or the office know.

## Parents' Evenings

We hold a parents' evening each term to provide information on your child's progress and development. A written report is sent home in the Summer term to summarise achievement and attainment and parents are given the opportunity to discuss this report, should they wish.



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