Leckhampton C of E Primary School **Prospectus**

It is with great pride that I write to you as the Headteacher of Leckhampton Church of England (C of E) Primary School.

We describe our school community as a family and the children remain at the heart of all we do. Built on a tradition of care and excellence, children are encouraged and nurtured to achieve in all areas of school life. We believe that every child deserves the opportunity to be happy, feel valued and experience success.

As a Church school, our curriculum is designed to present our children with exciting learning opportunities, which motivate and inspire them, supported by our Christian Vision, Values and Aims. We aim to provide our children with the skills, knowledge and personal characteristics they may need as they continue on their learning journey.

I hope the prospectus provides you with a "feel" for the life and work of the school. You are, of course, very welcome to come and look around the school. On your visit, I know that you will experience for yourself the happy, dynamic learning environment that makes our school such a special place to be.

I look forward to meeting you in the near future.

Miss S. J. Porter, Headteacher

Welcome





Leckhampton Church of England Primary School is built upon a strong foundation of love, rooted in the Church of England's Vision for Education; Deeply Christian, Serving the Common

Christian, Serving the Common Good and the biblical teaching of; 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind and with all your strength; and love your neighbour as yourself' (Mark 12.30,31).

Our Christian vision emanates through the actions and words of those who are part of our school family. Encouragement, trust and kindness are central to the way we work together, leading to a highly effective school, where everyone is able to grow and thrive.

Vision,

RespectLuke 10:25-37ResponsibilityLuke 15:11-32CompassionLuke 19, 1-10PerseveranceLuke 5:17-26

The Good Samaritan The Prodigal Son Zacchaeus the tax collector A man is helped by friends to see Jesus

Values,

"Open hearts, open minds, open doors"

& Aims

Our principle aim - For all to know that they are welcome

- To show kindness and forgiveness
- To listen to one another
- To seek enjoyment in our work
- To show patience with one another
- To show love towards one another
- To show courage in our work
- To keep the children at the heart of our decisions
- To embrace innovation and change

- To trust one another
- To inspire one another
- To begin each new day positively
- To celebrate the dignity and worth of each individual
- To reach out to one another
- To have confidence
- To encourage one another
- To support and challenge one another
- To believe in one another









Enjoying and Achieving

The very heart of our school lies in teaching and learning. Our ambitious and inspiring curriculum has been written and tailored to meet our children's needs and interests. We celebrate the work of the child, unique and beautiful in its own right. Principally, we want to ensure that our curriculum prepares our pupils for Modern Britain and a changing world and reflects our school vision, values and aims

Inclusion is central to our work - we ensure that all of our pupils receive the support, love and guidance necessary to achieve both now and in the future.

Our Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) Curriculum is thematic, ambitious and prepares pupils for our Key Stage 1 Curriculum. It supports our youngest pupils in learning to look outwards and to develop an understanding that difference is positive and wonderful. We celebrate individuals for who they are and what makes them unique. In the EYFS, early essential knowledge has been carefully selected and sequenced so that children are able to remember what they have been taught.

Through the enhanced learning provision, pupils are able to practice new skills and embed new knowledge so that they build accurate, and secure, early concepts.

Pupils are supported to make links in their learning, consolidate and deepen their understanding through regular opportunities for exploration and play. The classroom and outdoor space is flexible, adapting regularly to meet the changing needs and interests of pupils. Teachers adapt their approaches and the structure of sessions to meet the individual needs of pupils. In Key Stage 1 and 2, our curriculum broadly follows the National Curriculum. Essential knowledge has been carefully sequenced and repeated across strands in each subject

In Key Stage 1 and 2, our curriculum broadly follows the National Curriculum. Essential knowledge has been carefully sequenced and repeated across strands in each subject. Consequently, children build strong foundations on which more complex concepts and ideas can be built. Disciplinary knowledge is also progressively mapped out in each subject area, equipping children with the necessary knowledge and skills to be able to think like an artist, geographer or scientist for example. Educational visits and visitors to the school are integral to our curriculum. They bring learning alive for pupils and offer them opportunities to experience what they see and hear about in the classroom first-hand.

Extracurricular opportunities also enhance the curriculum in a variety of ways, whether through choral performance which support the school's Performance and Singing Music Strategies or practising PE skills in Football or Netball, our children understand that learning can happen anytime or anywhere.

Our spacious and inspiring indoor environment which includes a large school hall with amphitheatre, Early Years Outdoor Classroom, library, performing arts spaces, studio and iQuad is complemented by an impressive outdoor environment. The Kitchen garden is nestled between an established conservation area and attractive playgrounds with play equipment. We make excellent use of our recently installed Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) for Physical Education and Sport, and our large school playing field is a well-loved resource, used all year round.









We are proud of the opportunities offered to our children, which we hope will provide them with special memories of their time at Leckhampton.

Music, sport, art and drama are essential to school life and can be seen and heard each and every day. Whether it's playing sport, a musical instrument, acting, dancing, public speaking or singing, the choices are wide and varied.

Our musicians are able to share their success during concerts for friends and families and in our annual House Music

Competition, organised by our House Captains and Deputy House Captains, which is an event the whole school looks forward to. Our school choirs perform in a variety of venues throughout the year and have included the Cheltenham Ladies College, Cheltenham Town Hall and Gloucester Cathedral. Being able to perform in such wonderful venues, at special times of the year, is a truly magical experience for our children, staff and families. Learning to lead a healthy lifestyle is an important part of Primary Education. In addition

to their carefully planned Physical Education lessons, our dedicated staff run a variety of extracurricular clubs to engage and interest children. Our clubs are an invaluable way of further developing skills, an understanding of what it means to be a team player and fostering a love of sport. Whether you are a keen rugby player, footballer, hockey or netball player, there is something for everyone.

We work with a number of outside sporting agencies to ensure that our provision is as broad and exciting as it can be.









We want our children to see themselves as "Agents of Change" and they rise to this challenge.

They really do make a difference to their school and their impact is significant. Whether it's highlighting issues which matter to them or evaluating how learning looks in the classroom, pupils understand that they can bring about positive change within their school and wider community.

Our children enjoy significant and wide-ranging opportunities to develop and demonstrate

their personal qualities and characteristics. Many aspire to be leaders in the school and holding captaincy positions in our school is something which many children look to achieve from their time in Reception. Leading one of our school houses is seen as an honour and great responsibility. To achieve such a position is not easy - pupils make representation to the leadership team and then present their manifesto to their house.

Democracy can be seen in action here at Leckhampton.

Pupil voice is a key aspect of school life and is led ably by our Pupil Parliament. Our four ministries - Curriculum and Learning, Health and Well-Being, Charity and Partnership, School Environment and Eco have a number of aims and projects identified for the academic year. Pupil Parliament members understand the effect they can have on the day-to-day experiences of others. From reviewing lunchtime provision to identifying effective learning behaviours during learning

walks, our pupils understand the importance of their work and how to deliver important findings, sensitively and compassionately. All pupils are encouraged to become "Agents of Change". This whole school project is aimed at providing children with the tools and inspiration to inform positive change in themselves, their community, and the planet, in order to develop an understanding of the real difference they can make. Children are able to work

autonomously on projects or use

the support of their friends, family, or school. The heart of each project centres around the child's personal beliefs and passions. All participating children are given the opportunity to apply for an award, which become increasingly challenging from Bronze to Gold. Children and families are also encouraged to consider "Big Questions". These questions may challenge thinking or present an idea where there are differing views which supports our children in developing open hearts and open minds.

Working in Partnership

At Leckhampton, we aim to make every day special in some way. By working together we can ensure that we give our children the very best start possible. Parents are encouraged to take an active role in their child's learning at school. We encourage parents to volunteer their time to help in school in a number of ways.

Whether it's supporting an educational visit or in the classroom, parents provide us with invaluable support and encouragement. As expected, safeguarding checks must be completed prior to any adult volunteering or working in a school environment.

Our staff are always on hand to answer any queries or concerns you may have regarding your child

starting school. In October, prospective parents/carers are invited to attend open days which provide an insight into the exciting opportunities on offer here at Leckhampton.

The Friends of Leckhampton Primary School (FOLPS), our Parent/ Teachers Association, aims to unite all parents in activities, which support the school and enhance the education of our children. Getting involved with FOLPS is a great way of meeting new people and enabling our children to have those little extras!

To register your interest please email chair@folps.com for more information.





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