



# GREAT KINGSHILL

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Church of England Combined School

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## School Prospectus 2020 – 2021

***Courage, Love and Respect***

*are the values we seek to develop in all our children – helping them to grow and take their place at the table of life, sharing the responsibilities as future custodians of the world God created for all of mankind.*

## Welcome to Great Kingshill CE Combined School

We are a busy and friendly school and preschool, based on the outskirts of High Wycombe. We pride ourselves on our inclusive and diverse community and our distinctive Christian character.



We are a school filled with love, that places community at the heart of our work. We strive to create an open culture of high aspirations which in turn enables every child and adult within our school to thrive. The curriculum is rich and varied, and equips pupils with the knowledge, skills and opportunities they need to follow dreams and achieve their goals.

I am very proud to be the Headteacher of GKCS and firmly believe that it is our moral duty to ensure that we serve the pupils of our school to be the best that they can be, whilst maintaining their autonomy, discovering their passions and celebrating their individuality.

It is a true privilege to be a headteacher and I take that responsibility extremely seriously. I take great pleasure in watching our pupils and staff, grow and achieve. We are a nurturing school that places a high value on pupil and staff mental health and wellbeing.

Throughout this prospectus you will discover examples of our work, a taste for who we are and what we believe in. However, to truly understand what we have to offer please see our school in action and listen to our pupils share their experiences.

Thank you for taking the time to read this prospectus, if you have any questions please contact our school office at [office@gkcs.school](mailto:office@gkcs.school) They will be glad to help you.

**Mrs Suzanne Best**  
**Headteacher**

## **Visions and Values**

We teach Christian values which embrace all faiths.

Through our everyday values of Love, Courage, Forgiveness, Hope, Respect and Truth we hope to instil the children with a tolerance and understanding of all peoples, irrespective of faith, race, colour or creed.

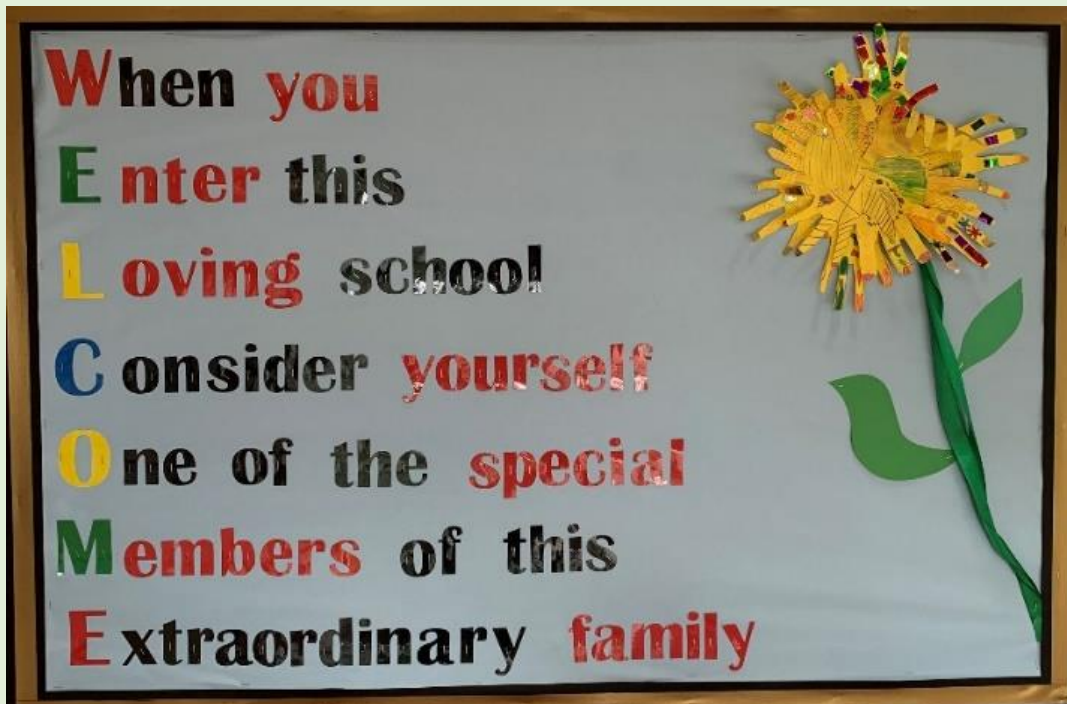
We strive to teach our children a values-based education, we hope they embrace those same values and ideals that will stay with them and perhaps one day provide the foundation upon which they will themselves teach their own children.

Education is a gift, we try to give it with humility and understanding, so all our pupils might learn, regardless of ability, but all achieving the same rate of progress, relative to their individual start points. No child, irrespective of background or circumstance, should ever feel either left out, or left behind, all will be given equal opportunity, afforded equal time, to find their way without fear or favour.

We never lead, we encourage pupils to seek - if they in some way struggle to find, we will always strive as much as we possibly can to light their way. We passionately want their learning path to be the most enjoyable it possibly can, whatever we can do to enhance and enrich their journey with us, we consider it our obligation not only to them, but to their future too.

As a school, we are of course all on a journey of discovery, pupils, staff and governors, what we learn along the way, we invest in tomorrow. We are always happy to hear from parents or pupils, past or present, who might help us deliver that brighter tomorrow - we don't always have all the answers, but, like your children, we hope we're learning....

Welcome to our school



Year 1 enjoying a lesson on our Multi-Use Games Area.





Gardening Club have been busy!



The Spider Web provides lots of opportunities for developing balance and fine motor skills.

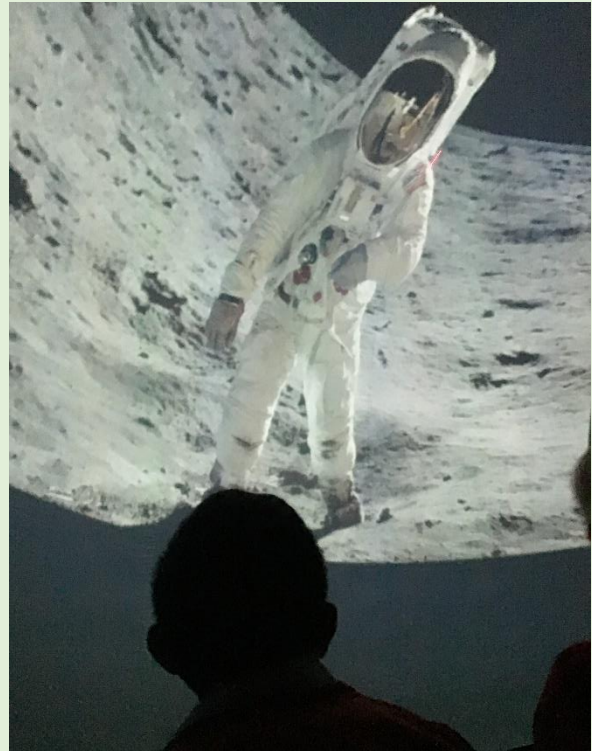




We are lucky to have a range of play equipment for all year groups to access.



The children love going to our conservation area to enhance their learning.



Throughout the year all Year groups experience a range of trips and in school visits to enrich our curriculum. Here is the Space Dome which visited last Autumn.



## Early Years

At Great Kingshill Primary School, we are committed to providing a happy and secure environment for our children to learn and play. This means that we have a common responsibility to support them in achieving to the very best of their ability and in treating everyone with the respect and courtesy that is promoted by our values.

During their time in Reception we aim to offer children a wide range of experiences and broaden their interests. Our ethos promotes teaching and learning to ensure children's 'school readiness' and gives children the broad range of knowledge and skills that provide the right foundation for good future progress through school and life.

We promote a secure foundation through learning and development opportunities which are planned around the children's needs and interests and are assessed and reviewed regularly. This is achieved by extensive partnership working between practitioners and with parents and carers and having high ambitions for all children whatever their starting points.



Please see the virtual tour of our Reception area on our website for a greater insight to our classroom.





The children developing their physical skills at lunch and in P.E lessons.



We love learning about the world around us!



We love making new furry friends.



We enjoy exploring in the growing garden throughout the different seasons.



We take pride in our achievements.



We enjoy trying new things and improving our skills.

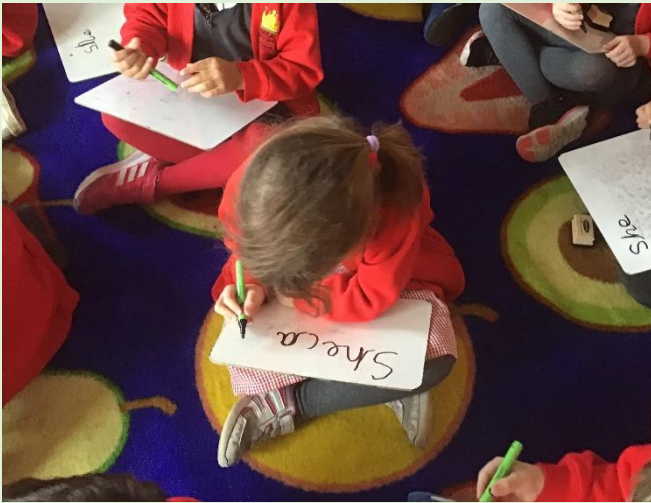




After reading the story 'Pumpkin Soup' the children made pumpkins.



As part of our 'Amazing Animal' topic we got to meet lots of different animals.



In Phonics lessons we get to develop our reading and writing skills.



In our conservation area we practice our risk management skills and try new things.



On World Book day we love to dress up as our favourite characters!



We immerse ourselves in a range of sensory play throughout the year.

## **General Information**

### **Class Dojo**

At Great Kingshill we understand that parental engagement is crucial to support children's development and work hard to foster positive relationships between our staff, children and their families. This year we have embedded a programme called Class Dojo which provides a platform for communication between teachers and parents. This allows parents to directly message with the class teacher to discuss any queries or concerns they may have. It also enables children to upload home learning and share their experiences away from the school setting. In Reception it is also used to build up the children's learning portfolios and gives parents insight into their children's experiences of school and next steps.

### **Our Covid Response**

We are extremely proud of the feedback we have received during the Covid 19 pandemic. We utilised Class Dojo to provide high quality weekly learning PowerPoints and provide daily feedback to the children's learning. This enabled teachers to support the children's emerging needs and provide guidance on next steps in learning.

We understood that every family may need different support during this time and that these circumstances put additional pressure on the mental health and wellbeing of our families. The Safeguarding team provided families with an emergency contact number and email address to enable all families to access support if needed. As well as this, the Safeguarding team rang families of vulnerable children and those with EHCP plans regularly to ensure they were able to access our online learning and offer further support.

We recognise that the Covid 19 pandemic is an ongoing situation and have put in place additional plans to support the home learning of our children. Each child from Reception to Year Six has been sent home with a learning pack containing textbooks, journals and other learning resources that they will be able to use if they are asked to isolate. This will be used in combination with our Class Dojo platform and virtual check ins to provide children with a comprehensive home learning experience.

### **School Lunches**

Our school lunches are made onsite by 'Culinera' our carefully chosen catering contractor. The company use locally sourced produce to provide high quality, delicious meals for the children to enjoy. These meals are prepared onsite by a qualified chef as we and Culinera both agree that the focus for school meals should be to create the best dishes from the best local British ingredients.

Please see Culinera's website for the latest menus and information.

<https://www.gkcs.culinera.co.uk/about-culinera>



### **Wrap around care**

Our wrap around care is provided by Friends at Play. They provide a Breakfast, After school and Holiday club running to support working parents. Breakfast club runs from 7.30-8.30 and After school club runs until 6pm. At both clubs healthy snacks are provided for the children and a tea is provided at 4.30 at After school club.

### **Uniform**

Our uniform is quick and easy to order through Ultimate Incentive and is delivered directly to school and given to your child.

<https://www.gkcsuniform.com/about-us/>

### **Our Curriculum**

The key aim for all our teaching and learning is to provide opportunities for all pupils to learn, to enjoy and to achieve. We have worked tirelessly to ensure we provide a broad and balanced curriculum which meet the needs and interests of our children now and for the future.

We are proud to have been awarded the title of being a 'National Nurturing' school as it recognises that we take the wellbeing of all pupils seriously and understand that it is paramount that children feel happy and secure at school. Although we emphasise the importance of pastoral care we also pride ourselves on supporting pupils to aim highly and achieve good academic results. We are pleased that our Early Years results have been above national average year upon year with good levels of children achieving expected and exceeding the early learning goal.

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