LYDD PRIMARY SCHOOL

A great place to learn and discover.

SCHOOL PROSPECTUS 2023

At the heart of Lydd Primary School is a strong sense of serving the community.

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WELCOME

Welcome to Lydd Primary School. The school was founded in the small historic town of Lydd on the Romney Marsh in 1895. It is situated next to the Rype, a large expanse of open grassland given by King Offa in 774. The school has always been considered to be an important part of the local community, an aspect the current Head Teacher and staff feel important to continue through the school's links with the community.

Lydd Primary School aims to provide a balanced and enriched curriculum where every child is supported by first-hand experience and encouraged to have a life-long enjoyment for learning. We enjoy developing a supportive partnership within our community so that children can become positive role models and productive members of the local and global community. Our school is known as a friendly place to learn and discover and this is reflected throughout the school and in our positive, welcoming environment. A prospectus can only give you a snapshot of our school. If you would like to find out more about us, visits from prospective parents are welcomed. Please contact the school office to make an appointment.

There is a sharp focus on providing a high-quality education for all, regardless of pupils' starting points."

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OUR SCHOOL VALUES

Lydd - A friendly place to learn and discover.

We aim to:

- Ensure that every child will grow in their love and understanding of the world in which they live and their individual place within it.
- Provide a balanced and enriched curriculum where every child is supported by first-hand experience, encouraged to have a life-long enjoyment for learning.
- Offer opportunities for the staff, parents and governors to share their knowledge and expertise, and to promote their development.
- Develop a supportive partnership within our community so that children can become positive role models and productive members of the local and global community.
- Provide opportunities in a safe and stimulating environment where all children are challenged to be the best they can be and to take pride in and celebrate personal achievements.
- Provide opportunities for each child to develop their life skills so they can face the challenges they may meet with confidence.
- Encourage children to understand and care for their environment.

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Our Teaching Approach

At Lydd Primary School our curriculum is designed to create a community where children participate, succeed and are proud of their achievements. Our emphasis is on allowing everyone to become the very best version of themselves and make the best progress they can from their starting points. We recognise the importance of the children's prior learning, providing first-hand experience to allow them to develop their cultural capital, build knowledge and become curious, excited learners. We believe our curriculum is more meaningful when cross-curricular links are made and the needs of the children are at its heart.

Our Curriculum

- Provides a broad and balanced education that meets the needs of all pupils and celebrates the whole child
- Gives all children the rich knowledge and understanding together with essential skills to prepare them for future learning
- Ensures that local opportunities are valued and exploited to foster a sense of belonging and appreciation of the community our pupils live in
- Promotes a positive attitude to learning that motivates, develops resilience and inspires children so that they flourish and thrive
- Celebrates the diversity of the wider community through opportunities to learn about, celebrate and appreciate difference.
- Promotes aspiration and a thirst to look beyond the immediate locality for further opportunities
- Is language rich to enable to our pupils to acquire new vocabulary and therefore learn to use new words when speaking ... this is to support our pupils to learn to speak and use language confidently, which they can then develop in their writing.

> *All pupils are equal, treated fairly and encouraged to be the best that they can be.*

Uniform
We encourage the children to take a pride in their appearance and require all children to wear school uniform:

Girls:
White blouse/white polo shirt, Navy skirt,
Navy jumper or sweatshirt/cardigan with school logo available, Black shoes (not trainers)

Summer uniform – Same as above or pale blue checked dress

Boys:
White shirt/polo shirt, Black trousers, Navy jumper or sweatshirt/cardigan with school logo available, Black shoes (not trainers)

Summer uniform - Same as above or shirt and black shorts

ADMISSIONS PROCESS

Choosing the right school for your child can be a daunting prospect. At Lydd Primary School, we offer a common-sense approach to education, which places the individual firmly at the centre. We believe that each child can only achieve their full potential if they are happy and secure in their school environment. Our small classes, excellent academic record and rural setting may be right for your child. If you are wondering if Lydd Primary School is the right choice, the best way to find out is to come and visit us.

Children are normally admitted at the beginning of the academic year in which their fifth birthday falls. An Academic Year runs from 1st September to the following 31st August. In Reception, Year1 and Year 2 class size will be no greater than 30 and depending on the intake, there may be mixed aged classes. If there are more applications for admission than there are available places, then places will be offered in accordance with admissions policy.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Bluebells Nursery

Lydd Primary School is completed by a purpose-built nursery. The nursery is open during term time a total of 38 weeks per year. Bluebells Nursery is funded purely by the Government Free Entitlement for 3- and 4-year olds, as such there is no top up fee. (More information about this scheme is available from the Nursery or through the Kent Children and Families Information Service). The nursery is run by a small, dedicated and specialist team and operates 2 sessions each day, with 26 places available in each session. Children can attend for 5 sessions per week (either morning or afternoon or for a block of 2 and a half days) during term time. Sessions are three hours long.

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