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Welcome to Chesterton Primary School

Learning. Growing. Succeeding.

A school where every child is known, valued and encouraged to achieve their best.



At Chesterton Primary School, every child matters.

We are a small, welcoming school at the heart of our community, where children are known as individuals and encouraged to learn, grow and succeed.

We want every child to leave us with strong foundations for the future: a love of learning, confidence in themselves, resilience to face challenges and the knowledge and skills they need to flourish.

We work closely with families because we believe that children achieve their very best when school and home, work together.



Helen Swindells
Headteacher

Learning

Building knowledge, skills and curiosity





Growing

Developing confidence, resilience and character



Succeeding

Achieving our best and preparing for the future

At Chesterton, we all agree...

🛡️ **WE ARE SAFE**
Because this helps us to be happy.

❤️ **WE TREAT OTHERS HOW WE WANT TO BE TREATED**
Because this develops respect.

⭐ **WE TRY OUR BEST**
Because we deserve the best.

🤝 **WE TELL THE TRUTH**
Because this develops trust









Why us?

A small school with a big heart.



We are:

- **Part of Collective Vision Trust**
- **A welcoming start from age 2 through to Year 6**
- **At the heart of the local community**
- **Set within beautiful grounds and excellent facilities**
- **Committed to knowing, valuing and supporting every child**



🕗 Foundation to Year 6

Time	What happens
7:30am	Breakfast Club opens
8:25am	Classroom doors open
2:55pm	School day ends
Until 5:00pm	After School Club

🌱 Pre-Nursery and Nursery

8:30am – 11:30am	Morning session
12:00pm – 3:00pm	Afternoon session
8:30am – 3:00pm	**Full day sessions**

Keeping children safe

Children in EYFS, Key Stage 1 and Year 3 must be collected by an adult aged 18 or over who has permission from someone with parental responsibility.

If you would like your child to walk home independently, permission must be given by an adult with parental responsibility.

If someone different is collecting your child, please let the school office know in advance.

Out of School Club (OOSC)

From 7:30am	☀️ Breakfast Club - a relaxed start to the day with breakfast and activities.
Until 5:00pm	🌈 After School Club - children can enjoy a snack, drink and a range of activities after the school day.

Bookings and payment:
Breakfast and After School Club sessions are booked through ParentPay and paid in advance.

❤️ Thinking of joining us?

Come and have a look around!

We are always happy to welcome prospective families to Chesterton Primary School. Come and see our school, meet our team and find out more about what makes Chesterton special.

Contact us to arrange a visit

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🌱 Starting with us

Pre-Nursery

Children can join our Pre-Nursery from the term after their **second birthday**.

We offer funded and non-funded places, including part-time and full-time options. Funding eligibility depends on your child's age and your circumstances, so please contact the school office for current information.

Nursery

Children can join our Nursery from the term after their **third birthday**.

Reception

Children normally start Reception in September following their fourth birthday.

🏫 Applying for a Reception place

For children starting Reception, applications are made through your **home local authority**.

For families living in Staffordshire, applications for September open **around the start of November** and close on **mid-January**. Offers are made around **April**. Dates vary slightly year-on-year.

You must apply for a Reception place even if your child already attends our Pre-Nursery or Nursery. Attendance at a school nursery does not guarantee or automatically provide a Reception place.

Learning at Chesterton

Inspiring curiosity. Building knowledge. Growing confidence.

We want every child to leave Chesterton with a love of learning, a strong foundation of knowledge and the confidence to take on whatever comes next.

Our curriculum is designed to inspire children, build their knowledge and develop the skills they need to succeed. We make learning memorable through rich experiences, visitors, trips and opportunities to explore the world around us.

All curriculum documents are available through our website, and we encourage you to use these so that you can share in your child's learning. www.chestertonprimary.org.uk

📚 Reading

Reading opens the door to everything else.

We place reading at the heart of our curriculum. Children develop their reading skills through daily teaching, practise and a wide range of books and texts. We encourage children to read at home regularly and develop a lifelong love of books.

Reading opportunities in school are wide and varied. A great deal of money and time is spent keeping our school library well stocked with books which encourage a love of reading. We are also happy to help families become members at their local library.

🔤 Phonics

Building confident, independent readers.

We use **Jolly Phonics** as our systematic synthetic phonics programme. Children read books carefully matched to the sounds they are learning, helping them to practise successfully and build confidence.

Jolly Phonics teaches actions and songs to support learning of important sounds (phonemes). You can watch these songs online; please ask our team for further support and information.

🧠 Our Curriculum

Knowledge that sticks. Learning that matters.

Our knowledge-based curriculum gives children the foundations they need to understand the world around them. Learning is enriched through practical experiences, visitors, trips and opportunities to make meaningful connections between subjects.

Every child can succeed

Knowing the child. Understanding what they need. Helping them flourish.

We recognise that children learn in different ways and at different rates. Our staff work closely with families to identify barriers to learning and provide the right support, including for children with special educational needs, differences and disabilities.

SEND & Inclusion

Every child is valued. Every child can succeed.

We are an inclusive school where every child is known, valued and supported. We celebrate the individuality of our children and recognise the different strengths, needs and experiences that each child brings.

We have high expectations for every child and work closely with children and families to remove barriers to learning. Where additional support is needed, we work with families and relevant professionals to help children make progress, develop confidence and achieve their potential.

If you have concerns about your child's learning or development, please speak to their class teacher. Further information about how we support children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) can be found in our **SEND Information Report and SEND Policy** on our website.

Home Learning

Learning doesn't stop when the school day ends.

Reading regularly at home is one of the best ways families can support their child's learning. We encourage children to read at home every day and aim for children to read at least four times a week.

Children also have access to a range of online learning programmes, including **Numbots, Times Table Rockstars, Magma Maths, Spelling Shed and Nessy**. These are provided by the school and give children opportunities to practise and strengthen key knowledge and skills at home.

Additional home learning may be set by class teachers, depending on children's age, stage of learning and individual needs.

For further details about our school curriculum, including Religious Education, Sex and Relationships Education and Pupil Premium, please visit our school website www.chestertonprimary.org.uk

Afterschool Activity Clubs

Fun doesn't stop when the school day ends.

Afterschool clubs are available 3pm to 4pm Monday to Thursday. These vary throughout the year and provide a wide range of opportunities.

School Uniform

A sense of belonging. A sense of pride.

Our school uniform helps children feel part of the Chesterton Primary School community and ready for learning. We aim for it to be practical, comfortable and affordable for families.

Uniform can be ordered through the school office and paid for in advance using ParentPay. We also have a selection of **pre-loved uniform available from £1 per item**.

Our uniform

- Grey polo shirt with school badge
- Red school jumper or cardigan with logo
- Grey skirt or trousers
- Black footwear
- Red gingham summer dress or grey shorts for warmer weather
- Boots may be worn in inclement weather

PE kit

Children need a separate PE kit consisting of:



- Plain white T-shirt (no logos)
- Plain black shorts
- Pumps or trainers
- Plain black tracksuit for outdoor PE in winter

Year 4 swimming

- One-piece swimming costume or fitted swimming trunks
- Swimming hats are compulsory for children with long hair

A few important reminders

Please label everything! Clearly named clothing makes it much easier for us to return lost property to its owner.

For safety, jewellery such as bracelets and necklaces should not be worn in school. Children with pierced ears may wear safety sleepers or studs, but these must be removed independently for PE. Other piercings are not permitted.

During warm weather, we encourage children to wear a cap or sun hat. Children may bring their own suncream to school and should apply it themselves. Suncream must not be shared between children.

ParentPay

Simple, secure and cashless.

We are a **cashless school** and use ParentPay for online payments. Once your account is set up, you can make secure payments for school meals, trips, clubs and other school activities.

Our office team will be happy to help you get started.



Communication

We work in partnership with families.

Good communication helps us work together to give every child the best possible experience at school. We are always happy to listen, answer questions and work with families to resolve any concerns.

Keeping in touch

Class Dojo
We use Class Dojo to share school and class news, events, updates and messages with families. It is free to use and provides a convenient way for parents and carers to keep in touch with school.

Need a quick response or reporting an absence? Please contact the school office by telephone. Class Dojo messages may not be seen immediately especially while staff are teaching.

Talking to us

Parents and carers are invited to parent meetings throughout the year and will receive a written report during the Summer Term. We welcome feedback and encourage families to speak to us whenever they have a question, concern or something they would like to share.

Your child's class teacher is usually the best first point of contact. The Headteacher and Leadership Team are also available when needed. Please contact the school office to arrange an appointment.

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Positive Behaviour

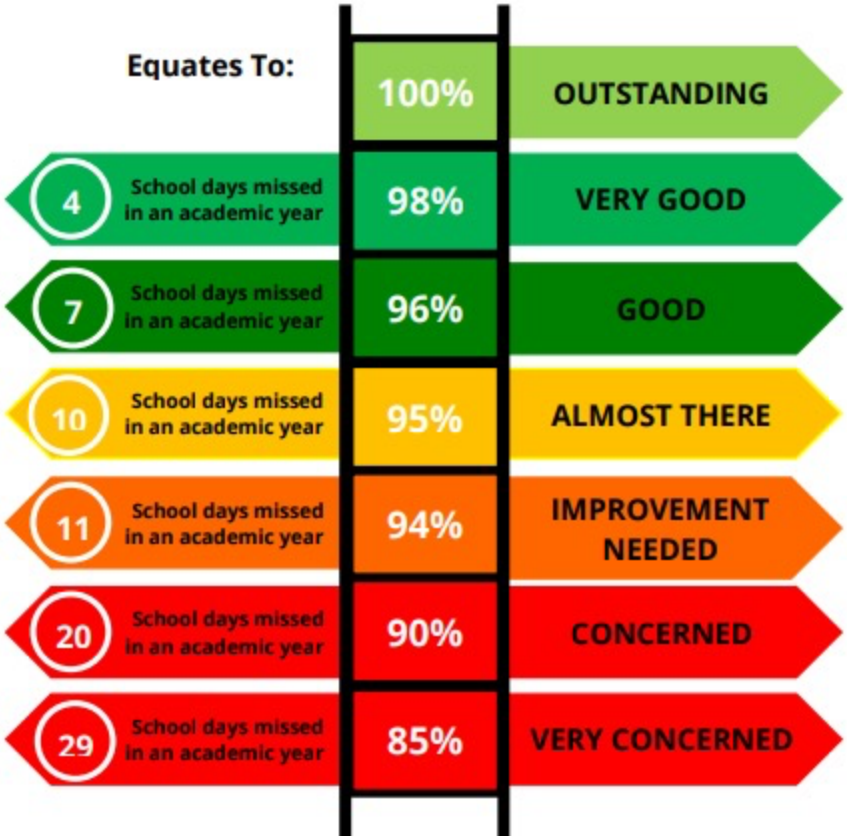
We recognise, encourage and celebrate the positive choices children make.

At Chesterton Primary School, we believe that children thrive when they feel safe, valued and encouraged. We place a strong emphasis on recognising and rewarding positive behaviour, effort and good choices.

Children may be recognised through verbal praise, stars, stickers, rewards, Class Dojo points and other class-based rewards. We celebrate children's achievements and encourage them to take pride in their behaviour, effort and contribution to our school community.

Class Dojo also allows parents and carers to see their own child's positive behaviour and effort throughout the school day. Children can earn Dojo points as part of our approach to recognising and celebrating positive choices.

Good attendance plays a vital role in children's success. Regular attendance supports children's learning, wellbeing and academic achievement. Throughout the school year, we celebrate and encourage good attendance through a range of incentives and rewards.



Food in School

Healthy choices. Happy lunchtimes.

🍽️ Lunches

Freshly prepared every day.

Our school lunches are freshly cooked on the school premises each day. All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a **free school meal**, and we will let you know if your child is eligible for free school meals beyond this through our electronic checking system.

Children are also welcome to bring a packed lunch. We encourage healthy, balanced choices and ask that sugary snacks are limited. Fizzy drinks, glass bottles and cans are not permitted. As we cannot refrigerate lunch boxes, please ensure food is suitable for storing until lunch time.



🍎 Snacks

Keeping little minds fuelled throughout the day.

All children in EYFS and KS1 receive a free piece of fruit or vegetable each day.

We also offer a breakfast snack, such as toast or brioche, and milk for a small charge, payable through ParentPay. Children under five are entitled to free milk.

🥣 Breakfast for All

A positive start to every school day.

Every child is offered breakfast on arrival in their classroom each morning. It helps children settle, feel ready to learn and reflects something that matters enormously to us at Chesterton Primary School: **no child should go hungry.**





Unexpected School Closures

Keeping everyone safe and informed.

Occasionally, circumstances beyond our control such as severe weather, heating failure or another emergency, may mean that the school needs to close.

The safety of our children and staff will always be our priority. If a closure is necessary, parents and carers will be informed as quickly as possible through our school messaging system and Class Dojo.

Policies

Clear guidance for our school community.

Our school policies provide clear information about how we work and the procedures we follow. These are available to view on our school website, with copies also available from the school office on request.

Complaints

Working together to resolve concerns.

We hope that any concerns can be resolved quickly through open communication with school. Where a concern cannot be resolved informally, our Complaints Policy explains the steps that can be taken.

The policy is available on our school website or from the school office upon request.

Safeguarding and Child Protection

Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility.

The safety and wellbeing of every child is at the heart of everything we do. We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all our children and have robust procedures in place to help keep them safe.

All staff and volunteers are subject to appropriate safeguarding checks, and our staff receive regular training to recognise and respond to concerns.

We encourage children to speak to a trusted adult if they are worried about anything and **we listen carefully and take concerns seriously.** Parents and carers are also encouraged to talk to us if they have any worries about a child.

Where we have a safeguarding concern, we will usually work openly with parents and carers. However, there may be circumstances where we need to share information with other agencies without seeking parental consent if this is necessary to protect a child.

Safeguarding is also an important part of our curriculum. Children learn how to keep themselves and others safe, including when using technology and the internet.

OPERATION ENCOMPASS
In every force. In every school. For every child.

We look forward to welcoming you to Chesterton Primary School.

We hope this prospectus has given you a flavour of life at our school. The best way to get to know us, however, is to come and see us. We are always delighted to welcome families to visit, meet our team and see our children learning.

'There are no strangers in our school, just friends we've yet to meet.'

