



Information for Parents and Carers

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Welcome to Hopping Hill Primary School.

We hope that you will find the information you require somewhere in the pages of this booklet.

Should you not be able to find exactly what you need please contact the school and we will be happy to help you.

Head Teacher:

Mrs Jo Fantarrow



Deputy Head Teacher:

Mrs Michelle White



Chair of Governors:

Miss Emily Lambert





Ofsted

A link to the full report can be found on the home page of our website.

The school was graded as 'Good' in a full inspection in October 2015, and during a short inspection in March 2019 this rating was maintained. Please see excerpts of the most recent report findings below:

'The leadership team has maintained the good quality of education in the school since the last inspection.'

'You and your leaders ensure that safeguarding is given the highest priority across the school. There are strong systems in place for checking the suitability of adults working in school and governors regularly review the school's procedures, including the impact of the safeguarding policy.'

'You place a strong emphasis on pupils' welfare and in ensuring that pupils are ready to learn. Pupils enjoy coming to school and enjoy their learning. They behave very well and respect each other's ideas and views.'



Our School's Aims



We aim for our school to be:

- ⇒ a caring community enriched by each individual and their family
- ⇒ one where everyone shares high expectations of the children and staff
- ⇒ an environment that promotes communication, where everyone is heard and their opinions are understood and valued
- ⇒ a positive, encouraging environment
- ⇒ a warm, nurturing and happy place where everyone is polite, respectful and tolerant of one another
- ⇒ a team with a united spirit where everyone works together and values one another
- ⇒ an environment where sound moral development takes place because it is part of the philosophy of all who work here

We aim for our children to:

- ◆ be included and valued as individuals
- ◆ experience equal opportunities
- ◆ be kind, responsible and respectful
- ◆ feel secure and understand how to keep themselves safe and healthy
- ◆ be curious and sustain a love of learning
- ◆ fulfill their true potential, striving for personal best in all that they do
- ◆ be independent problem solvers with a positive growth mind set and high aspirations
- ◆ experience a rich and relevant curriculum that builds on individual strengths

We aim for our parents/carers to be:

- * sharers in the education of their children
- * in a working partnership with the school built, on mutual trust and support
- * informed of the classroom activities and learning experiences
- * aware of the school's objectives and values
- * confident to speak to staff about their child or any aspect of school,
- * increasingly confident to offer their skills, knowledge and interest to enhance the experiences of the children

The Curriculum

Hands on
Opens doors
Progressive
Purposeful
Imaginative
Nurturing
Goes for gold
Holistic
Inspiring
Lively
Life long



At Hopping Hill, we provide an engaging curriculum that sparks curiosity and a love of learning.

With a wealth of practical and real life experiences at its heart, the curriculum enables children to develop a genuine understanding of the world around them.

The curriculum offers a learning pathway that promotes challenge and resilience. It provides children with the necessary knowledge, skills and understanding to forge their own path and prepares them for life beyond Hopping Hill.



Nursery Provision

As well as Reception to Year 6, we have a Nursery onsite for children from 3 years old.

If you have younger children and would like to add them to the waiting list, please request an application form from the school office, or visit the 'Nursery' tab of our school website to complete the online form.

All children are eligible for 15 hours of funded provision; working families, meeting set criteria, may be eligible for 30 hours of funded provision. Further details and links to check eligibility can be found on our website.



Morning Nursery starts at 8.30am, and collection is at 11.30am.

Afternoon nursery starts at 12.30pm, and collection is at 3.30pm

All day sessions run from 8.30am to 3.30pm



Children are eligible to join our Nursery during the school term after they turn 3 years old. Application forms are available from the school office or you can make an online application via the link on the Nursery tab of our website. Depending on availability we can accept children in the term they turn 3 as a 'Rising 3'. Some children may be eligible for 2 years olds' funding, alternatively parents/carers can pay for this provision. Please speak to a member of staff regarding availability and current charges.

Applications to the Nursery are accepted from anyone living within the Northampton area.

Places will be offered by term of eligibility to receive funding for 3 year olds, linked with the following criteria:

1st priority - children in care or being looked after and children who have Hopping Hill as the named school on their EHC Plan

2nd priority - applications from children with siblings in school

3rd priority - all other applications from children in areas with postcodes starting NN5 6, and Ryehill Estate. Priority will be given on the basis of distance between the child's home and the school, measured by a straight line.

4th priority - all other applications





Early Years at Hopping Hill



There are 7 areas of learning in the foundation stage.

The prime areas are fundamental and they work together to support development in all other areas:

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Communication and Language

Physical Development

Specific areas include essential skills and knowledge for children to participate successfully in society.

Literacy

Mathematics

Understanding the World

Expressive Arts and Design



In the Foundation Stage the role of the parent /carer is valued and encouraged. At Hopping Hill we feel this is fundamental to successfully ensuring your child makes progress and reaches their full potential.

We love to hear from families about what children love and enjoy doing, and we use this information to develop what happens in the classroom. Every child's interests are crucial to what we do, and we encourage families to contribute to our 'Ideas Wall'.

We also have a 'Well Done Board' which families are welcome to add any home achievements to; this encourages children to share wider experiences and see positive links between home and school.



We use an online journal called Tapestry to capture each child's learning experiences. This enables parents/carers to login to a personalised account and track their child's progress as well as comment on any entries that have been made. This creates an exciting and interactive way to see how your child is progressing.





Introducing online payments to school with ParentPay!

We have introduced a more convenient way to pay for school trips, after school clubs and much more online, using a secure service called ParentPay.

ParentPay is now live at school and we no longer accept cash and cheque payments, making the school a cash-free environment. Parents who need to continue making payments by cash may do so using the PayPoint network at local convenience stores.

Making secure payments online using your credit or debit card

ParentPay offers you the freedom to make payments whenever and wherever you like, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week - safe in the knowledge that the technology used is of the highest internet security available.

You will have a secure online account, activated using a unique username and password; you will be prompted to change these, and to keep them safe and secure. If you have more than one child at our school, or children at other ParentPay schools, you can create a single account login for all your children.

Making a payment is straightforward and ParentPay holds a payment history for you to view at a later date; no card details are stored in any part of the system. Once you have activated your account you can make online payments straight away.

Using PayPoint



PayPoint payments are recorded by ParentPay and can be seen by logging into your ParentPay account and viewing your payment history online. Trip and activity information letters will carry a unique barcode which will allow you to make cash payments at your local PayPoint store.

We hope you will support us in achieving our goal to become a cashless school. Your support in using ParentPay will help the school enormously, thank you.

You will receive your unique ParentPay Account activation details once your child has started at Hopping Hill Primary School.



Lunches & Snacks

Children in Reception to Year 2 receive a 'universal free school meal'. These are provided by our external catering company Dolce. Meals are booked via an online system called School Grid, and there is an excellent choice of meals available each day. Children in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 can also book meals with Dolce. Should children not want to have a hot meal, they can also bring in a packed lunch.

Some families may be eligible for free school meals & pupil premium. There is a link on our website with more information, please read this through and if you think you may be eligible, please make an application. We are also able to help you apply, please request an application form from the main office; once you have completed your details we can then complete an application on your behalf and inform you of the outcome.

Nursery and Reception children also receive a snack during the day; sometimes this will be a sandwich they make themselves, or different fruits and vegetables or other healthy snacks that fit in with celebrations taking place. As well as allowing children to experience new tastes, this also encourages them to be independent by pouring their drink and accessing the food that is on offer.

Children under the age of 5 years receive free milk, and children in Nursery, Reception and Key Stage 1 also receive fruit as part of the government healthy eating scheme.



The School Day

Classroom doors open at 8.35am, and children should be in their classroom ready to start their learning at 8.45am.

Break time for Reception and Year 1 is 10.00am (15 minutes) with lots of enjoyable activities and equipment for fun exercise.



Break time for Years 2 and 3 is 10.15am (15 minutes)

Break time for Years 4, 5 and 6 is 10.30am (15 minutes)

Lunch times are :

Reception - 11.45am until 12:45pm

Key Stage 1 (Years 1, 2) - 12pm until 1.00pm

Key Stage 2 (Years 3,4,5 and 6) - 12.15pm until 1.15pm

Home time is 3:15pm. With written permission from parents/ carers, children in Years 5 & 6 can walk home alone; all other children must be collected by an adult.

Children attending clubs will be taken straight there by a member of staff, so will not need to be collected until the club has finished. The same rules regarding collection and walking home alone applies to children who have attended a club.



Communication

CLASS DOJO



Our school uses Class Dojo to communicate with parents and carers. This is an online tool which enables you to see what your child is learning about, find homework, see photos of special learning events and class work and to communicate directly with the class teacher and other members of staff. The school staff use Class Dojo to communicate whole school news as well.

Any device, any language

Easily stay connected with your child's classroom on ClassDojo. You can see all of your child's feedback from teachers, hear important announcements and updates, and see photos and videos from class! You'll also be able to see your child's classwork on their own Student Story. Parents can use any iOS device, Android device, Kindle Fire, or computer to connect! You can also read all Class Story posts in your preferred language instantly.

Safe for all

All of your child's information is kept safe on ClassDojo. Only they, their teachers, and you as their parents can see their information. ClassDojo is COPPA-compliant and fully support FERPA. If ever you'd like to review or remove your child's information, please email the ClassDojo Parent Support team at parents@classdojo.com



We use Parents Evening System to book all appointments to attend our Termly Learning Conferences.

You will be informed via ParentPay and Class Dojo that there is an option on this system for you to book. All bookings through this system work on a first come first served basis.



UNIFORM

Uniform for children in Reception to Year 6 is available from:

Stevensons

(what was The School Wear Shop)

40-42 Abington Square

Northampton

NN1 4AA

You can also order online:

<https://www.stevensons.co.uk/>

Alternatively, none logo uniform can be purchased from any shop where available.

Our uniform consists of: royal blue sweatshirt/ cardigan/ fleece and a white polo shirt with grey skirt/ trousers/ shorts. Blue gingham style dresses can be worn in warmer weather.

PE wear is a red top/ hoodie and black tracksuit/ sport shorts.



Our Positive Behaviour Policy



Hopping Hill Primary School's Behaviour Promise

Be kind
Be safe
Be respectful
Always try our best



At Hopping Hill Primary School our Positive Behaviour Policy is focused around our school's simple Behaviour Promise. We work hard to create an environment which has a positive effect on pupils' learning and behaviour. We believe it is vital to celebrate pupils' successes.

The children are rewarded for keeping this promise using our Class Dojo system where they can earn Dojo points working through a range of coloured belt certificates starting at White Belt for 25 Dojos until they get to 225 Dojos and earn their Black Belt. The children also work together with their class to earn Whole Class Rewards based on the amount of Dojos the class have.



Each week a class member is chosen as the class's Star of the Week and someone is selected to attend the Head Teacher's Tea Party. These special certificates and invitations are given out in a special Celebration Assembly.

There are also clear consequences in place for children who are not keeping the Behaviour Promise and the grown ups in school are committed to supporting the children to reflect on their behaviour in order to learn how to make it better.

Extended Provision

We offer a range of after school clubs each term for children from Reception to Year 6; these include dance, arts & crafts, building club, cooking, and a wide range of sports clubs.

Some clubs change each half term so there is plenty of opportunity for children to try new activities, and where they are placed on a waiting list, they will have first refusal the next time that club takes place.

We also offer a breakfast club and after school provision to extend the day from 8am to 5pm. Bookings can be adhoc and are arranged through our online payment system, so you can access as much or as little of the provision as you need. There are a limited number of places for Nursery children.

At breakfast club children can enjoy cereal, toast and fruit juices as well as taking part in a range of activities to keep them engaged until the start of the school day.

At our after school provision, Oscar club, there is a range of games and activities for the children, and they also have the opportunity to play outside, as well as enjoying a small snack and drink to keep them going until dinner time.



The School Grounds

Our allotment was funded by the Tesco Bags of Help Scheme. Our very keen gardening group help to maintain the allotment, and regularly take part in growing schemes to grow and sell plants and vegetables.



We also have the Spinney where we can enjoy a bit of bug hunting, find out about plants and trees, or simply find a quiet spot to enjoy a book and get immersed in a story.





We firmly believe in keeping children active and are lucky to have a wide range of equipment and open space that can be accessed during the school day, at breaks and lunchtimes as well as during lesson times.





Inclusion

Inclusion is at the heart of everything we do at Hopping Hill Primary School. We work hard to ensure that every member of our school community – pupils, parents, staff and visitors – feels safe and included. We are an

inclusive school and every child, whatever their individual abilities or needs, is equally valued and welcome here. We expect all parents and visitors to understand and support our inclusive ethos.

We believe inclusion is a universal human right. The aim of inclusion is to embrace all people irrespective of race, gender, disability or medical or other needs. It is about giving equal access and opportunities and getting rid of discrimination and intolerance. Inclusion is about providing equal opportunities for all children.

Our school SENDCo is Liz Doughty



The SENDCo works alongside teachers and parents to ensure that the needs are met of children with a Special Educational Need or Disability through appropriate support, differentiation and learning scaffolds in our mainstream setting. Individual progress is our main indicator of success and all children reaching their full potential is our aim!

Safeguarding and Family Support



All children have a right to be protected from harm and all adults have a role to play in ensuring that our children are protected and safe.

As individuals, we all play an important part in the child protection process. Child protection is everyone's responsibility including employees, volunteers and members of the local community.

At Hopping Hill Primary School we have our own Family Support Worker (Mrs Rebecca Cronin) who works very closely to support children, parents and families in our school. Our Family Support Worker supports children and families who are vulnerable, have Special Educational Needs or who have English as an Additional Language (EAL).



Our Family Support Worker is also on hand to any family who requires additional support with difficult family circumstances such as parent separation, divorce, bereavement, new baby in the family, new relationships, financial advice and support and health advice.

Our Family Support Worker is always there to listen and appreciate parent views, offering suggestions or sign posting to organisations who can support further.



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