

# THE AVENUE INFANT SCHOOL PROSPECTUS



*Developing deep roots to grow the strongest trees*

*Responsibility Perseverance Confidence Kindness Respect*

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## ABOUT THE SCHOOL

The Avenue is a small, friendly and caring infant school that seeks to ensure that all its children flourish, learn and develop in a setting that nurtures, challenges and enables them. Our children learn from carefully planned programmes of work that our teachers continuously refine and adapt to meet the needs of each child and year group of pupils. Children are expected to work hard but still have fun!



## LEARNING

We have recently introduced The Avenue Values of **respect**, **responsibility**, **confidence**, **kindness** and **perseverance**. These values underpin our aim to 'develop deep roots to grow the strongest trees'.

We also believe in building a safe environment where getting it wrong sometimes doesn't matter as long as the children have had a go, have tried hard and have learned from the experience.

Children's achievements are frequently but sensitively assessed so that future work can be tailored to their needs.

We make learning an enjoyable process by ensuring that the children have plenty of exciting activities to look forward to such as visits and experiences out of school (the library, a Great Fire of London drama experience, the Saints RFC, various places of religious significance) as well as inviting visitors into school. We try to make the curriculum varied, practical, and purposeful and tailored to the needs of each class. We believe that the children who come to the Avenue have an exciting and enjoyable time in school.

## GOLDEN RULES & GOLDEN TIMES

We have a set of simple Golden Rules that help to guide the children in their learning and social development. These Golden Rules reflect the ethos of the school and are continuously reinforced. The end of each week brings a maximum of 20 minutes of Golden Time as a reward for keeping the Golden Rules throughout the week. A range of other rewards and incentives keep children motivated to strive and succeed.





### **WE ARE ALL DIFFERENT**

Our children come from a wide range of cultural, social and educational backgrounds and each of them adds to the richness and diversity of our school community. We celebrate these differences within the school and encourage our children to be appreciative and understanding. We pride ourselves on being an inclusive school and seek to ensure our curriculum and facilities are accessible to all pupils whatever their need might be. The Governing Body seeks to ensure that our policies and facilities are inclusive of all pupils.

### **WORKING WITH PARENTS**

We have strong and happy partnerships with parents and carers who appreciate and value how we care for their children. An annual questionnaire provides parents and carers with an opportunity to tell us what they think about us and to make suggestions about how the school could improve. We listen carefully to what they say and have made changes in response to suggestions over the years.

### **WHEN YOU HAVE A WORRY**

Staff make great efforts to make themselves as accessible as is practically possible because we know that by talking to, or arranging a meeting with parents/carers, we can swiftly resolve anxieties or identify and work to solve problems.

### **HELPING YOUR CHILD**

Parents are always keen to develop their children's learning so the school sends home a newsletter explaining what your child will be learning each half term, a choice of homework activities each half term and a reading record that includes a range of Reading Challenges. Parents are encouraged to work on these with their child.

We hold annual curriculum evenings, regular parent workshops and welcome parents/carers in as helpers so that they are aware of the work we do in class. We invite parents to join us for open afternoons and for shared creative sessions.

### **THE GOVERNORS**

The Avenue Infant School has a committed and multi-skilled Governing Body who take a serious and active interest in the development of the school. Between them, they give hours of their personal time to the school. They support as well as challenge the initiatives the school seeks to implement. They promote the interests of pupils as well as parents/carers and staff.

### **FRIENDS OF THE AVENUE (FOTAS)**

The school has an active Friends Association dedicated to social and fund raising events. Children's discos, puppet shows, summer fayres, sponsored events, fashion shows, quizzes, Christmas fayres and sweet & savoury stalls after school have been successfully organised and have raised funds for the purchase of school equipment and recently, the playground project.

## READING AT THE AVENUE

The school places a high value on making reading pleasurable. Therefore, we give the children access to a wide range of different reading materials including class-based books (picture books, story books, information texts as well as reading scheme materials), library books, e-books and sometimes comics and magazines. We also pledge to read to your child for at least ten minutes per day and ask parents to match this at home. This gives children a wide range of texts to enjoy and help them develop their own literacy skills.



## SHARING WHAT WE DO

Curriculum open sessions / workshops are held periodically so parents / carers can see in action our approach to different aspects of the curriculum, such as phonics, handwriting and maths, and to gather ideas for how to support at home. We also host seasonal events such as Christmas Craft workshops. We hold termly 'Celebrations of Learning' for each year group where parents / carers are invited into school for the children to perform / show their learning from the term. In addition we hold a number of annual celebrations such as Christmas Celebration, Family Celebration, Sports afternoon and our end of year show.

## OUT OF HOURS CARE

The out of hours facilities the school offers include a Breakfast Club (starting at 7.45), run jointly with (and based at) Park Junior School, and an After School Club (running until 6.00 p.m.). The After School Club is run and managed by 'The Victoria Centre', and is based in our school hall. It is attended by our pupils and Park Junior pupils. Both of these are chargeable activities.



## OPEN DAYS AND VISITS TO THE SCHOOL

Open Days for prospective parents/carers take place annually, usually in the Autumn Term (children whose names we already have will be contacted directly and invited along). Please phone the school office for this autumn's dates if you wish to come along to one of these sessions. If you miss this date then you can still visit the school at another time when you can see the school in action. Please telephone to make an appointment.

MOST RECENT END OF SCHOOL YEAR  
ATTENDANCE RATE

**95.9%**

## ADMISSION TO THE SCHOOL



All admissions to schools are managed by the central admissions team in Northampton County Council. All applications for Reception and Y3 places should be made online.

If your child is already at an infant school somewhere else then please contact the admissions team to talk about moving your child. If you want to find out more about us, please look at our website:

**[www.theavenueinfantschool.co.uk](http://www.theavenueinfantschool.co.uk)**

We also have a Facebook page and can be followed on Twitter @TheAvenueInfant

We are very proud of our school and hope you enjoy your visit.

Please feel free to ask any questions you may have.

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