



THE AVENUE INFANT SCHOOL

PROSPECTUS



Developing deep roots to grow the strongest trees



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Responsibility Perseverance Confidence Kindness Respect

Welcome to The Avenue Infant School. I am Helen Morrall, head teacher here at The Avenue. I am incredibly proud of our school and delighted that you are interested in finding out more about us.



The Avenue is, very much, a school 'family'. Being a smaller school the staff team know all the pupils well and support one another to do the very best job we can for every single child.

I hope this prospectus will give you an overview of our ethos. I would also encourage you to explore our website and please do get in touch if you have any questions, we are always happy to help.

ABOUT US

We are a nurturing, inclusive school in the heart of Wellingborough, Northamptonshire. Our dedicated, brilliant staff work tirelessly to give each and every child the best possible start to their school life.

At the heart of all we do is our aim to nurture the talents of every child to develop strong foundations for future learning. Through our school values of **RESPECT, KINDNESS, CONFIDENCE, PERSEVERANCE** and **RESPONSIBILITY** we develop strong and resilient children who love to learn and be a part of our school family.

Learning at The Avenue is interesting, relevant and, mostly importantly fun! The children are given learning opportunities that engage them, encourage collaboration, make them think, wonder and ask questions. The school's Golden Rules help the children do their best in school.

The children know following the Golden Rules ensures everyone is safe and happy.....and consequently enjoy lots of Golden Time!



LEARNING

Our Avenue Values of **RESPECT**, **RESPONSIBILITY**, **CONFIDENCE**, **KINDNESS** and **PERSEVERANCE** underpin our aim to 'develop deep roots to grow the strongest trees'.

We also believe in building a safe environment where making mistakes is part of the excitement of the learning journey. We have worked hard to develop a curriculum that encourages enquiry, exploration, investigation and discussion to foster enthusiastic, engaged, resilient, independent and also collaborative Learners. 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.



WORKING WITH PARENTS

We very much value working closely with parents and carers, sharing information about the curriculum, progress and learning ideas for home. 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.



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 hold a range of opportunities for parents/carers and extended family to engage in your child's school journey and learning. These include hosting seasonal events such as Christmas craft workshops, family fun sessions and 'Come and See' opportunities to see your child's work. We hold Family Reading sessions for each year group twice a half term. In addition we hold a number of annual celebrations such as the Christmas Celebration, Family Celebration, Sports Day and the end of year '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.

What are pupils say...



I love The Avenue very much. I don't want to leave.

I love EVERYTHING about school.



I love my school because of my friends and my lovely teachers.



What are parents say...

“The learning environment is fantastic! When something has sparked our child’s imagination, which happens often. He cannot wait to show and tell us about it”.

“My child is safe, caring and secure environment”.

My child is making good progress with their reading, writing and maths”.

“My child is very happy at school”.

“Classroom staff are helpful, friendly, approachable and available to speak to when I need them”.

“My child is very happy at school”.

BEHAVIOUR AND GOLDEN RULES

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.



Be ready
Be respectful
Be safe



The end of each term the children have of Golden Time as a reward for keeping the Golden Rules. A range of other rewards and incentives keep children motivated to strive and succeed. As the children get older they also have the chance to gain positions of responsibility such as a playground buddy, class representative on the school council, library monitor, lunchtime helper.



IF YOU HAVE A WORRY

Staff make great efforts to make themselves as accessible as is practically possible. 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.

BREAKFAST CLUB AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

The school offers a Breakfast Club starting at 7.45am and an After School Club which is available until 6.00pm. Breakfast club is available to all Avenue pupils and After School Club is open to all Avenue and Park Junior School pupils.

Both clubs are run and managed by The Avenue Infant School and are based in our school hall.

Both of these are chargeable activities.



FRIENDS OF THE AVENUE SCHOOL (FOTAS)

Friends of The Avenue Infant School (FOTAS) organises fun events and activities to help raise extra funds to pay for a whole range of equipment and experiences to enhance the children's time at The Avenue.

Over the past few years we have raised funds to help develop the playground and fund our fantastic library including replacing books and updating every classrooms reading area. Every year FOTAS uses the money raised to subsidise all year group trips, purchase the Year 2 leaver books and buy ice creams on our trip to Old Hunstanton and so much more.



HELPING YOUR CHILD

Parents and carers are always keen to develop their children's learning, so the school sends home a Learning Newsletter explaining what your child will be learning each half term.

Every child has a reading record to encourage them to read at least four times a week at home with yourselves. Children are also encouraged to complete the weekly challenges set on the learning platforms at home, these activities are linked to what your child has been learning in school.

We hold annual curriculum evenings and parent/carer workshops throughout the school year. We invite parents to join us for open afternoons and for shared creative sessions and Family Reading and Family Play sessions.

The children love to share with you what they have been learning in school, so we encourage parents/carers to join us for these events.





FAMILY SUPPORT

We understand that children and families can experience difficult times which can make a happy, successful school and home life a struggle.

Our Family Support Worker can provide support, advice and information to any family within our school community that maybe experiencing difficulties, it may be that support is needed for a short while or it could be a longer process.

This can include helping you with any worries that you may have in relation to your child's behaviour, attendance and wellbeing or supporting you a change in family circumstances, bereavement or signposting families to services within the area, depending on the need.

Our [school website](#) has a substantial amount of information, resources and links for help on a range of topics for parents and carers as well as for adults and families.



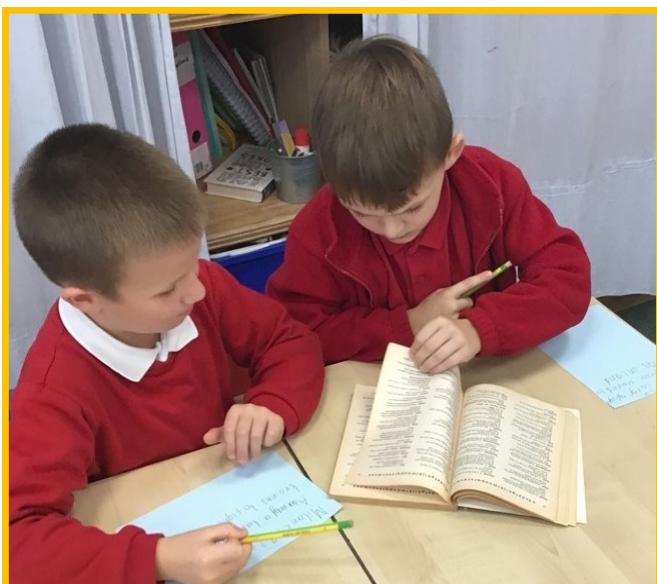


READING AT THE AVENUE

Reading is a vital life skill. The school prioritises learning to read by teaching letter sounds and word decoding skills as soon as the children begin their schooling. The school uses the Read Write Inc phonics programme.

The school places a high value on reading for pleasure as well as learning to read. 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 helps them develop their own literacy skills.



COMMUNITY

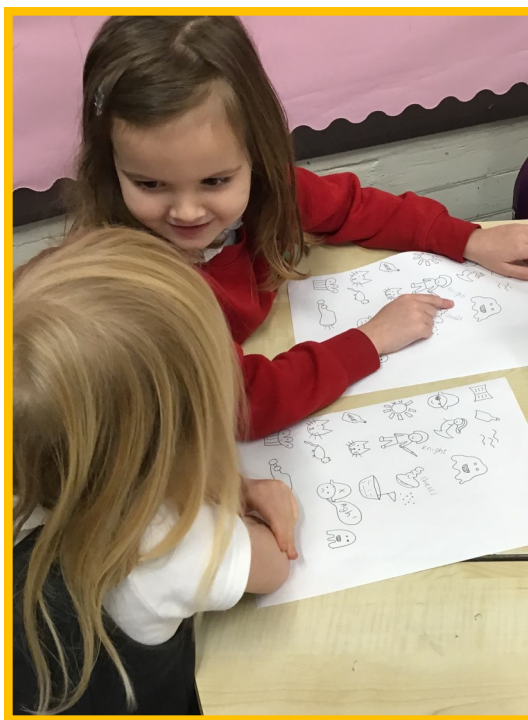
We are proud of our links with our local community through educational visits to local churches, the library, schools, trips to the park and walks around the local area.

Community links are seen as a two-way process. During the year we have many groups or individuals visit our school from the local community such as police, school nurses, musicians, sports coaches and animal experiences.

Every year children from Year 1 and 2 visit the two local care homes in December to sing carols to the residents. They spread the Christmas joy to the local neighbours around The Avenue by singing Christmas carols.

COMMUNITY FOOD BANK

We are proud to offer our own small-scale food bank to support any of our families or anyone in our local community that are in need or at a crisis point. The food bank is there to be used and there is no judgement to be made of anyone who uses the food bank. We recognise that asking for help isn't always easy, so we want to make this sensitive situation as stress-free and easily accessible as possible.



SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our School Council delivers hand made Christmas cards every year to our neighbours, we receive some lovely cards and messages back!

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.



ADMISSION TO SCHOOL

All admissions to schools are managed by the central admissions team in North Northamptonshire Council. All applications for Reception and Junior School places should be made online at [North Northamptonshire Schools Admissions](#)

If you want to find out more about us, please look at our school website:

[The Avenue Infant School - Home](#)

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.



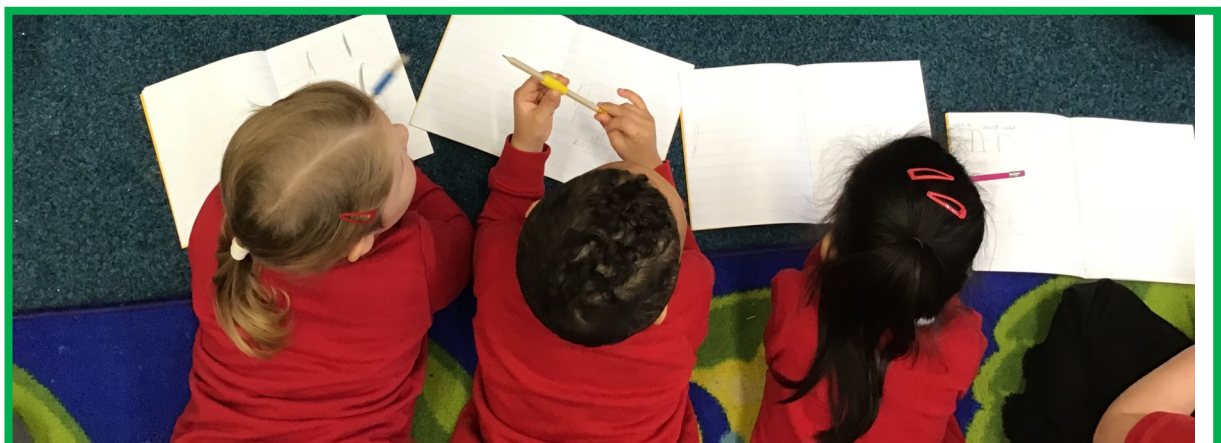
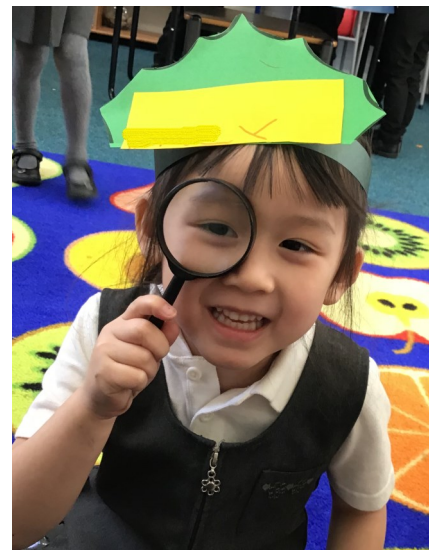
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Visit our [Facebook](#) or

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