





“School should be a happy and productive experience, a place where children will enjoy learning and can flourish as individuals.”

Shared values



Our school provides a welcoming, secure and nurturing environment. Each child is given the support and attention that they need throughout their time here. School life is vibrant and engaging. Corridors and classrooms are full of children's work and all our teachers have modern facilities to help make learning interesting and engaging. The grounds have lots of great play areas for the children to enjoy and there is a wide range of clubs and activities which they can be involved in.

As a Church of England school we uphold Christian values, by which the school runs. Children are expected to show respect, kindness and consideration to those around them. Parents and carers are encouraged to become involved in school life, a partnership that is hugely productive for children, parents and staff alike. Friends of Eastergate School (FOES) is our parent/teacher association. There is always a warm welcome to parents wishing to be involved.



Variety, encouragement, understanding

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Our school provides a happy, calm yet stimulating atmosphere where children can learn. We nurture a culture of positive behaviour by recognising and rewarding hard work and good behaviour. To help the children know what is expected of them we have five simple but clear golden rules, which were drawn up by the children.

Children take on responsibility from an early stage, often by helping with tasks in their own classes and around school. There are lots of group activities that help develop social skills

Be considerate and respect others and their things

Always do your best and allow others to do theirs

Think before you act or speak

Be kind and help each other

Be good in the classroom and outside

and build a healthy team spirit. We also have a very energetic and enthusiastic School Council, made up of children who have been elected by their year groups. The Council discusses any problems that their classmates may be experiencing and provides ideas that can be used for the benefit of the school.

In the playground we have a friendship point, where children stand if they want someone to play with. The children are very good at making sure everyone is included in their play.





Getting stuck into the gardening is a popular activity

Our teachers plan work and learning activities to ensure children meet their full academic potential. Many of our children attend courses as part of the West Sussex Gifted and Talented Programme. We hold regular Gifted and Talented events throughout the year. Whether it's an academic subject, an instrument or a natural ability to perform, we ensure children are able to spread their wings and develop at their own pace, which at times can be exceptional!

We encourage children to excel in areas where they show a natural aptitude and nurture them where they need extra help. We involve parents in their child's education, a united approach that gives them support both at home and school. As well as giving extra help with learning when they need it, Individual Education Plans (IEPs) are prepared for children who need specific help, to identify subject areas and actions to help them catch up.

Making learning fun

By engaging children in interesting projects and using teaching techniques that keep them engaged, we make sure learning is fun. In the early stages of school life, we focus on helping children to get a really good grasp of those essential cornerstones; reading, writing and arithmetic. As well as taking part in class projects, they receive one-to-one support and work in small groups to enable them to develop at their own pace. Parents and carers are kept up to date with their all-round progress and are encouraged/guided on how to help them at home.

Our interactive whiteboards enable our teachers to take advantage of modern facilities. The whiteboards have interactive learning programmes and games that keep children's attention and allow smaller groups to use the facility themselves.

As well as curriculum subjects, the children look at the wider issues around them. They learn about how other people live in different parts of the world, the challenges we face in protecting our environment, farming and food production and other topics that help them to obtain a good grasp of the world and cultures around them.

Music, Dance and theatre are an integral part of school life. Children take part in class and school performances and get used to performing in front of classmates, the school, their parents and friends.





*Learning should be
interesting, engaging
and fun*



Achievable challenges, ways to learn

As the children move through the school we timetable their learning a little more into the key subject areas such as English, Maths and Science. Geography, History and Art and Design are also an important part of the syllabus and throughout the year the children enjoy projects that embrace all these areas. The classrooms continue to be a hive of industry and inspiration/creativity throughout the school.

We regularly arrange visits outside the school, that enrich and support the learning taking place in the classroom. These include local places of worship or historical interest in Eastergate village, as well as



Enthusiasm for learning



museums and sites of special interest further away from the school. Year 6 enjoy a three day residential trip, where they take on physical challenges, learn new skills and get involved in team activities.

We have a dedicated IT room with plenty of computers, so every child will eventually leave the school with a good grasp of computers and basic software skills. They also enjoy creating their own film and video.

A few years ago the children helped to design an adventure trail. The course is very popular at break times, as too is our colourful climbing wall. This

has a soft landing area, so even though it isn't very high, any falls are cushioned. We have excellent play areas for both infant and junior children. These are often used as an integral resource for teaching and lessons, and play an important part in letting the children expend some of their natural energies all year round.

Team sports are an important part of school life. We have school teams and take part in inter-school matches and local school tournaments. We involve all the children in sport, encouraging team work as well as allowing individual achievement.



Children enjoy break-time with their friends



A photograph of two young girls in school uniforms standing on a wooden play structure in a schoolyard. The girls are wearing red and white checkered dresses and black Mary Jane shoes. They are smiling and looking towards the camera. The background shows a grassy area with a wooden fence and trees under a clear blue sky.

School
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time children
will always
cherish

*Striking a balance
between work and play
is an important part of
a healthy education*

Our school plays an important role in the local community. We have a wonderful team, who are all committed to the wellbeing and development of every child. We enjoy a very productive relationship with our parent teacher association, the church, the wider community and other local primary and secondary schools who help us in many aspects of school life.

Our library has a wide range of books to cater for every level of reading. Children can borrow and return books, and time is allocated for each class to visit the library and choose appropriate books for their reading level, as well as books they find interesting.

Managing the school run can be challenging. Before and after school clubs are very popular. Activities vary according to the interests of the children and the expertise of the staff, but they are always well supported.

Our philosophy at Eastergate C. E. School is to provide a healthy balance in every aspect of school life. Striking the right balance between work and play, providing healthy and nutritious meals, arranging trips to places of interest and encouraging local artists, writers and interest groups to come and visit us are all part of a school life that adds up to a full and enjoyable education.





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