

Welcome

The Heights Primary School

Thank you for taking the time to find out about The Heights Primary School, Caversham.

We hope our prospectus will be informative as well as answer any questions you may have.

The Heights Primary will be a mainstream two form primary school. With small class sizes of 25 pupils, it will welcome and educate children from 4 to 11 years old. Starting with 100 students in September 2014, it will grow to full capacity of 350 children by 2020.

At The Heights Primary we will care for your children in an engaging, caring and secure environment. We will provide a full and varied curriculum delivered by fully qualified and excellent teachers to prepare your children for the future, as well as equipping them with the skills and enthusiasm they need to pursue learning for the rest of their lives.

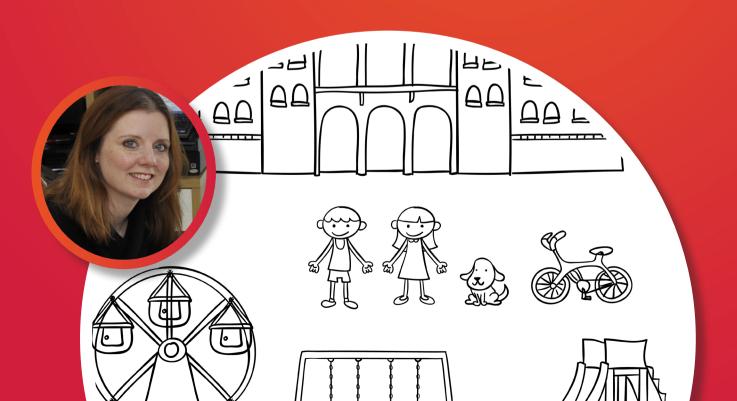
We will encourage our pupils to become an integral part of the local community and have a sense of individual responsibility and worth, through our commitment to build and foster close relationships with all of our families and community network.

We are extremely pleased to introduce you to our school and welcome you to The Heights Primary.

Yours sincerely

Ruth Rosewell

Director of The Heights Primary School Academy Trust





Our Values

The Heights Primary School will enable children to fulfil their own unique potential, growing into confident, capable individuals ready to thrive and achieve success in secondary school. We will care for each child in a safe, inspirational and inclusive learning environment. We hope to instil within our pupils a love of learning and hope to support their academic, social, moral, intellectual, emotional and physical development by delivering on our core values:

- Thoughtfulness
- Respect
- Responsibility
- Trust
- Compassion
- Commitment
- Co-operation
- Courage
- Positivity

Aspire

Achieving Success
Promoting Individual
Responsibility and
Excellence

"I wholeheartedly recommend families take up places in this local school for the community. I look forward to the doors opening in September 2014!"

Rob Wilson MP for Reading East

Curriculum

At The Heights Primary, our principle aim is to develop the whole child by providing an engaging and balanced curriculum reflecting the best practise of 'outstanding' Ofsted rated local schools.

The School will follow the National Curriculum (Key Stage 1 and 2), to ensure pupils progress in core subjects such

as English, mathematics, science, history and PE.

We aim to nurture and support social, moral, emotional and physical development using various integrated learning strategies.

"The school's commitment to provide high quality, local education for their community will enrich the provision in the town".

Councillor John Ennis, Lead Member for Education, Reading Borough Council Technology and innovation will play an important role, to make sure each child is equipped with the right skills to take their place in our ever evolving technological world.

"We have had an overwhelming amount of support from Parents,
Children and the surrounding community"

Ruth Rosewell Director of Trust



Teaching and Learning

High quality teaching which encourages life-long learning and challenges all abilities is vital.

Through our recruitment process, we will ensure we attract the most committed, passionate and well trained teachers. We will recuit a dynamic, experienced and enthusiastic Headteacher, who will ensure the school's core values

are present throughout the school.

We will recognise the needs of our children as individuals, groups or whole classes and adapt lessons so that those needs are met.

Monitoring children's understanding is important and we will do this by using assessments, carried out by teachers. We will use this data to track progress and to set relevant and challenging targets for each individual child.

Specialist support will be provided where necessary, involving one-to-one teaching, specialist resources or home support programmes.

Gifted and talented children will be identified and supported through in-class provision as well as with enrichment activities, using specialist expertise to encourage different talents to flourish.

We will celebrate progress and achievement made by each child through individual recognition as well as celebrating success for each class and as a whole school.



Community

The Heights Primary was established by members of the community to meet the demand for increased primary school places in Caversham Heights and Mapledurham.

The vision of the team is to provide a conventional primary school of exceptional quality at the heart of the community, within walking distance of the majority of pupils.



The team includes members of the community, both with and without children with backgrounds in education, finance, project management, governance, marketing and property management. We have been overwhelmed with the enthusiasm, talent and support that we have received from the community in helping us establish the school, making us confident that it will form the educational heart of its community.

An energetic and engaged Parent Teacher Association with a committed and experienced Governing Body will strengthen our foundation as a community focused and family orientated school. We look forward to working with those parents who share our enthusiasm for building a great school, and want to be involved in its creation and development.

"I have two children at All Saints Junior School, one of the first free schools in the country and in Reading, and they are having a fantastic time. I was part of the parent group which set it up, and it has opened my mind to the opportunities in education that are available for our children. I must admit to having a few sleepless nights, especially the night before sending my child to a school which literally didn't really exist, apart from a small classroom at the back of a church hall......however, it was so worth the risk, and it just shows that it's not the building that makes the school, it's the Headteacher, the other staff, the children and the parents. If you get that right, you can literally have a school anywhere. Take a risk, it's really worth it!!"

Dorothy Yuille, Co-Chair of All Saints Action Group, Reading which founded All Saints Junior School with CfBT. Ofsted rated "Outstanding".

Admissions

The Heights is committed to straightforward, open, fair and transparent admissions arrangements and every effort has been made to ensure that these arrangements fully comply with the School Admissions Code 2012, the School Admissions Appeals Code and admission law as they apply to academies.

Admissions are being administered by Reading Borough Council and parents wishing to apply for a place in Reception will do so via the council.

The Heights Primary School will have an agreed Published Admissions Number of 50 children for each year, which will grow over time to a full cohort of 350 children. In 2014, up to 50 children will be admitted into Reception and 25 children each in years 1 and 3. It will admit up to 50 children into Reception each subsequent year, until reaching full capacity in 2020.

If you would like further information on applying for schools, Reading Borough Council's composite prospectus (guide for parents and carers) gives information on expressing a preference for a school. This can be obtained from the LA office at the Civic Centre, Reading, RG1 7TD.

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Interested in further details?

If you are interested in further details on the new The Heights Primary School, then please contact the team at info@theheightsprimaryschool.co.uk.

We also welcome you to sign up to our newsletter and we can keep you up to date on all the progress we are making.

Thank you for your support.

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