

# OUGHTONLIFE

Learning, Inclusion, Friendship, Enrichment ... for everyone



## Oughton Primary and Nursery School

Prospectus



# Welcome to Oughton Primary and Nursery School

## Dear Parents and Carers

It is my pleasure to welcome you to Oughton Primary and Nursery School. Our school is a friendly, supportive and nurturing place where children thrive and succeed, fulfilling their potential ready for the next stage of their education. We promote the enjoyment of learning that caters for the needs of each child. We take pride in being a happy school, providing a stimulating curriculum in a safe, caring environment with wonderful grounds.

Our staff and governors are dedicated and work closely with parents. I hope that this prospectus gives you some useful information about our school. We welcome parents to visit and see our school in action.

**Mrs Lisa Clayton**  
Headteacher

## Oughton's Vision and Values

Our equality vision and the values that underpin school life:

### Our Vision

Everyone working together and learning to become an outstanding school which gives support and guidance to all, working in partnership with parents and the community.

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Everyone – children, staff and families.

### We feel that it is important:

- to help pupils develop lively and enquiring minds, with the ability to argue rationally and apply themselves to tasks and physical skills
- to help children to acquire knowledge and skills relevant to adult life and employment in a fast, changing world
- to instil respect for good moral values and tolerance of different races
- to help children to understand the world in which they live and the interdependence of individuals, groups and nations.

### We strive to ensure our children will:

- be safe
- be healthy and happy
- enjoy learning and achieve success
- be able to contribute to their school and society
- be prepared for life in the 21st century.

## Oughton's Safeguarding Statement

At Oughton we recognise our moral and statutory responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. This means that we have a Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy and other procedures in place. Parents and Carers are welcome to read the policy on our website. We follow Government and Hertfordshire County Council safeguarding guidelines. We may need to share information and work in partnership with other agencies when there are concerns about a child's welfare.





## The Curriculum

At Oughton, we provide a broad and balanced curriculum which focusses on equipping our pupils with the knowledge, skills, vocabulary and life experiences required for the next stage of their education. We feel passionately that all pupils have the right to succeed and should be developed to become enthusiastic and life long learners. We aim for them to make links between areas of learning, retaining and recalling information. We strive to achieve this through a curriculum which is fun and enjoyable, engaging children and providing them with long term memories. We believe that at our school it is essential to provide pupils with systematic teaching of key skills, enriching their lives with powerful, cultural, life experiences and a key focus on understanding and applying vocabulary.



## Our Learning Environment

Our staff provide vibrant and purposeful classrooms where children feel safe, happy and ready to learn. We have an ICT suite, a gym, a hall, an area that is used for cooking, a breakfast and music room, two dining rooms and a library area. We are fortunate at Oughton to have school grounds that enable teachers to use outside areas for extending learning. These include an allotment with a pond, two climbing areas, two playgrounds, an Early Years outside area, an outside classroom, a theatre area, a music garden, an outside reading area plus a wild, nature area. Children have access to a number of outside spaces during playtimes and lunchtimes with a range of activities that they can take part in.

We also have some additional members of Oughton... come and meet them!





## Our Community

At Oughton we provide opportunities to allow the children to recognise and contribute to their own and other places of importance in the community:

- having a School Council
- supporting charities by fundraising
- supporting each other through positive, happy relationships
- welcoming visitors to our school
- promoting and supporting the Friends of Oughton School.

Friends of Oughton School supports the work of the school by organising a number of different events throughout the year to raise valuable funds for the school.

We work closely with Hitchin Partnership and have strong links to Hitchin Football Club and St Mark's Church.

Parents are encouraged to keep in close communication with the school. Newsletters and ParentMail are used for this purpose. Each term parents are invited to meet with their child's class teacher to discuss their progress and they receive an annual report which tells them about their child's levels of achievement.

## Beyond the Curriculum

Our children have many opportunities to take part in extra curricular activities which are organised by school staff or external agencies both at lunch time and after school.

Activities such as residential trips and day trips to places of educational value are seen by staff and recognised by the governors as being a vital part of each child's education. They are a stimulating experience for the children, enabling them to gain so much both educationally and socially. School visits are organised to enhance learning in the classroom. Children also have the opportunity to participate in class 'Wow' events linked to their topic which provide a day of practical, engaging activities.

Oughton has a Breakfast Club which provides childcare before school each day.





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