ELLISTOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL







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PROSPECTUS

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A WELCOME FROM OUR HEADTEACHER

Dream, Believe, Achieve – This is the Ellistown Way

As the proud headteacher of Ellistown Primary School, I am honoured to serve our wonderful children and their families.

Sitting at the heart of a fantastically supportive community – our school caters for children from 4-11 years old and their families. As a 'No Outsiders School' everyone is welcome and we really mean that! At Ellistown we are family! Together, we achieve amazing things everyday at Ellistown School and this is due in no small part to the way we all work together – children, parents, staff and the local community.

We are very lucky at Ellistown that our families place high value on their children's education. As a school we work hard to ensure that Ellistown School is a place where children want to be. If the amount of children running excitedly past me at the gate in the morning is anything to go by- I think we are certainly fulfilling this brief!

Our whole school ethos encourages the children to aim high and our curriculum is carefully designed to focus on the whole child – not just academic learning. We meet all children where they are and help them build from that point! It is our privilege to help all of our children no matter what their starting point – to reach their full potential!

Here at Ellistown it is very important to us that children feel they have a voice! We are constantly looking for ways that we can encourage the children to demonstrate this and they never let us down! In the last 12 months alone we have had children plan and run their own clubs, organise their own fundraising events and take on a variety of roles in school.

If you choose to send your child to Ellistown School, you can be assured they will be in very safe hands and that you as a family will be welcomed with open arms (we have a brilliant pastoral team, who work hard to support the whole family in whatever way we can) As we say often – everyone is welcome at Ellistown school and we mean that – from the bottom of our hearts!

Mrs Simone Fellows
Head Teacher

School Vision and Values



Kindness, Respect, Safety, Determination, Resilience, Trust, Responsibility, Team Work, Belonging

At Ellistown, our vision is to nurture and support our children to love learning and understand the value of reaching their full potential.

We are passionately committed to developing well-rounded, happy children who think 'BIG' and progress to the next chapter of their lives, with the skills, knowledge and experiences to "Dream, Believe and Achieve!"

Our children learn to explore their own curiosity as independent learners with high aspirations. Pupils learn to do this confidently as they develop their ability to be resilient when faced with learning or life challenges. With our high expectations for achievement and behaviour, we are committed to providing a safe and happy learning environment where each and every child is nurtured and everyone matters.

Our school is a community where equality of opportunity for all is at the centre of everything we do. We teach our children to show respect to all, valuing the differences within our community.



Pupils know the school's values well. They say, 'This school makes you into a better person.'

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Our Curriculum



At Ellistown Primary School we provide a dynamic and inspiring environment where children grow, flourish and thrive.

We are proud to be an Everyone's Welcome: No Outsiders school. We celebrate diversity, individuality and respect, enabling each child to fully develop their skills, talents and interests as well as a positive self image.

Our curriculum is underpinned by our four key aims

- Every child a reader
- Being good citizens
- A love for learning and being curious
- Learning behaviours for success

In Reception and Key Stage 1 we use a continuous provision model which give children the opportunity to be active participants in their learning, making it enjoyable and stimulating. In addition it challenges children to overcome problems in a wide range of contexts which builds confidence, independence and creative and critical thinking skills.



Our curriculum provides children with the opportunity to think often and deeply. Most importantly, it provides children with the skills for learning that will continue for a lifetime.

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The Wider Curriculum

At Ellistown, it is important to us to make sure that our children, throughout their time with us, will experience a wide range of different experiences and opportunities.

For us, education is not just restricted to the core subjects and shouldn't be restricted to the classroom. With this firmly held belief, we plan exciting enrichment opportunities which enhance the national curriculum, embed learning and life skills and of course wonderful memories for life.

We often have special visitors come into school who will share their specialist knowledge or talent with us in class workshops. Every year, each class will take part in at least one educational visit to enrich the curriculum and classroom learning.

Each year children are given the opportunity to perform in front of an audience, through drama and music.

We have a fantastic outdoor learning space, and each class will take part in a Forest School afternoon every 6 weeks.

In Key Stage 2 we support a 1:1 ipad project, allowing parents to purchase an ipad at a subsidised rate. Children use these in class and at home to enrich learning and build skills for life.

At our school, children are lucky enough to have the opportunity to go on residential visits twice in KS2.

At Ellistown Primary, learning really is fun.









Behaviour Policy

Be Respectful, Be Ready, Be Responsible, Be Safe

At Ellistown Primary School, we want to create an environment that is safe, where everyone feels respected and where students come into each lesson ready to engage in learning. We are a restorative community.

Restorative approaches help develop a happier school where the focus is on learning not conflict. Every member of our school community should feel safe and respected and will know that when things go wrong we will do everything we can to help put it right.

Restorative approaches encourage people to think about how their behaviour has affected others. This approach helps children to develop respect, responsibility and truth telling.

If your child has been upset we will try our very best to make sure they feel that it has been put right for them and that it will not happen again.

If a child has done something which has caused harm to another they will have the opportunity to repair this harm in a meaningful way.

Those children who are recognised each week for impeccable behaviour are invited to Hot Chocolate Friday with our Headteacher...A real treat!



Attendance

Regularly attending school is linked to raising children's achievement, as well as developing skills for life and work.

We are very lucky in that our families place high value on their child's education and understand how important good attendance in school is, both from an academic point of view, but also from a social point of view. As a school we work hard to ensure that Ellistown School is a place where children want to be, thus making parents job that little bit easier when they are encouraging children out of bed in the morning.

Good attendance is a learned behaviour, so it is important to develop good patterns of attendance from the outset.

We believe that working together with parents is the best way to promote positive attendance. We ask that parents and carers ensure that their child attends school regularly and arrives ready to learn.

Our School Day

School Opens:	EYFS: 8:40 KS1 & KS2: 8:45
Morning Register:	8:55
Break:	10:30-10:45
Lunch:	EYFS 11:30AM-1:00PM KS1 and KS2: 12:00-1:00PM
School Ends:	EYFS: 3:10 KS1 & KS2: 3:15

Pupil Wellbeing



Ellistown is a nurturing school, and our staff believe that our pupils learn better when they feel happy and safe.

We have a strong pastoral team to help all children and families with any additional challenges which may come their way.

For example, the pastoral team can offer support with:

- Emotional literacy
- Bereavement
- Behaviour
- Attendance
- General family support

Staff are constantly alert to signs that pupils might be at risk and act on these without delay.

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Opportunities for All

We recognise that every pupil is unique. Therefore, we work together to make sure the needs of all children are met on an individual basis.

Teachers plan carefully to cater for all abilities, ensuring that all pupils are provided with challenging learning activities, experience success, and make progress.

Early identification of children with Special Educational or Additional Needs allows us to offer those pupils support from the start of their school journey with us. We work with parents to make sure that support is maintained, monitored, and reviewed for as long as deemed necessary.





"The staff's attitude to children with complex needs is amazing and the support offered impeccable"
-Parent survey 2022

Wraparound Care





At Ellistown, wraparound childcare provision exists to provide high quality out-of-school hour's childcare for our parents. It provides a range of stimulating and creative activities in a safe environment.

The Breakfast club operates from 7.15am - 8.45am . Toast or cereal will be provided if your child arrives before 8.15 am.

Our "Honey Pot" after school provision runs from 3.15pm - 5.45pm during term time. Our fantastic team provide a range of stimulating, fun activities each afternoon, as well as running regular theme nights which are always very popular.

"Our daughter has been using The Honey Pot wraparound club for many years. It is an excellent extension to the school day, giving the children a safe and friendly place to play and develop. Our daughter loves it, especially the themed sessions!"
-Parent 2024

School Lunches

All of our school meals are cooked on-site. Our wonderful catering staff have achieved a 5-star food hygiene rating, and provide a wide variety of delicious meals for children to choose from on a daily basis. All allergies and dietary requirements can be catered for.

If your child is in the foundation stage or key stage one these are free to all.

Children may bring a packed lunch if preferred. Pack lunches should contain a healthy, well balanced meal (no sweets or fizzy drinks please.) We also request that foods sent into school are NUT FREE as we have several children with severe allergies.







Break Time Snacks

At breaktime all children are encouraged to have a healthy snack, this could be fruit, vegetables or a cereal bar.

Children in foundation stage or key stage one are provided with school fruit, in addition children receive a free carton of milk up to their fifth birthday. After they turn five this can be purchased at a subsidised rate.

Uniform

Our school uniform gives pupils a sense of unity and belonging.

All pupils are expected to have a school book bag as part of their uniform - we will provide a book bag for all pupils joining us in Reception at the start of the academic year. If a replacement is needed these can be purchased from our uniform provider.



Everyday

- white polo shirts
- black or grey trousers, skirt or pinafore dress
- navy sweatshirt or cardigan
- white, navy, black, or grey socks or tights
- black shoes or plain black trainers

In the summer blue gingham dresses or black or grey shorts may be worn.

All children will need wellies and suitable waterproof clothing available in school for outdoor use during Forest School and Welly Wednesday.



PE Kit:

Pupils should come to school wearing PE kit on PE days.

- navy or black jogging trousers, leggings or shorts
- a white t-shirt (no cropped tops)
- a royal blue hoodie.

Non branded items are preferred. Black trainers should be worn on PE days

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