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SCHOOL INFORMATION

Abbey Primary School opened in September 2001, providing for children aged 3 – 11. In April 2016 our school moved to its brand-new school building on Stuart Avenue. On the 1st May the school converted to an Academy and is now part of the Believe Academy Trust.

Currently we have 420 children on roll together with a 52-place nursery. The school is organised into 14 classes, including a fully integrated Foundation Unit. Staffing consists of: Head Teacher, Deputy Head Teacher 2 Assistant Head Teachers, 13 full time teachers, 3 part time teachers, 1 full-time teaching assistant, 20 part time teaching assistants, 2 School Direct trainee teachers, a full time attendance officer/family support worker, Before/After School Manager, 4 Play Leaders, part-time School Business Manager, 2 full time administrative assistants, part-time art and display technician, part-time ICT technician, 18 lunchtime leaders, caretaker, cleaner in charge, 4 cleaners, school chef and 3 kitchen staff.

From September 2019 the school offered high quality before and after school care and holiday provision to all families in the local community. The new provision mirrors the school's high expectations, reflecting the school's vision, ethos, and reputation within the local community it serves. All policies and systems with regard to Safeguarding, Behaviour and Health and Safety are in line with the wider school and all staff are directly accountable to the Head Teacher.

From September 2019 the school has extended its EYFS provision. We are now able to offer the 30-hour extended provision for some 4-year-olds. This is an extension of our current high quality Foundation Stage 1 provision.

Standards of achievement are monitored by the Senior Leadership Team consisting of the Head Teacher, Deputy Head Teacher and 2 Assistant Head Teachers.

Overall, the attainment on entry to school is in line with national expectations but significantly below in English and Mathematics. By the end of Key Stage 2 attainment is significantly above national averages. 8% of the total number of pupils in school, are on the Special Needs Register. 21% of the school roll is included on the EVER 6 list.

We provide an outstanding curriculum for all pupils. The creative curriculum offers a wide range of learning opportunities that make an excellent contribution to pupil progress and their very positive attitudes and enjoyment of learning. The school benefits from a purpose-built art room, a school library and extensive school grounds incorporating a large garden area and a pond. The school has extensive ICT facilities with both laptops, and I Pads available in each Key Stage. We also make good use of resources within the wider community to enhance and extend the curriculum for all pupils. Pupils make frequent educational visits to places of interest in the immediate locality and further afield and benefit from a wide range of visiting speakers, theatre groups etc. Pupils have opportunities to be involved in an excellent range of extra-curricular activities, appropriate to their age and there are also several opportunities for pupils to participate in a range of residential visits across both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. The school operates a vertically grouped House system with children being allocated to either Earth, Fire, Air or Water on their entry to main school.

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Our vision for Abbey Primary School is determined through our values and belief that every child is entitled to quality education in a caring environment. All children are special and should be made to feel so and as citizens of the future, they must be made aware of the vital contribution they can make to society.

We want our children to reach their potential and become successful, 'well-rounded' and 'well-adjusted' adults. Therefore, we all endeavour to make our school a learning community, a place where children and adults eagerly work and learn together in a secure, happy, exciting, and challenging environment.

We firmly believe that a trusting partnership between home and school lies at the heart of a successful educational experience for children. Parents are invited to join in the many and varied school activities and share the experience all pupils will have throughout the important years spent in their primary school. The school has an active and very supportive Friends of Abbey parents group.

OFSTED inspected our school in November 2018 and judged it to be a good school in all areas of its work.

Abbey Primary has achieved success in the following areas: Investors in Pupils, Investors in People, Eco Schools Silver, Healthy School's Gold Standard, Artsmark Gold, Gold Games Mark for P.E, the Dyslexia Kitemark, Rights Respecting School Award at Level 1 and the All Together Anti-Bullying Gold Kitemark.

The future holds many challenges for us and exciting opportunities for the children in our care. The school community of Abbey Primary is hard-working, loyal, and supportive. Pivotal to our philosophy of education is our mission statement of:

"A caring, sharing, achieving school, always giving our best".

The school has recently converted to an Academy within the Believe Academy Trust, and we are looking for a dynamic and caring practitioner to join our high performing team.

We are looking for someone who believes passionately that all children irrespective of background or ability can achieve and who is committed to working with the Senior Leadership team to drive school improvement thereby raising standards and improving the quality of learning and teaching across the school.

We are looking for someone who will bring energy, a hard-working attitude, and new ideas to our school. Someone who enjoys a challenge and wants to make a difference to the life chances of the children they teach.

In return we offer an experienced, hard- working, supportive and collaborative staff team to work alongside, a commitment to your continuing professional development, a well-resourced and vibrant atmosphere to work in and some very special young people to teach. We strongly recommend a visit to see us in action.

Thank you for your interest.

Kim Wakefield
Head Teacher

