



BLEASBY

CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

'ACHIEVING, BELONGING, CARING'



A Warm Welcome

Welcome to Bleasby C of E Primary School, the very heart of our village community, where we are dedicated to providing the best possible education for our pupils.

An experienced and skilled team work tirelessly to provide an inspiring, challenging and inclusive learning experience for every single child. This enables our pupils to become kind, respectful, lifelong learners who make a positive contribution to society.

We hope this prospectus will help you to learn more about us as a school and what we have to offer. We welcome visits from prospective families so please get in touch if you would like to look around and see first-hand why we are so proud of our happy, high achieving school.

About Us

Bleasby C of E Primary School is a voluntary controlled academy, located in the attractive rural village of Bleasby in Nottinghamshire.

We are a smaller than average primary school, catering for 4-11 year olds (Reception through to Year 6), with a maximum capacity of 154 pupils. Our size lends itself well to a true family ethos, where parents can be assured that their child will be well known and understood by the team.

We were inspected by Ofsted in March 2019 and received a Good judgement, with some outstanding features. Our school community work incredibly hard to maintain and build on this high standard for all of our children. We also achieved a Good judgement in our last SIAMS inspection in 2017.

As a school we are incredibly fortunate to have amazing, extensive outdoor facilities for our pupils to access and enjoy. This includes a very large playing field, large playground, onsite forest schooling area and outdoor learning classroom, vegetable garden and trim trail.



Vision and Values

The ethos of our school is one of support, nurture and challenge and is underpinned by our Bleasby ABC vision: Achieving, Belonging, Caring. We have a set of core values that support our work together as a community every day:

Wisdom

Perseverance

Friendship

Respect

Service

Compassion

We ensure all members of our school (pupils, staff, parents/carers, governors and visitors) feel valued. We achieve this through providing an excellent education rooted in the Christian tradition of the Church of England. As part of this we are inclusive and welcoming of different viewpoints of faith.

Nurture

Our school is extremely proud of its caring family atmosphere. It is a place where every child is welcomed, valued and encouraged. Staff in school know and support all children as individuals. It is a place where children feel safe and love to be; where they thrive both academically and personally, and their achievements both in and out of school are acknowledged and celebrated.

Our focus on developing positive relationships and pupil well-being and nurture is tangible and is at the heart of all we do. The school prides itself on the way it promotes pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development. Pupils behave exceptionally well and respect each other as well as the adults who work with them.

Our Bleasby ABC is lived out each and every day for our pupils with everyone Achieving, Belonging and Caring together.





Curriculum

At Bleasby School we aim to ensure our pupils are lifelong learners, who enjoy learning, make good progress, and achieve. We encourage our children to become independent and confident in both their work and social development. We use the National Curriculum as a starting point for a wide and varied learning experience for all of our children.

While there is inevitably an importance placed on strong outcomes in reading, writing and maths, this is balanced with more experiential learning. Our children have the opportunity to be creative, physically active and academically challenged.

The children enjoy 'Collapsed Curriculum' days which give opportunities for students to spend extended amounts of time focusing on a subject or theme. They enable students to practice the skills needed for independent learning, exploring creative opportunities, design and make, and study a subject in depth. Our children benefit from visiting speakers, school day and residential trips, external education providers, bringing real life context to their learning.

Our holistic approach to education leads to good progress and achievement for our pupils, with outcomes generally well above national average.

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'Bleasby school is encouraging, supportive and caring. A real family school with approachable staff, happy children & a variety of activities'.
(Parent)

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Early Years Foundation Stage

At Bleasby C of E Primary School EYFS, we offer a curriculum rich in awe and wonder, providing memorable learning experiences. We work hard to provide a stimulating environment that allows all pupils to fulfil their potential and to develop a sense of their own worth and respect for others. Producing lifelong learners who achieve, with the necessary skills and knowledge to succeed in this culturally rich world that we belong to, while caring for others as well as ourselves...our Bleasby ABC.

Our philosophy is to provide a first class education. We know that young children are powerful learners, reaching out into the world around them and making sense of their experiences. Through exploring and learning they are naturally drawn to play which is why our curriculum has play and engagement at the heart of it. We believe with a balance of adult directed and child initiated play, we can ensure the best outcomes for pupils.

Our EYFS class (Apple Class) benefits from a spacious and stimulating classroom environment along with a large, well equipped outdoors area. Our children engage in outdoor learning on a daily basis and make excellent use of the extensive grounds.

Mrs Blacknall, leads the EYFS full time, along with highly skilled TA support. Children's outcomes in EYFS are consistently well above national average.

We understand that starting school is an important milestone in your child's life, and we aim to make it as smooth and enjoyable as possible. We provide visit days to support the children to feel familiar with the school and the staff team, as well as having opportunity to play with their new classmates and start to build friendships. We will visit pre-school settings, and can offer home visits, with the purpose forming positive relationships and getting to know your child in environments that are already familiar to them.



Extra-Curricular Activities

We offer a wide range of sports clubs for children both during lunchtime and as an after-school provision. Sports clubs include; tag rugby, hockey, boys and girls football, netball, tennis, basketball, wheel chair basketball, boccia, handball, cricket, pop lacrosse, athletics, cross country, fitness/aerobics and dance for KS2. Multi skills, tennis, football and dance are offered to KS1.

Bleasby School is affiliated to the Newark and Sherwood Primary School Sports Association (NSPSSA), as such we compete in netball, hockey, football (boys and girls), boccia, cross country and cricket leagues and a number of tournaments throughout the school year. Friendly inter and intra matches that are arranged to ensure all children who show a passion for sports, get a chance to compete for the school.

We encourage our year 6 pupils to take on leadership roles during their time at Bleasby School. By completing a Play Maker qualification, becoming part of our Schools Sports Organising Crew (SSOC) as well as being play leaders at lunchtimes our children develop the skills needed for teamwork, clear communication and leadership.

In addition to various sports clubs, we also offer drama, choir and gardening club.

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‘Pupils behave exceptionally well. They enjoy attending school and value the varied opportunities provided’.

(Ofsted 2019)

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Partnerships

As an outward looking school we learn a great deal from our work with others. Key partners include the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham, our learning alliance (Minster Learning Alliance) and Nottinghamshire Local Authority. We also enjoy important and fruitful links with St. Mary's Church.

Bleasby C of E Primary is pleased to be a founder member of the Minster Trust for Education (MITRE), a multi-academy trust formed with the local family of schools and centered around The Minster School in Southwell.

All MITRE school teams benefit from the expertise of experienced leaders, with considerable capacity available from both school leaders and the central trust team. We all share our expertise and contribute to the Trust's ongoing success and development.



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The school promotes pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development very well. Pupils are excellently supported in their personal development and well-being'... the school's work to promote pupils' personal development and welfare is outstanding.
(Ofsted 2019)

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Transition to Secondary School

At the end of Year 6, as our children prepare to leave Bleasby to embark on their Key Stage 3 education, we have a very well-established transition programme with The Minster School in Southwell, the feeder school for the majority of our pupils. All Year 6 pupils will have opportunity for taster days, and our staff liaise closely with your child's chosen secondary placement to ensure that a thorough handover of relevant information takes place.

Wrap Around Care

To support our families to manage busy lives and work commitments, we offer quality wrap around care services.

Breakfast club is run by one of our TA's from 7.30am for a cost of £3 a day. A child receives quality care and a choice of healthy breakfast of cereals, toast and juice.

After School Club provision is from 3.30pm - 6.00pm. It is run by JPAC, a high quality not for profit provider who use our school classrooms and extensive grounds. They provide high quality care, a range of activities and a hot snack and refreshments for a very reasonable cost of £9 per a child per a session.

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‘A welcoming, friendly, and inclusive school where pupils are happy, safe, and well cared for’
(Ofsted 2019)

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