



**CRANFORD PARK
CHURCH OF ENGLAND
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

PROSPECTUS

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Welcome to Cranford Park C of E Primary School

Cranford Park Church of England Primary School is a one-form entry primary school meaning that we have one class of children in each year group from Year R to Year 6.

As an all-through primary school, we can provide continuity for the children as they progress from Year R to Year 6, as well as a warm 'family' ethos. Being small, we are able to offer more experiences to all of our children, giving them confidence and allowing them to 'let their light shine' whether that be on the sports field, the stage, or by taking on responsibilities in school and in the community.

At Cranford Park we aim to ensure that all children have full access to high quality teaching and learning experiences. We work closely with families and the community to make sure that we are serving the needs of all our pupils. Teachers and support staff work closely together to plan a progressive curriculum from Early Years to the end of the Primary phase. I believe that children learn best through first-hand experience and our curriculum is designed with this in mind so that pupils are stimulated and motivated to learn. Children are encouraged to take increasing responsibility for their learning, promoting confidence and independence. Our full curriculum can be found on our website.

Our school supports all children to achieve their full potential. We do this by recognising and building upon their strengths and by identifying their needs and ensuring that these are met. We have high aspirations for all of our pupils and encourage them to believe that they can do whatever they set their minds to.

We promote the highest standards of behaviour from our pupils. Our core Christian values of Compassion, Courage and Creativity underpin all that we do and our relationship with St Peter's Church supports this.

I hope to have the opportunity to work in partnership with you as your child begins this next phase of their education and development.

This prospectus aims to give you general information about the school, but if you would like to see the school in action then please make an appointment to visit us.

Yours sincerely



Tina Nowell
Headteacher

Our School

Cranford Park C of E Primary School is a Church of England (Controlled) Primary school for children from four to eleven years of age. The school serves the local community of Yateley but also takes children from further afield.

St Peter's Church and the Local Authority appoint a number of governors who, together with Parent and Staff Governors, work closely with the Headteacher to lead the school.

At Cranford Park CE School we:

- Create a safe, caring environment, where pupils feel valued and are listened to
- Provide a challenging curriculum, which aims to ensure all pupils reach their full potential
- Develop independence and enthusiasm for learning
- Encourage pupils to respect themselves and others
- Create a supportive partnership between the school, parents and the wider community
- Develop good character in our pupils, enabling them to be compassionate courageous and creative, to 'Let their light shine' and to make a positive difference in the world.



Our Vision and Values

A community that is nurturing, inspiring and equipping compassionate, courageous, creative individuals who are letting their light shine, living life in all its fullness, flourishing and making a positive contribution to the world.

Our Christian vision is rooted in the theology of Matthew 5:16 which states:

“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in Heaven.”



The world in our logo shows us that no matter where we are, we can let our light shine, embracing our global community and valuing all others. The lightbulb was chosen as a symbol of creative ideas, but also because it speaks of resilience and teamwork. **Thomas Edison** is usually credited as the man who invented the lightbulb, but in fact, it was not invented by one person, but by several inventors who all contributed to the development of this revolutionary technology. Edison himself experimented with thousands of materials before he was successful, persevering with resilience until he succeeded. The cross demonstrates our Christian distinctiveness and reminds us that no matter what our beliefs, we are all striving within our school community to develop our Christian character through our Christian vision and values.

We want our children to '**Let their light shine**' in all that they do, from their own inner glow to their good deeds for others. We want them to shine in the classroom, on the sports field, in the playground and in the community, in their words and their actions, now and throughout their lives.

We will live out our vision through our new school values. We will demonstrate **creativity** by making use of our gifts to care for the world and create beauty within it – we want to encourage our children to develop those gifts and talents - to let their light shine upon the whole world in their sharing of them. We will let our light shine when we show **courage**, enduring in our commitment to what is right and true – not giving in to discouragement. We will let our light shine with our **compassion**, showing empathy for the struggles of others and enabling them to make a new start through our forgiveness and kindness.



At Cranford Park we have a close relationship with St Peter's Church. Our pupils are actively involved in many celebrations held either in school or at St Peter's Church such as Harvest, Christmas and Easter and members of the Church community regularly support the school and our pupils in a variety of ways.

Our school environment

Cranford Park C of E Primary School is set in four and a half acres of land, comprising of a field, two playgrounds, woodland and garden areas. The school contains seven large classrooms, a hall with adjoining kitchen, a music and drama room, a computer suite, a food technology room, a library and group teaching spaces. In addition, we have amazing 'Forest School' area which is used by all of the classes in their weekly sessions.



Key Stage 1 playground



Examples of play equipment



Woodland area

Food technology room



Library



Early Years play area



ICT Suite

Accessibility

The school is accessible for wheelchair users with ramped access being available and all facilities are on the ground floor. We have an accessible toilet, a designated parking space for blue badge holders and a hearing loop. We work with parents to make adaptations as needed.

The School Governors

The Governing Body oversees the work of the school and acts as a critical friend to ensure that we are continually aiming for excellence, so that all children can meet their full potential. Being a Governor requires commitment and time but the work is kept in perspective and meetings and working parties are conducted in a good, positive spirit. There are sometimes vacancies for Parent representatives and if you would be interested in serving as a Parent Governor, please do not hesitate to contact the Clerk to the Governors via the school office.

The Curriculum

Through engaging, interesting units built around rich texts and exciting "hooks", we teach the core subjects of English and Mathematics as well as Science, History, Computing, Geography, Design and Technology, Music, Art, Religious Education, Personal, Social and Health education (PSHE) and Physical Education. French is taught throughout Key Stage 2 by a native speaker. We also use professional Chelsea sports coaches to teach part of our P.E. curriculum.



We regularly revise and update our curriculum in response to children's needs, interests and the changing world around us. We always aim to build on children's abilities and celebrate their achievements. Our full curriculum progression and content is available on our website. Our 'Cranford Park University' sessions also offer children opportunities to study subjects beyond the National Curriculum.

Special Educational Needs

Every child has their own individual, educational needs. Teachers plan lessons which enable children of all abilities to succeed and make progress. We also provide additional support to children who may have fallen behind. Our Special Needs Co-ordinator works closely with teachers and Learning Support Assistants (LSAs) to develop 'Individual Education Programmes' as needed. Building self-esteem and confidence play a crucial role in supporting all pupils but particularly those with Special Educational Needs.



Sporting Activities



Our school recognises the tremendous value of sport. Games and P.E. form part of the school curriculum and children who can find academic work difficult often achieve success in this area first before developing confidence in other subjects. Cranford Park is

part of a 'Sports Partnership' and benefits from specialist training on

a wide range of sporting activities. Children have swimming lessons with a qualified swimming teacher to develop their swimming skills and confidence in the water. Various sporting activities are offered as extra-curricular activities throughout the year, which currently include judo, dance, football, boxercise and multi-skills.



Religious Education and Collective Worship

RE is taught in accordance with the Hampshire syllabus 'Living Difference IV' and we also use 'Understanding Christianity' to supplement our learning.

Collective Worship is held daily and includes time for reflection. Our worship is inclusive, invitational and inspirational and children are invited to either join in with Christian traditions, or to be quiet and respectful to others. Parents who wish to withdraw their children from Religious Education or from Collective Worship are asked to notify the Governors in writing.



Sex and Relationship Education



Sex and Relationship Education is built into the Personal, Social and Health Education programme of the school. The school use the Jigsaw programme, full details of which can be found on our website. We will sometimes use a series of age appropriate, educational DVDs to teach specific content. Parents have the opportunity to view and comment

on the material before it is introduced into the programme provided by the school. A copy of the policy for teaching Relationships and Sex Education (RSE), as agreed by the Governors, is available from the school office or on our website.

Extra-Curricular Activities

School clubs are offered to enhance the opportunities offered to the pupils at Cranford Park and we offer a range of activities which change termly. Most clubs are run by teachers or outside specialists who make a charge for their time. But we also welcome volunteers to run clubs. All volunteers must have safeguarding checks completed before working with our children. Clubs run at lunchtimes, before and after school.

We also offer other experiences to our children, including 'residential' experiences which include the following:

Year 2: Nightwalk

Year 3: Sleepover at school

Year 4: Overnight residential

Year 5: 3 day Residential at Runways End

Year 6: Week long Residential at Avon Tyrrell

We encourage all children to attend these events and support families for whom finances are an issue with donations from the local community.



We also run a range of other theme days and weeks across the year, including book week, maths week, science and technology week and Arts week. Parents are invited to attend events during these weeks, including our Summer Arts Festival. In addition, all classes will enjoy educational visits and visitors.

Wraparound Care

We are delighted to have our very own wraparound care which is run by school staff. Our breakfast club operates from **7.45am** and our after-school club runs until **6pm** each evening. Children attending enjoy a range of activities, including cooking, sports, computing, construction and games. They are supported to complete their homework while at the club and receive a light meal such as pizza, pasta or sandwiches. Feedback about the club from pupils and parents is very positive!



Behaviour

We want all of our children to be safe, happy and able to learn effectively at our school. Our behaviour policy therefore promotes the highest standards of behaviour. Our children know there are consequences for poor behaviour choices. But all children are eligible to receive a range of rewards, including certificates, team points and golden time. We also use restorative approaches which encourage forgiveness, the mending of relationships and children 'putting right' any negative impact of their actions. While inclusive and understanding, we have the same high expectations of all of our pupils.



Home School Agreement

Parents are the most significant adults in a child's life and it is very important that children know that their parents support the school staff in their efforts and agree with the principles described in our home-school agreement. Schools function best when there is real partnership and a trusting relationship between home and school. We expect our parents to keep the channels of communication open, to work with us to support their child and to show the same Christian values which we expect of all our school community. We are very lucky to have a wonderful parent body who support us in all kinds of ways. If you believe you can help us, we would love to hear from you.



Playtimes

Children need time to relax and have fun with their friends. The children are given supervised play opportunities during the morning and at lunchtime. We know that playing together is an important part of children's development and teaches them valuable lessons in their social skills and relationships with others.



Homework

Homework is part of school life for children of this age and at Cranford Park we recognise the benefits. However, we also recognise that children should be playing and relaxing at home. We therefore focus our homework on those basic essential skills which children need to be able to succeed – reading, maths facts and spelling.

We ask parents to read with their children daily, recording this in the reading record book. We also give children key words to learn. Every Friday, the children will bring home a Maths game which we ask you to play with them. In addition, we offer a range of 'Family Learning' ideas which we hope you will join the children in completing. Any family learning brought in is shared and celebrated with the class.



Children need to be prepared for the requirements of secondary school and so our year six children will receive more regular homework tasks, supporting them to organise their time ready for the higher expectations when they move on.

Teachers are always happy to support any parents who wish to do more with their child at home with resource recommendations. However, we ask parents to recognise that childhood is precious and fleeting and so one of the most valuable things they can do is play with and talk to their child. .

What some of our parents say ...

I like the fact that it's a small school and my children seem to know lots of children in different year groups. It is very friendly and all the children seem happy and keen to learn. My children have progressed very well at the school and love coming.

A lovely school; the teachers make learning fun for the children. All the children are very polite and happy."

Cranford Park is warm and welcoming, with every child valued.

I highly recommend it. This is the best school in Yateley with brilliant class sizes and wonderful staff who know the children so well.

My children are extremely happy at Cranford Park and do very well. It is a great size and there is a lot of opportunity for new experiences.



More Information and Policies

More information about our school and statutory policies are available to view on our school website, www.cranfordpark.hants.sch.uk