

Pheasey Park Farm Primary School and Early Years Centre

Background Information-2021

Our Vision is to develop a learning community where all children enthusiastically participate, excel and are proud of their achievements across the curriculum.

We have the motto "Believe and Achieve " to remind everyone in the school community, pupils, parents, staff and governors that we should always have high expectations of ourselves and each other. If we believe we can do it then we really can do it.

OUR PLEDGE

Our vision and mission statement are clearly set out. We have our 11 year pledge - our promise of 11 valuable opportunities during their time with us.

OUR INTENT

Basic Principles:

1. Learning is a change to long term memory
2. We aim for our pupils to experience a wide breadth of study and have, by the end of each key stage, long-term memory of an ambitious body of procedural and semantic knowledge.

Curriculum Design and Breadth

When planning our curriculum we consider our principles, local issues, cultural capital, subject topics and high expectations for all our pupils. We ensure that we provide a progression model by:

- recognising children's prior learning
- providing high quality and progressive learning experiences
- allowing the children to develop interpersonal skills
- building resilience, creativity, problem solving and critical thinking skills
- developing an awareness of health and safety
- promoting tolerance and diversity including Cultural Capital and British Values

Our Curriculum Drivers are:

Possibilities - For pupils to be aware of all opportunities available to them and to have high aspirations for their future.

Resilience - For pupils to have the courage to bounce back from any setbacks or challenges and maintain a positive outlook on life.

Diversity - For pupils to appreciate and understand that each individual is unique and to recognise and celebrate our individual differences.

These are based on locally identified issues and the thread of independence runs through all that we do.

The school recognises the important part parents play and places high priority upon relationships with parents and the local community.

Pheasey Park Farm Primary School was officially opened in September 1950, running as separate Infants and Junior Schools until amalgamation in 1994. The school gained Grant-Maintained status on 1st September 1996. Since 1st September 1999 this changed to Foundation Status and in February 2020 the School became part of Elston Hall Multi Academy Trust.

Pheasey Park Farm Primary School is situated in the heart of a pleasant residential area on the edge of Birmingham, close to Beacon Regional park. A unique feature is the environment which borders on city, town and country. The school site is extensive, the building is spacious and pupils access a wide range of facilities.

Our large, bright Nursery Unit is well equipped and has its own outdoor play area. In addition to the Nursery on the ground floor, there are Reception and KS1 classrooms, a large hall and 2 dining rooms. The general office is just off the main entrance hall so as to be accessible to parents.

On the upper floor are the KS2 classrooms, a well stocked library and a large hall with a curtained stage. There is a room for Art, Design Technology or cookery with pottery kiln. The music room has an extensive stock of varied instruments, including computers and music keyboards. There are Interactive SMART Boards in all Classrooms. A 21st Century Collaborative Classroom is at the centre of our Collaborative learning initiatives. As a Microsoft Showcase School we pride ourselves are providing world class opportunities via the integrated use of Education Technology.

Our swimming teachers are based in the swimming pool on site which is designed for teaching and has its own changing rooms adjacent to it. Outside we have an outdoor classroom, an adventure playground, tyre play, two large playgrounds and a field for sports activities.

The children respond well to learning in well ordered and attractive surroundings. Our primary school offers the opportunity for children to feel secure in belonging to one establishment from the age of 3 years to 11 years. It enables younger and older children to work side by side and benefit from each other's contribution to the school community. We have whole school policies for the curriculum so that children progress through continuous planned stages of learning.

The Curriculum includes daily English and Mathematics lessons which together with all other National Curriculum subjects offers a broad range of additional knowledge and skills. Music, Sport and German are taught by specialist Staff and there is a wide range of Extra Curricular Clubs including Music, Art and Sport.

**Section 5 Ofsted Inspection-Pheasey Park Farm Primary School
-24th and 25th May 2016**

We are delighted that our school has been graded as **good and improving** in all areas of its work with Inspectors clearly stating that:

...the governing body, head teacher and senior leaders have a strong drive towards excellence.....

.....there is strong capacity for further improvement...

We are very proud of our children and staff for the work that has been undertaken and we thank wholeheartedly our parents and governors for their work and support to the school. This is an outstanding achievement.

We are particularly pleased that inspectors noted that good and better teaching by teachers and support staff across the school has led to significantly improved progress for our children.

We are equally pleased that pupils' personal development has been recognised as strong and that behaviour has been noted as exceptionally good.

Our Early Years Centre - formally designated as a Children's Centre on February 8th 2007 - is a facility to deliver a core of integrated services to families with children under five.

Section 49 and 50 Ofsted Inspection

Pheasey Park Farm Children's Centre-3rd and 14th March 2017 (Now known as Early Years Centre)

We are delighted that the Centre has been graded as **good and improving** in all areas of its work with Inspectors clearly stating that:

many changes, including the imaginative development of the outside play space, have been made since the last inspection....

leaders and managers provide strong leadership and have a clear vision to develop a learning community where all children enthusiastically participate....

Staff are highly skilled and provide activities that cater well for children's individual learning needs.

Children are happy in the nursery and demonstrate by their behaviour that they feel emotionally secure...

Arrangements for safeguarding are effective and children's good health is promoted well...

all groups of pupils make good progress from their starting points and are well prepared for the next stage in their learning...

We are particularly pleased that inspectors have noted that staff know the children very well and plan effectively for their learning.

We are equally pleased that pupils' personal development has been recognised and children are happy in the nursery and demonstrate by their behaviour that they feel emotionally secure.

Our provision includes:

Full day child-care which is OFSTED registered, is open from 7.30 a.m. to 6p.m. for 48 weeks of the year. In the Early Years Centre and in other rooms in the school building, we offer:-

- Baby Provision
- Pre Nursery Provision
- Nursery Wraparound
- Before and After School Care
- 30 Hour Provision