

Thurgoland

Church of England Primary School



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Our children

- Have Christian values at the heart of all they do, caring for others and making contributions to the community and the wider world
- Understand and respect cultural and religious differences
- Are independent, confident individuals who are self-aware and have self-belief
- Aspire to be the best they can be
- Develop a wide range of skills for the future and achieve their potential
- Enjoy learning and life

Christian Ethos

Christian values form the foundations on which all aspects of school life are built. Strong values of love, understanding, responsibility and care for others are promoted both within and beyond the classroom by adults and children alike.

Pupils explore their morality and spirituality through discussion, reflection and prayer and develop an understanding of and respect for other faiths and cultures. The school community comes together for collective worship and parents regularly join us in church for assemblies.

“William loves coming to school. He thrives in your caring environment, where he receives a high quality education. He speaks so highly of every member of staff and enjoys every day he is with you! Thank you!”
Year 2 parent

“I think the school is excellent, it has very strong beliefs and puts them into practice. It is a caring, nurturing school which puts the children and their needs and their education at the forefront.”
Year 3 & 6 parent

“Thurgoland C of E School is a lovely, warm caring school which I feel brings the best out of the children. Long may it continue! Well done!”
Year 5 parent

Curriculum

We aim to inspire our children with a curriculum that is vibrant and stimulating, while making learning relevant and meaningful. Pupils are encouraged to show initiative, take responsibility for their learning and develop resilience and independence through working collaboratively and leading projects. Our curriculum is designed to encourage creativity, imagination and thinking skills and we link each subject within a topic to maximise the effectiveness of learning. We promote high levels of achievement and develop in children a passion for learning through a broad range of experiences such as theme days, trips, visitors to school and work in the community.

The curriculum is further enriched by specialist teachers who provide high quality learning in language, sport and music.



Learning Outside the Classroom

We provide a variety of stimulating learning opportunities outside the classroom, using our extensive grounds and beautiful surroundings to enrich pupils' learning. Trips further afield are important in broadening pupils' experiences and understanding of the wider world, and children enjoy a wide range of exciting visits including a Class 6 residential trip in the summer term. We benefit from regular visits to our school from members of the community and beyond who further enrich our curriculum and raise the aspirations of our pupils.

Inclusion

We value all members of our school and strive to meet the needs of every child through high quality teaching, targeted interventions and excellent pastoral care. We create learning opportunities that are well-matched to individual children's abilities and interests and this enables pupils to reach their potential.

The Wider Community

The school is at the heart of the village. We are involved in many aspects of village life from running joint events with the local community, to working with local businesses and public services such as the police. This instils in our pupils a sense of responsibility and an understanding of their place within the wider world.

"I feel the school has strong moral values that will allow children to grow and develop into good members of society."
Year 6 parent

"I think Thurgoland School provides outstanding care and support for all the children. Both my children thoroughly enjoy school life and are therefore making great progress. I think teaching and learning is excellent, and the ethos of the school shines through the minute you get through the door."
Year 1 & 4 parent

"Both girls love all aspects of school and their teachers and are both making fantastic progress in all areas."
Year 1 & 6 parent

School Community

We are a friendly, warm and welcoming school. Older pupils look after the young, reading with them, helping them to solve their problems and organising playtime activities. The opinions of our pupils are important to us. The School Council has representatives from across the school and meets regularly to discuss their ideas about how to improve our school.

Home and School

Working collaboratively with parents is very important. Together we are a strong team working towards the same aims - the best possible outcomes for our children. We encourage parents to come into school to chat with teachers, support pupils in the classroom, and attend parent workshops or information evenings. Parents also join us at celebration assemblies where pupils receive prizes for creativity, effort, academic achievements or for care of others. Reading diaries for younger pupils enable parents and school staff to communicate daily and pupils in Key stage 2 are set appropriate homework regularly. Parents, pupils and staff have access to a learning platform which gives parents information about their child's class as well as whole school events.

Our very proactive Parents and Friends of School Association organises regular fundraising activities and have contributed to improvements around school.

The school has a welcoming atmosphere for parents and pupils alike and we pride ourselves on being approachable and caring.



Well-being

We place huge importance in children being happy and healthy and our school is a place where pupils feel safe, valued and enjoy learning. Our popular school meals offer healthy and tasty choices including salad and fruit, and our gardening club grows fruit and vegetables. As well as enjoying high quality PE lessons, all pupils are encouraged to take part in sports activities and competitions and we offer a range of activities after school and at lunchtime.

We respond to children's needs quickly, and all members of the school community work together to ensure that these needs are met.



Facilities

The children enjoy lots of space to play in including a huge field and 'trim trail' as well as quiet places to sit in the shade and read or talk with friends. Our wildlife area and pond attracts lots of animals. Librarians look after the school library and pupils are able to borrow books weekly. We have a well-equipped IT suite as well as laptops and interactive whiteboards. A range of interesting resources and artefacts are used to support our exciting and stimulating curriculum.

"I love how friendly and welcoming the teachers and staff make you feel. I feel I can approach them with any of my concerns without feeling uncomfortable. My girls thoroughly enjoy being at school."
Year 4 & 5 parent



"Our children love coming to school. They feel very happy and safe in this warm, friendly and well-balanced environment."
Year 3 & R parent



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