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stimulating learning







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"At Lakeside, we aspire to be caring, confident and capable learners who are encouraged to succeed in today's world."

**WE WANT TO CREATE** a happy, safe and stimulating environment where each individual child is able to flourish both academically and personally. We strive to provide a creative, stimulating and broad curriculum that will help to nurture every child's individual talent and encourage a love of learning, an investigative mind and a respect for others.



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## Welcome!

**I AM DELIGHTED** to welcome you to Lakeside, a two-form entry Primary school with a thriving community ethos. We provide a caring and supportive environment where our children can feel happy and safe from Nursery all the way through to Year 6.

Our aim is to develop every child's individual talent – whether that is academic, artistic or sporting. The curriculum, which is creative and diverse, enables all our children to flourish. We encourage them to take an active part in their own education and develop the skills that they need for independent learning and life in the 21st Century.

### A caring, family community

Naturally, the children are at the heart of our community and the staff and governors work with parents to ensure that each child receives a well-rounded education with excellent pastoral care. We encourage high standards of learning and behaviour both in and out of school and we're pleased to say our children respond enthusiastically and courteously at every opportunity.

***Above all we want our children to feel safe, to be happy and to become confident and enthusiastic learners.***

Our extensive and well-maintained grounds are a real bonus and are used all year round whatever the weather. The facilities allow us to offer a diverse range of extra-curricular activities and clubs.

The support and commitment of staff means that our children receive the best possible start to their education and are prepared for the challenges they will face in the modern world.

If you'd like to know more, or want to have a guided tour around the school, please contact the school office.

We'd be delighted to hear from you.



*Jenny Rogers*  
**Head Teacher**



# Nurturing begins in our Nursery

**THE LITTLE DUCKLINGS NURSERY** is one of our greatest assets. We stimulate our children's natural curiosity, nurture their capacity to learn and enable them to form relationships and to express themselves as individuals.

The Nursery offers morning or afternoon sessions and has its own separate, secure and extensive outdoor area.



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*The nursery's stimulating environment encourages interaction and discovery*

**"I'm impressed by how the school raises such happy and confident children."**

Lakeside parent

## Reception

**THIS GOOD PRACTICE** continues in our two Reception classes where we encourage each child to develop a capacity for independent thought and self-expression. We provide a balance of activities designed to stimulate their imagination and natural inquisitiveness – something that, in turn, helps to develop their self-confidence and love of learning.

## Infants & Juniors

**OUR TWO YEAR GROUPS** are taught in a variety of settings so that our children benefit from working within both banded and mixed-ability groups. We have a long-

established tradition of recognising individual needs

and by creating special ability groups, we enable all our children to realise their full potential.

Throughout the latter stages of our children's education we continue to nurture their development. All subjects of the National Curriculum are enhanced by cross-curricular study, workshops and planned activities.

We work with local secondary schools to ensure a smooth transition to the next stage of our children's education.



*Our children benefit from special ability groups*

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*We develop a love of learning through creativity and curiosity*





# Enrichment: extra-curricular activities

**AS PART OF OUR** vibrant community we offer an exceptional variety of extra-curricular activities.

All of our teachers offer a club. Whether our children are interested in sport, music, creative arts or languages, we'll have something for them. We've a range of seasonal sports clubs, enriched regularly by activities such as fencing, golf and spy adventure.

Our children also have the opportunity to play a range of musical instruments. We've a thriving school choir and enthusiastic theatre, dance and drama groups. But that's not all.

You'll find children playing all sorts of board games, learning how to sew and weave and even learning Mandarin Chinese.

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*Music plays a big part in our children's creative development*



# Teaching & Learning

**AT LAKESIDE OUR** teachers make learning exciting, practical, and engaging. It's always been the school's ambition to enhance the basic primary educational requirement with a rich, varied and balanced programme of activities. Recently, our workshops and offsite visits have included Greek theatre, a World War II event and a visit to Windsor Castle.

In Year 6, all children go on a residential activity week.



*Teaching and learning is centred upon each child's needs*



*The curriculum is enriched with inspirational and educational trips and workshops*

**TO US, EVERY** child matters and we tailor activities to meet our children's individual needs. We challenge and support our children who have special needs as much as those who are gifted and talented.

**"Pupils like their school very much and the school's emphasis on personal development makes them feel confident and motivated."**

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# The Learning Environment

# Happy, healthy and safe



**ONCE INSIDE THE** secure school perimeter you can appreciate in full the school's setting. With nearly seven acres of grounds we're spoiled for space and enjoy extensive playing fields, wooded nature trails, adventure play areas, two playgrounds, a thriving pond, an environmental area and several meeting places.

The classrooms are bright and cheery whilst the walls are decorated with inspiring displays of creativity. For the technically minded the school is fully equipped with interactive whiteboards, a dedicated technology area and an impressive ICT suite.



*The school has a dedicated technology area and an impressive ICT suite*



**"A friendly and caring environment for children to thrive in."**

Lakeside parent

**WE WANT ALL** our children to thrive in an environment where they feel happy, safe and secure. We believe that the more resilient, resourceful and reflective they become the more this helps them to enjoy their learning so that they may develop into confident and independent individuals.



*Lessons are designed to be fun, constructive and interactive*

**WE PROMOTE A HEALTHY** lifestyle, provide fruit snacks for all children, and encourage everyone to drink water throughout the day.

We encourage our oldest children to become responsible members of our community and to help our younger children. They act as role models around the school. We do our utmost to make it easy for children to approach the staff with any problems and we teach that bullying is never acceptable behaviour.

We are proud to have received the Anti-Bullying Award.





# Parents, Community and Communications



**WE ARE FORTUNATE** to have a very proactive and dynamic team of governors who provide a steady and guiding hand whilst overseeing the school's strong growth and infrastructure development.



**WE FORGE CLOSE** relationships with all parents and carers and we maintain regular communications to keep everyone informed. The 'Friends of Lakeside Primary School' Parents' Association and the School Council provide additional support to an extremely vibrant and thriving school community. In addition the before and after school groups provide pastoral care for busy parents.

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**"Discipline, values, friendship, support. All the foundations for a well balanced child to begin secondary school"**

Lakeside parent