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Dream… Inspire.

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Imagine… Create.

Don't just
Believe… Achieve.

GREEN PARK SCHOOL

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Head **Teacher's** Welcome

Welcome to Green Park School – a school where the whole child is nurtured, developed and inspired.

We are a creative school built on caring, warm relationships, where well-being and happiness is central to all that we do. We pride ourselves on really knowing every individual in our learning community – adults and children alike. Our belief is that this is how to get the best out of people, when they feel valued and listened to.

At Green Park School, the learning journey is something we do together so join us and find a place that's just a little bit different...

Ethos and Values

Positive values are everything, as is kindness and this is what we aim to nurture in everyone at Green Park – adults and children alike. Our core values are respect, positivity, integrity, aspiration, empathy and equality. We aim to live these values in all that we do so that our children recognise the importance of them as they go through life. At Green Park School, we raise a lot of money for charity locally, nationally and globally. We believe that knowing the importance of helping others is hugely beneficial for our children.

> “I couldn’t speak more highly of all the staff in this school, they go over and above the call of duty to ensure every child feels safe, comfortable within themselves and gives them all equal opportunities to develop learn and grow at their own pace.”
>
> **PARENT REVIEW ON FACEBOOK**

A **listening** school

We listen – to our children, our families, and our community – listening to people is crucial to understanding what people need and to ensure everybody is happy and working together.

We have an active school council who work alongside sports reps, school leaders, play leaders and peer tutors. All children have a voice and learn to listen so we develop our school together.

> “Amazing school with amazing staff. All knowledgeable, friendly and helpful. They definitely go the extra mile to help.”
>
> **PARENT SURVEY 2018**

A **positive** school

We believe in the power of positivity to help children strive to be brilliant! Our behaviour strategy focuses on the positive and children are rewarded with postcards home, yellow wristbands and hot chocolate with the head teacher. We get the best out of our children by boosting their self-esteem and enabling them to always want to be the best they can be.

We also recognise that at times, things can become challenging for our children and this is when we step in to support. We have a learning mentor and a school counsellor and many of our staff are trained in various therapies to support children in need.

CREATE

A **creative** school

Our curriculum is creative and immersive and focuses on learning from amazing experiences! We take a topic-based approach and get children really engaged through visits, visitors and experience days. Green Park School encourages learning through play and enquiry; from the youngest to the oldest children. Curiosity and wonder is at the heart of all we do – learning should continue to be exciting and magical for all children – and adults too!

> “Pupils enjoy a broad and balanced curriculum which offers them opportunities to extend their learning.”
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> **OFSTED 2018**

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A **musical** school

At Green Park School, music is so important as we know how it helps the developing brain. Our curriculum focuses on understanding the elements of music and encourages children to listen and compose in different genres.
To compliment our core offer, we also give children the opportunity to learn a musical instrument from Year 4, working with specialist teachers from MK music hub.
If rock and pop is your preference, we also work with Rock Steady who teach children how to play in a rock band! Throughout the year there are assemblies and performances, all with singing at the heart and our song leaders are always out and about on the playgrounds encouraging the children to sing!

> “My child’s self-esteem and confidence have blossomed under the care of a series of fantastic teachers.”
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> **PARENT COMMENT TO OFSTED**

An **active** school

Being active is a crucial part of our curriculum and children are taught dance, gymnastics, games and, in Year 4, pupils go swimming too. We offer after school clubs with a range of sports and even yoga! Our older children compete locally in swimming galas, athletics, cross country and football and our younger children take part in local sports festivals where they can learn about being part of a team.

But being active isn't just about PE lessons. We have play leaders who run activities and games at playtimes and even during indoor lessons, active learning is all part of the fun.

An **outdoor** school

Being outside and in the fresh air is good for children and we offer plenty of outdoor learning. Our wonderful grounds have gardens and allotments where our garden gangs grow their own fruit and vegetables to cook with or sell to the local community. We even have a small wooded area for forest schools, climbing trees and even fairy visitors!

In Year 4 and Year 6 we offer residentials where children take part in various outdoor activities. They climb, abseil, do water sports, cook on open fires and experience camping amongst many other things. Our residentials offer rich opportunities to develop resilience, independence and team work.

> “Brilliant school. My daughter never wants to come home. Brilliant job everyone!!”
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> **PARENT REVIEW ON FACEBOOK**

The water fight

A **supportive** school

We pride ourselves on knowing our children as individuals and giving them the support they need every step of the way. Children who are entitled to pupil premium receive a bespoke package of support tailored to their individual needs. This could be help with school visits, learning support, social and emotional interventions, cooking or music lessons. We aim to close the gap for any pupil who needs it by offering a package that will make a real difference.

Children who have special educational needs also receive specific support to enable them to make progress. We work closely with families and other professionals to ensure there is a holistic approach for every child and so that we fully understand what they need. Our teachers and teaching assistants are trained in a variety of SEN areas, so that our provision is specific and effective.

> “The staff are like a family - genuinely a wonderful school.”
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> **PARENT SURVEY 2018**

A **safe** school

Safeguarding is everybody's business and at Green Park School, the whole team is trained and follows strict safeguarding procedures. We have five safeguarding leads including one responsible for on-line safety. Our PSHE curriculum teaches children how to stay safe and how to look after themselves including healthy relationships. We have clear policies for anti-bullying and child protection and our children know who to talk to if they have a problem.

To enrich our PSHE we also work with outside agencies such as the NSPCC who come and talk to the children about staying safe and speaking out.

Our wonderful grounds are safe and secure and any visitors are signed in and out through a single entrance.

> "Pupils say they love coming to Green Park and every pupil said they feel safe at school."
>
> **OFSTED 2018**

A **sharing** school

At Green Park School, we share our achievements – children and grown-ups too! We know how important it is to share the hard work and perseverance that goes into learning both inside and outside school. Many of our children excel in an area outside of school and we love to share their successes with the whole community!

We offer opportunities to share success in assemblies and in classes as well as using our Facebook page to share news – just let us know what your child has achieved!

Our sharing culture doesn't just stop there. We work hard to raise awareness and money for various charities so that our children understand the importance of helping others. This has included, amongst others, the Winter Night Shelter, Henry Allen Trust, Children in Need and Jeans4Genes. We believe that helping others makes us all feel good and the children always rise to the occasion!

Admissions

Any parent wishing for a place for their child at Green Park School must complete the Local Authority's application form online and direct contact with Green Park School is recommended.

For children who move into the area during the school year, parents should contact the school to determine if there is a place and then make a formal application through Milton Keynes Council.

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