

## Our School

### School Background

Our school is a Leicestershire local authority-maintained school situated in the village of Kegworth in the heart of North West Leicestershire. It comprises eleven classrooms (ten currently in use) in the school, set in two separate buildings and the main building was opened in 1939. It has a hall, studio, library, ELSA room as well as a variety of outside grounds including a multi-use games area, forest school area, playground, tyre park, trim trail, memorial/sensory garden, reception outdoor learning area and year 6 outdoor area and a large playing field.



The school draws mainly from Kegworth village and some surrounding local villages. The school has cohorts from approximately 26-40 throughout the school and has a roll of 229 pupils with a mixture of single age and mixed aged classes. The school roll is increasing, with the local authority forecasting 340 pupils by 2029, due to increased new housing within the village.

### Our Vision and Values

***'Together, we will be our best'.***

We are: **K**ind, **E**nthusiastic, **G**oals, **W**elcoming, **O**ptimistic, **R**esilient, **T**olerant, **H**onest

At Kegworth Primary School, we strive to create a nurturing and inclusive environment where every child feels valued and supported. Our vision is to cultivate a community rooted in kindness, where empathy and enthusiasm drive our interactions and encouragement motivates each child to achieve their best. We aim to foster ambitious goals, encouraging every child to reach their full potential while celebrating their unique strengths.

We are committed to providing a welcoming space that embraces diversity and inclusion, ensuring all children have equal opportunities to persevere and thrive. By instilling resilience and respect, we empower our children to face challenges with confidence and integrity. Trust and tolerance form the foundation of our relationships, fostering a culture of mutual understanding and support.

Above all, we believe in creating a happy and joyful learning environment where every child can flourish and grow, inspired to achieve their dreams and contribute positively to the world.

Kegworth Primary School is a community of successful, motivated learners who are confident and responsible citizens where each member is valued.

## **Our Pupils**

We currently have 229 pupils on roll arranged in seven single age and mixed aged classes as we build up to our of capacity of 315 (our PAN is 45).

Within the school population we have 28 pupils with SEND support needs, 3 EHCP, 21 in receipt of Free School Meals (FSM), 21 Disadvantaged and 19 who have English as a Additional Language (EAL). Six of our pupils are looked after by the Local Authority (CLA).

## **Our Staff**

Our hardworking and committed staff comprises of 13 teachers (10.15 equivalent class teachers) working in partnership with 13 learning support staff. In addition, we have 2 office staff, a premises officer and 5 midday supervisors.

## **Our Governors**

We have a supportive governing body that is comprised of 3 Community Governors, 1 Local Authority Governor, 4 Parent Governors, 1 Staff Governor and the Head Teacher. It is supported by a Clerk.

## **Our School Community**

Alongside our staff and governors, we have a committed and effective Parent and Teachers Association who raise additional funds for the school. There are several 'friends' of the school who are members of the village community who come into school on a regular basis to support in classrooms and listen to children read. We also work closely with a range of outside agencies to support our vulnerable children and families. We have links with local churches and many community groups within the village.

We welcome work experience students from a number of local schools and colleges as well as being a partner school of Nottingham Trent University, providing placements for trainee teachers. The University of Nottingham has a campus nearby and students and staff both come into school to support specific subjects.

## **Our Curriculum**

The children in the reception class follow the Foundation Stage Curriculum while all other year groups use the current National Curriculum.

Our curriculum focuses on the needs and experiences of our children and ensures they are prepared and ready for the next stage in their education. Our teachers devise a creative curriculum, with innovative and interesting ideas, which engage and motivate our children to learn. We approach the teaching of our curriculum through a 'critical thinking' (enquiry based) approach so the children have a deep understanding of what they are learning as well as developing a rich vocabulary. As part of this, we offer a varied selection of enrichment and enhancement opportunities and we utilise our excellent links with the

local community, e.g. Kegworth Community Library, Nottingham University, Derby University, East Midlands Airport, Warning Zone, Cricket Club, Bowls Club, Tennis Club and local hotels and businesses. Where possible, teachers plan into the curriculum school educational visits and experiences in order to enhance and support the curriculum and these are integrated into our long-term planning documents. e.g. Places of Worship, Religious Roadshow, Careers Fair, Magna, Manor Farm, Warwick Castle, Galleries of Justice, National Space Centre, and many more.

Underpinning our curriculum are our school values. Every half term, we have a focus on one of our values when the children are taught to understand and adopt these values across all aspects of school and home life. These values are displayed across the school and are an integral part of school life.

Teachers continue to teach a broad and balanced curriculum with the expectation that the quality of teaching and learning is high across all subjects. This is supported by regular high quality teaching CPD for both teaching and learning support staff.



We offer a variety of opportunities in sport and hold the Gold Schools Games Award, in addition to the much sought after, PE Quality Mark (Distinction). Our sporting opportunities include: Drumba, tennis, zorbing, ice skating in year 5, hockey, bowling, athletics, basketball, cross-country and swimming – we give our children as many varied opportunities as we can in order to engage them in a healthy lifestyle. Children also have

opportunities to compete with other schools, within the Charnwood sports family. We have a sports coach working with our children at lunchtime and after school, in addition to delivering some of our PE curriculum.

Parents of children are given the option of paying for peripatetic lessons in guitar, piano/keyboard and drumming and each term. These opportunities are paid for by the school for disadvantaged children. We provide enrichment opportunities for children in a range of subjects throughout the year. As part of our music curriculum, in years 1 and 2 the children learn to play either the ocarina or the recorder, in years 3 and 4 the ukulele and in years 5 and 6 they play the drums.

The children are usually given opportunities to show off their talents through our annual 'Kegworth Showcase' and other opportunities to perform including: EYFS and KS1 Nativity, KS2 Christmas Carol Concert, end of year KS2 production and weekly celebration assemblies.

### **Forest Schools**

We are fortunate to have a Forest School area as well as two members of staff who are trained Forest School leads. Children are given the opportunity to attend Forest Schools during their time at Kegworth; our reception children take part in our Forest Schools programme for half a term during their first year of school.

In years 4 and 6 the children attend residential where they have the opportunity to take part in more adventurous outdoor learning and spend two nights away from home with their school friends and teachers.

The children can also take part in lunchtime and before school clubs: choir, dance, table tennis, yoga, science, football, chess, colour me happy, digital leaders, ninja warriors and library time.

We are proud to have achieved the following:

PE Quality Mark – Distinction, School Sports Award – Gold, PSQM – Primary Science Quality Mark, Leicestershire Music Mark, Maths Hub – third year consolidation, Eco-School Award, Online-Safety award and Modestar – Green Approved Travel Plan.

The school is currently taking part in Everyone's Welcome, Diversity Role Models, Anti-Racist Education and Healthy Schools.

### **Our Pupil Voice**

We have a school council who meet regularly with the headteacher to plan events and fundraisers as well as supporting whole school improvements and developments. In addition, we have eco-warriors, house captains and mental health ambassadors as well as peer mentors.

The school council have prepared the following word cloud which describes the key attributes of any new Headteacher.



## **Foxes Collaborative Partnership**

We are part of the Foxes Collaborative Partnership, a local group of seven primary schools which is mutually beneficial and reflects our wish to work together. The aim of the group is to provide the best possible outcomes for children within the Foxes Collaborative through a sustainable model of support and school improvement. There are monthly headteacher and deputy head teacher meeting in addition to curriculum meetings and cross partnership moderation. The partnership also provides collaborative opportunities for the children which include, visits to the Houses of Parliament and curriculum enhancement opportunities hosted and organised by each school.

## **Our Ofsted Inspection**

The last OFSTED inspection was carried out in January 2022 (section 8 inspection). The overall effectiveness of the school was judged as good. The inspection report can be downloaded from our School Website (<https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/kegworth-primary-school/UploadedDocument/371e1c01-484f-4941-9025-7d981ccac795/kegworth-primary-school-ofsted-inspection-jan-2022.pdf>)

## **Our Continuing School Improvement**

Like any school, we are keen to build upon what we already do well and keep striving to ensure the best provision we can for our pupils. Our current aims are:

**Priority 1** - To improve the children's understanding of Diversity and Inclusion in order to support them in becoming positive citizens in the community,

**Priority 2** - Consistently Improve Teaching, Learning, and Positive Mental Health,

**Priority 3** - To improve standards of GDS writing and expected standards and GDS reading,

**Priority 4** - To identify the key knowledge children, need to know to underpin the critical thinking approach through learning .

These priorities are documented in our School Improvement Plan, actioned by the senior leadership team and monitored by the Full Governing Body on a termly basis.

## **Wrap-Around Care**

We offer, for a fee, wraparound care with a breakfast and after school club. These are a hugely appreciated resource for the school community. Again, this is subsidized for families on low income.

## **Wider Opportunities**

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## **Our Village**

Kegworth is a large Leicestershire village with a population of approximately 4,300. It lies on the River Soar, which separates it from neighbouring Nottinghamshire. It is ideally located for travel North and South with the M1 motorway (junction 24) on the outskirts together with the A453 and A50 for destinations to the East and West. East Midlands airport is nearby.

The village dates back to before the Norman Conquest with its name derived from Old English and Danish meaning the 'worth' or 'enclosure' of a man named Kaggi, the Danish name for redbear.

The school has active links with the community, holding events in the parish church and working with sporting clubs in the village who encourage our children, and their parents, to join in both competitive and friendly sporting activities.

## **Safeguarding Statement**

Kegworth Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

Due to this post having access to children and/or vulnerable adults, the successful candidate will be required to undertake a Disclosure and Barring Service check. The possession of a criminal record will not necessarily prevent an applicant from obtaining this post, as all cases are judged individually according to the nature of the role and information provided.

In addition, the school will also be conducting an online search as part of our due diligence on all shortlisted candidates. The purpose of this is to help identify any incidents or issues that have happened, the details of which are publicly available online, and to determine a candidates' suitability to work with children and keep them safe. This check will be undertaken by someone independent from the shortlisting panel and only once shortlisting has taken place. Where any relevant issues are identified by this process the panel will explore this further with you at your interview.