



Crawford Village

Primary School & Nursery




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“Pupils are very happy in school and their behaviour is outstanding. In lessons they are unfailingly keen, persevere and do their best.” OFSTED

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Our values and ethos provide a nurturing approach to developing the whole child, instilling in our pupils a love of learning that extends beyond their primary years, equipping them with skills for their future and developing them as creative, responsible and respectful individuals.



Welcome

I am delighted to welcome you to Crawford, a small rural village school with a thriving community ethos. We pride ourselves on the family atmosphere that permeates all aspects of school life, providing children with the genuine care and nurture that they need to thrive, from their early years all the way through to Year 6. We strive to ensure that all children feel happy, safe, secure and truly valued as individuals in our school family.

Our vibrant and exciting curriculum embraces the beautiful rural surroundings in which we are situated, recognising local history, heritage, geography, business links and, most importantly, the aspirations of all our children. Our aim is to develop every child's individual talent whether it be academic, artistic or sporting. High quality, personalised learning opportunities enable our children to thrive, providing them with the necessary experiences and skills to achieve their full potential as independent learners in the 21st Century.

Children are at the heart of the school. Staff and governors work effectively with parents to ensure the holistic development of each child, providing a well-balanced education with excellent pastoral care. Our shared school values underpin the ethos of the school and represent the high standards of behaviour and learning which we encourage both inside and out of school. These values encourage all members of the school community, children and adults alike, to be responsible and successful members of society.

Our rural environment enables us to provide rich learning experiences with a strong emphasis on our village setting.

The support and commitment of all staff and the governing board means that our children receive the best possible start to their school life and are prepared for the next stage of their education as they move to secondary school. If you would like to find out more about our school, please do not hesitate to contact the school office. Visits to the school are warmly welcomed at any time.

Debra Eaton
Headteacher



Early Years

Our Early Years provision is one of our greatest assets. We stimulate children's natural curiosity, nurture their capacity to learn, enable them to form respectful relationships and to express themselves as individuals. Activities are based on each child's individual strengths and needs and encourage them to develop their capacity for independent thought and self-expression – something that, in turn, helps to develop their self-confidence and love of learning.

"Outstanding early years provision, including the nursery, gives children the best possible start in school and they make rapid progress." OfSTED



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The stimulating environment in the early years encourages interaction and discovery





Infants and Juniors

Infant and junior children are taught in a variety of settings so that children benefit from working within both banded and mixed-ability groups.



“My child is progressing but, more importantly, she is enjoying what she does.”
Parent

Learning in all national curriculum subjects is enhanced by cross-curricular study, workshops and practical activities. We have strong links with local secondary schools to ensure a smooth transition as our children move to the next stage of their education.

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Our small class sizes ensure high staff:pupil ratios, enabling us to provide high quality, personalised learning experiences. We plan activities based on individual needs, providing timely support and intervention where needed, ensuring that all our children reach their full potential.

“The harmonious environment helps pupils mature as sensible, trustworthy individuals.” OFSTED



Teaching and Learning

We promote a culture of active learning, developing children's resilience and independence. We believe that it is through this approach that we will truly engage, challenge and motivate our children, developing a life-long love of learning.

Our approach to teaching and learning enhances the primary curriculum with a rich, varied and balanced programme of activities to inspire learning.



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"Excellentlly planned curriculum activities really capture pupils' imagination and enthusiasm." OfSTED



Due to our small class sizes, we are able to offer the practice, not just the rhetoric, of personalised learning. Activities are tailored to meet individual needs, with targeted interventions to support and challenge children of all abilities at all stages.

"Brilliant social and academic progress!" Parent

Enrichment Activities

As part of our vibrant curriculum, we offer a wide range of extra-curricular clubs including sport, creative arts, music, the outdoors and technology. A range of seasonal sports clubs are offered and delivered by sports specialists from the West Lancashire School Sports Partnership. These clubs not only provide opportunities to develop sporting skills but also emphasise the importance of team work, enthusiasm and perseverance.



Other clubs include weaving, knitting, gardening, chess and Lego. Our highly successful brass club and choir perform annually at the 'Proms' hosted by a local secondary school.



Annual residential visits are offered to older children. These multi-activity breaks provide a huge range of thrilling adventure activities designed to help children build confidence, learn new skills and strengthen friendships.

"A supportive environment for children to learn. Lots of new initiatives to engage pupils. Excellent committed staff." Parent



The Learning Environment



A visit to Crawford helps you to appreciate in full the school's stunning rural setting. Surrounded by fields and countryside, the school boasts an extensive playing field, large playground areas, timber trail and our own vegetable plot and chicken club.

Classroom learning environments are vibrant, with celebrations of children's work and creativity evident throughout school. A wide variety of practical resources also support learning, including a range of computing equipment such as laptops, iPads and digital cameras.

"My child can't wait to go each day and comes home bubbling and bouncing to tell me all she has done." Parent

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Happy, Healthy, Safe

Our primary concern is for all children to thrive in an environment where they feel happy, safe and secure. The school ethos is built around eight fundamental values which encourage children to become responsible, respectful individuals with the enthusiasm, resilience and integrity to succeed in whatever they undertake.



Children learn about the importance of being safe, feeling safe and staying safe



The small size of our school results in a true family atmosphere in which the children develop crucial social skills through mixed-age classes, playtimes and lunchtimes. Older children act as responsible role models for the younger children, and our school council and values champions play a vital role in promoting the positive values which underpin our ethos.

"The school's work to promote pupils' personal development and welfare is outstanding." OfSTED





Staying Active

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The importance of a healthy lifestyle is promoted throughout school. All children access a wide range of exciting sporting activities, delivered by specialists from our Sports Partnership, encouraging them to understand the importance of an active lifestyle. Fruit is provided in all classes and children are encouraged to drink water throughout the day.



A variety of sporting activities promote children's physical development

Parents and Community

The strong family ethos that exists at Crawford promotes close relationships with all our parents. We truly advocate the 'parents as partners' approach in order to provide the very best for all our children. Daily face-to-face contact and regular communications ensure all our parents are informed of the details of school life. We genuinely listen to, and act upon, parental feedback and suggestions to ensure they feel valued members of the school community. Our breakfast and after-school clubs provide pastoral care for busy parents.

Give your child the best start you can

Our proactive and dynamic team of governors provide steady guidance to ensure the school's strong growth and infrastructure development, whilst the 'Friends of Crawford Village Primary School' and the School Council provide additional support to an extremely vibrant and thriving school community.

"Wonderful, warm, caring environment for the children to blossom in." Parent





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