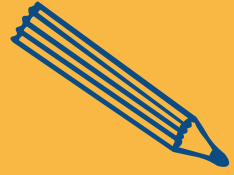


# Prospectus





# LEARNING LOVING LAUGHING



## At Forsbrook C E Primary School

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to Forsbrook Church of England Primary School, we are delighted that you have chosen to begin your child's learning journey at our school and look forward to working in partnership with you to ensure your child receives the very best start to their education.

Myself, the staff and our governors are very proud of our school, our pupils and their success. We believe that this school is special and the relationships we develop with our children and their families enables us to create a friendly, caring and supportive atmosphere.

Our committed teaching and support staff strive to bring out the very best in our children and equip them with the skills they will need for the future. We place great emphasis upon the well-being and personal development of every child and encourage them to have self-discipline, tolerance and a sense of responsibility for others and the environment.

This prospectus will show you our whole school ethos which is underpinned by Christian values. However you will no doubt wish to assess the schools qualities for yourself and I would extend a warm welcome for you to visit our school to experience the stimulating and caring atmosphere that makes our school a fantastic place to be.

*Mrs N C Richards*



*"The children at Forsbrook are enthusiastic learners, developing as well-rounded young citizens who are sensitive to others."*  
**Ofsted**







## School Organisation and A Little Bit of History

Forsbrook is a Primary School catering for children in the 3 -11 age range. The children are allocated to mixed ability tutor groups throughout the school and their learning journey begins in Jigsaws Nursery from the day of their third birthday. A small number of pupils join us in the reception class. Including the Head Teacher, there are 8 full-time members of teaching staff and a number of support staff are employed throughout the school, providing valuable help in the classrooms.

The school opened in 1852 as Forsbrook Infants and was originally situated behind St Peters Church, over the years it has grown and in 2000 Forsbrook Infants and The Beeches Junior School amalgamated to form the current Forsbrook CE C Primary School. The school first opened in the 1950's and is housed in 3 buildings on the same campus. School is seen as very much of a part of the community and we have excellent links with our church of St Peters.

The Governing Body gives much support to the school and encourages the development of strong links with the local community including local businesses. All members of our Governing Body come in to school on a regular basis and are fully committed to ensuring that all children receive the very best start to their education.

## Uniform

We set high standards throughout school and this includes our expectation that pupils present themselves with a smart appearance in our school uniform. We believe that this creates a feeling of belonging to the school and also gives a good impression in the community. We also feel that being smartly dressed promotes a more positive attitude to work in school.

Our uniform is fairly simple; based around a white shirt for pupils from yr1-6 and a navy blue sweatshirt emblazoned with our school logo and a school tie. This is teamed with either grey trousers or skirt. During the summer time girls are also permitted to wear blue or yellow gingham summer dresses.

Children in nursery and reception wear the same uniform but are permitted to wear plain white or yellow polo shirts, they are not required to wear a tie.

Your child will also need the following for sport and PE and younger children are encouraged to leave their kit at school for the half-term.

- **Named pump-bag containing pumps/trainers.**
- **T. shirt and shorts or leotard for P.E.**
- **Swimming trunks/costume, cap and towel (you will be advised of when your childs swimming lessons will begin by your childs class teacher)**

*Please make sure that all items of your child's property are clearly marked with their name.*

***"Pupils spiritual awareness is enhanced by high-quality assemblies, and their social and moral skills are underpinned by the almost tangible ethos of the school as a caring place to be."***  
***Ofsted***







## Early Years Foundation Stage - Jigsaws Nursery

At Forsbrook we believe that the foundations of your child's education are absolutely fundamental to their future success and as such we have invested heavily in to providing the best start for your child in our Jigsaws Nursery. This is a voluntary governor managed nursery which is very much an integral part of the school community. It provides care for up to 48 children on a totally flexible basis in line with parental needs for child care. The Nursery is well equipped with resources to provide the sort of environment in which your child can achieve his/her full potential. It also benefits from an excellent outside area which is used continually to allow for free flow access for all children in the nursery.

Jigsaws nursery is staffed by well qualified, experienced and enthusiastic Nursery staff – a Nursery Manager who is an Early Years Professional and three teaching assistants all qualified to NVQ Level 3 or above. The Nursery provides a wide and interesting variety of learning experiences designed to help your child to learn and develop in line with national guidelines on the Early Years Foundation Stage Framework. Through carefully planned play based activities your child will be encouraged to develop their skills in the following areas:

### Prime

**Personal, Social and Emotional Development**

**Communication Language**

**Physical Development**

### Specific

**Problem Solving Reasoning and Numeracy**

**Knowledge and Understanding of the World**

**Creative Development**

Your child can join the nursery from their third birthday and will qualify for free nursery funding for fifteen hours per week in the term following their third birthday. The vast majority of our nursery pupils join the school in the reception year however, the nursery is open to children who may choose to join other schools in reception.

## Reception

We believe that your child's education is very much a partnership between you, your child and our school. Effective communication is the key to that partnership and at Forsbrook you will find that all of the staff are very friendly and approachable.

During your child's time at the nursery, there will be many opportunities for them to make use of the facilities in the main school and to join in with school activities, all of which makes for easy transition when the time comes.

In the term before entry into the Reception class, visits are arranged to enable both parents and children to meet with the Reception teacher and for the children to get used to their new surroundings. Parents have the chance to tour the main school, to meet with the Head to ask any questions you may have about the school.

Parents of children joining the school at other times of the year are also offered the facility of an individual interview and the Head Teacher or staff will also use this opportunity to show parents round the school.

After your child has started at school, we hold regular consultation evenings and open evenings when you are invited to see your child's work and discuss progress with the class teacher. A written report will be sent home at the end of the summer term.

If the number of pupils seeking admission to Jigsaws Nursery or Forsbrook CE Primary School exceeds the number of places available, then the following order of priority will be used:

- Pupils living within the catchment area of the school;
- Pupils with brothers or sisters already attending the school;
- Other social or medical ground





## First Class Facilities and Resources at Forsbrook

The school is situated in excellent sized grounds in the village of Forsbrook and we have extensive outside areas for all age groups to utilise at playtimes and to support learning in the curriculum. This includes an Eco Garden with growing plots for each year group, a walled garden used for planting and growing and large playing fields providing ample space to practise a wide range of sports throughout the year.

Internally we benefit from:

### **Eight large well-equipped classrooms all with Interactive Whiteboards**

- **An ICT studio equipped with the latest computer technology**
- **Internet access throughout school**
- **A fantastic well resourced school library**

Two large school halls used for :

- **Assembly**
- **Drama**
- **P.E.**
- **Dance**
- **Music**
- **Concerts**
- **Dedicated free flow play areas for both nursery and reception children**
- **Two large playgrounds to accommodate the pupils free play at breaks and lunchtimes**
- **Environmental Study Area**
- **Lucy's Memorial garden**
- **Extensive School grounds including playing fields for outdoor play during the summer months and for extra curricular sport and PE and of course sports day**



## Extra-curricular clubs

It is very much part of the way of doing things at Forsbrook to provide worthwhile opportunities for the children at lunchtimes and after school.

The school is very proud of its participation in many sporting, dramatic and musical activities within school, alongside other schools and in the wider community.

We have a wide variety of extra – curricular activities taking place every week, these are delivered by teachers, teaching assistants, specialist coaches and parent, grandparents and church volunteers. All adults who run extra-curricular activities have completed an enhanced CRB disclosure check.

**These include:**

- **Drama Netball & Rounders Football & Hockey**
- **Musical Instrument Tuition School Choir Recorder Groups**
- **Reading Club Green Scheme Club After-School French**
- **Computer Groups Dance**

## Environmental Studies Area

Forsbrook has an Environmental Studies area which provides an excellent resource for the school giving the children first hand experience of environmental issues within the school grounds.

The area has growing patches for every class, a wildlife garden plus many other features that are well utilised by the children both in lessons and with our well established 'Eco Club'.

In addition we are also very proud of Lucy's Memorial Garden which was developed in memory of one of our past pupils, this provides a quiet reflective area for all of our staff and pupils to enjoy. The development of this resource is again a project that has benefited from input by many members of our wider school community and we are very grateful for their help. We intend to continue to develop this resource for the benefit of all of our children. Forsbrook is very proud of its successes in Environmental Education which has been recognised recently when the school was awarded an 'Eco-Schools Green Flag Award' for the third time.

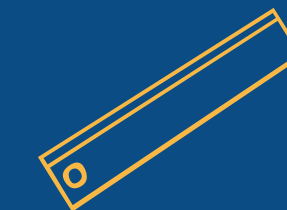






*"Achievement is god in all subjects and the oldest pupils often make outstanding progress."*  
Ofsted

# CREATIVE CURRICULUM...



We encourage high standards in every aspect of school life and we seek to ensure that pupils work purposefully and enthusiastically towards reaching their own full potential both academically and socially and emotionally.

We teach and learn in an inclusive atmosphere where every child is encouraged and supported to be successful. Our challenging, creative and exciting curriculum, combined with our high quality teaching allows us to meet the diverse needs of all our pupils and we pride ourselves on this.

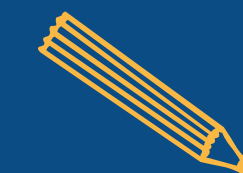
Our curriculum covers all of the compulsory elements of the National curriculum and is based upon developing the key skills that children need to enable them to become effective and inspired lifelong learners. We encourage them to:

- **Question and challenge**
- **Make connections and see relationships between things**
- **Explore ideas and keep options open**
- **Envisage what might be**
- **Reflect critically on ideas, actions and outcomes**

Children learn more effectively when their interest is stimulated and the school firmly believes in providing children with first hand experiences at every opportunity. It is with this in mind that many educational visits are arranged both locally and nationally and a range of visitors come in to school to support and enhance the learning experience.

We take the children from various year groups on residential visits staying from one to four nights at outdoor education centres experiencing a range of outdoor pursuits including camping abseiling, canoeing, orienteering and archery. We also visit places of educational interest linked with the curriculum. Particular emphasis is given to the development of language and numeracy skills with the children being given the opportunity to use these in a variety of practical situations with pleasure, understanding and confidence.

The Governing Body gives excellent support to the school and encourages the development of strong links with the local community including our church of St Peters and local businesses







## Parents as Partners

We encourage all our parents to be as actively involved in their child's education as possible, an effective partnership between home and school is so valuable in order to ensure that your child achieves his/her own full potential.

Lots of our parents like to get practically involved by volunteering to help in school with all sorts of jobs:-

- Listening to readers
- Helping children with computer work
- Making up booklets
- Helping with educational games encouraging skills in numeracy and language
- Helping with cookery or sewing
- Sharing special skills or experiences

This sort of help is invaluable and enables us to widen the range of experiences available to the children. If you feel you can help in any way please see your child's teacher.

### **Forsbrook Support Team (STEAM):**

There are strong links between home and school. At Forsbrook we have an active, enthusiastic and very supportive PTFA. They provide a number of fund raising and social events for parents and children – new committee members are always made very welcome. Please ask at the Reception Office for details of how to join or help on Forsbrook Steam.

## Caring for each other

At Forsbrook, we want to make sure that all our children are happy and settled. We encourage everyone in our school to be:

- **Careful, kind and considerate**
- **Polite, friendly and cheerful**
- **Helpful, caring and co-operative**
- **Confident and hardworking**

We hope through this process children will:

- **Learn what good behaviour means**
- **Learn to care for one another**
- **Learn to care for other people outside the school**
- **Learn to care for their environment**
- **Learn the value of friendship**
- **Develop self-confidence**

Do as well as possible in their school work.

Standards of behaviour are excellent at Forsbrook and we aim to keep it that way. We like to encourage good behaviour by being as positive as possible about all our children. This may take the form of praise from members of staff for working hard or being helpful or polite. Good work stickers or certificates for achievement in all areas of school life can also provide useful incentives. The children are encouraged to take great pride in all that they do.



***"Care, guidance and support are outstanding and this ensures that pupils receive the individual, tailored support they may need."***

**Ofsted**





## English/Reading

Good language skills are essential to a child's development in all areas of the curriculum. At Forsbrook we place particular emphasis in this area. We aim to develop the ability of every pupil to express his/her thoughts clearly and communicate with others.

Our literacy curriculum focus on the following aspects of language:

- **Reading– for pleasure and for information**
- **Communication Skills – writing, speaking, discussing, listening, drama**
- **Literature and Poetry**
- **Grammar, handwriting and spelling**

Reading is given a high priority in our school. Children are taught to read using a variety of methods. There is an excellent selection of structured reading schemes for the children to follow and a huge number of fiction and non-fiction books are available from our library areas for the more able readers.

We think it really important that parents work as a partnership with us and hear their child read on a regular basis at home.

We ask parents to help with reading from the Nursery through to Year 6. Books may be taken home and each child in the Infants is provided with a reading pocket and a 'Reading Together' book which assists communication between school and home. Your child's teacher will be only too willing to give advice and to lend you books to use at home.



## Jigsaws Care Club

Before and after school care at Forsbrook is provided by Jigsaws Care Club. This is available from 7.30am until school starts and between 3.30pm and 6.00pm every weekday during term time. This provides a safe environment for youngsters to go to before and after school.

For more information contact Miss Ashley (Club Manager) by calling the school office on 01782 392577.

## Security

In the interest of our children's security we ask all visitors to the school to use the main entrance only and to report to the Reception Office. Visitors are asked to sign in and out as they arrive and leave the premises.

## The School Day

Please encourage your child to arrive at school on time every day. Times are as follows:

**Nursery**      **a.m. session 9.00am – 12.00pm**  
**p.m. session 12.00pm – 3.00pm**

School	KS1	KS2
School starts	8.50 am	8.50 am
Lunchtime	12.00 noon	12.00 noon
School resumes	1.00 pm	1.00 pm
School closes	3.15 pm	3.15 pm

If your child is absent from school for any reason you should inform the school by telephone or e-mail on the first day of absence.

## Lunchtime Arrangements

Your child may have a hot school dinner, bring sandwiches, or go home at lunchtime. Please let the school know which option you choose for your child. You should avoid swapping and changing frequently as this causes great confusion for both staff and the children.

Dinner money can be paid through parent pay online or at your local pay-point store at the co-op . No dinner money is accepted at the school office. If you think you may be entitled to Free School Meals – normally if you are in receipt of Income Support or Job Seekers Allowance, please contact the School Secretary who will give you the correct forms to complete.

Free fruit is available to all early years and key stage one pupils on a daily basis. Junior children have the chance to buy hot tuck from our catering team at morning break.





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