

#### **COXHEATH PRIMARY SCHOOL**



An Ethic of Excellence



#### Welcome from the Executive Headteacher

We believe that all children can achieve excellence and that a quality primary education provides the platform for lifelong success.

Coxheath Primary School is a diverse and thriving community with big ambitions! Partnership with parents and carers is at the centre of everything we do. Through regular newsletters, workshops, coffee mornings and celebration events, families and staff work hand in hand.

Together, everyone achieves more. Working with a range of partners in education, our high expectations, innovative curriculum and distinct approach to learning are making a real difference. Coxheath is a rapidly improving, outward-facing school that is involved in a variety of projects to raise standards and benefit children across communities of schools.

Firm in our belief that children come first, we strive to ensure that all pupils at Coxheath feel happy and safe. With our children being the leaders of the future, we actively promote independence, confidence and teamwork. This is an exciting time for our school and we look forward to having the opportunity of working with you in the future.

Darren Webb - Executive Headteacher



# An ethic of excellence

## Welcome from the Head of School

Choosing the right school for your child is one of the most important decisions any parent has to undertake.

At Coxheath Primary School we believe passionately in the importance of recognising every pupil as a unique individual, each with their own gifts and talents. Our work as teachers begins by building upon the numerous skills you have fostered in your child at home. It is our aim to develop a successful partnership with you so that your child is given every possible opportunity to flourish.

We are all extremely proud of our school and committed to providing the very best possible education for all our children. We have high expectations and do everything possible to create a school where children feel safe and well cared for. We want children to be excited by learning and aspire to excellence within a stimulating and engaging environment. We are passionate about our school being a place where children enjoy learning, are curious about the world around them, and develop lively and enquiring minds.

We work hard to create an environment where children are happy and engaged in their learning in a calm and purposeful way. We take great pride in the fact that we have a happy and inclusive school where each child's voice is clearly heard in an atmosphere that encourages respect for all.



Every decision within the school is made by firstly considering what is in the best interest of the children. In this way, children lie at the heart of everything we do and we look forward to working with you to secure the very best opportunities for your child to thrive.

We hope you will find the information in this prospectus helpful. However, it is impossible to convey the friendly, caring atmosphere of the school or the commitment and enthusiasm of the staff. The only way is to see for yourself. Do not hesitate to make an appointment to look around the school. You will be very welcome.

Sarah Holman - Head of School

At Coxheath we lead by example, with our staff modelling to children the values of respect for others, self, and the school environment. With clear boundaries for behaviour through our 'golden rules' and consistent but fair consequences, children understand the parameters and feel safe in school.

# Shared Values to Guide and Support

We nurture good behaviour through building relationships with pupils and engaging them in exciting learning experiences that respect individuals and build self-esteem.

We know that providing the best possible start helps to ensure lifelong learning success. This is why we place great emphasis on ensuring that children feel secure and happy from day one. Learning is designed to follow their interests and each transition – from reception, through to infants and into juniors – is carefully planned to ensure a smooth and worry-free progression.

Throughout their time with us, we provide a range of opportunities – including peer mentoring, pupil collaboration for learning projects, and a thriving School Council – to ensure that pupils are heard and know that their opinions are valued.





Sit here if you are worried about something. A playground buddy will talk to you.

Ambition

### **Engaging** Learning Experiences

We strive to engage pupils in a range of rich learning opportunities that enable all children to excel. Our staff work collaboratively to plan lessons that immerse learners in meaningful experiences, both in the classroom and beyond. This involves a wealth of practical opportunities that develop explorative and problem-solving skills.

Teaching sequences are matched to the learning needs of individuals or groups of children. Activities are designed to promote a rich dialogue between teachers and pupils, between children and their peers, and within the wider school community. Through carefully planned questioning, staff guide children on a learning journey. This culminates in the secure understanding of a particular concept or a tangible learning outcome, such as a piece of writing or artwork.



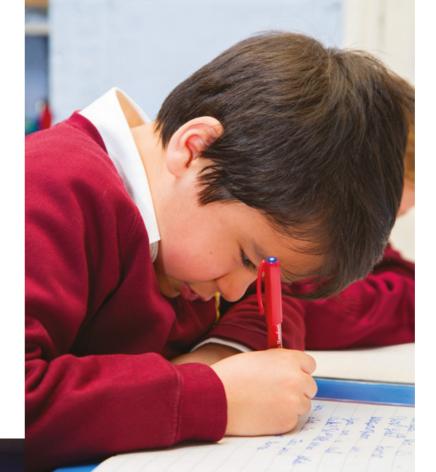
In addition, Coxheath works with a range of educational partners and other schools to provide the highest quality teacher training and leadership programmes, with the aim of raising professional standards even further.





### **Inspiring** Young Minds

Coxheath offers a distinctive and ambitious curriculum, linking literacy and maths with other subjects, to provide inspirational learning experiences. Specialist teachers help to ensure that planned learning is always aspirational and focused on producing highquality outcomes. We take every opportunity to link learning to the real world, thereby building independence and confidence, as well as thinking skills. We also place great emphasis on visual displays, seeing the learning environment as an 'invisible teacher', communicating the importance of continually striving for excellence.







Our curriculum mirrors the expectations of the new national curriculum and is designed to provide variety and challenge. Rather than following schemes of work in a repetitive fashion, our dedicated staff craft bespoke teaching sequences, which both ignite children's passions and meet their learning needs.







As part of our curriculum offer, we expect children to participate in the many and varied educational experiences available to them. These include residential stays, field trips, special events and visits to local places of interest, which in turn, are woven into our learning topics.



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### **Developing** a Zest for Life

Through specialist teaching and a host of additional opportunities, we nurture children's talents and passions in sport, the arts and the wider world. Support from specialist teachers for PE, Art and music enables us to offer excellent and highly focused teaching in these subjects, as well as expert-led opportunities to extend learning beyond the school day.



Independence

We offer a broad range of after-school clubs that are tailored to the needs and interests of the children. We also provide a breakfast club and offer additional support as required by vulnerable groups of pupils.



### A Successful Start to School Life

We are a friendly, supportive and inspirational learning community where every child is seen as special and unique. Our staff are highly skilled in offering effective care, guidance and support so that our children enjoy school, make good progress and experience success. We place the highest significance on caring at Coxheath Primary School and work closely with parents to ensure that our youngest learners are settled into school life in the least stressful way possible.

Starting school can be an extremely anxious time for children and parents and we work hard to ensure that this is as positive an experience as possible.

We conduct pre-school visits for all our new children and meet with each family to really get to know every child. We also hold welcome meetings for parents, organise a series of taster sessions for the children in the summer and have an induction period for the children in September. Please do not hesitate to discuss this further with us should you wish.



## Parents Comments

"Coxheath Primary School is a friendly, approachable school." Y1 parent.

"Coxheath treats every child's needs individually."

Y3 parent.

"Coxheath children have behaviour to be proud of."

Y2 parent.

"Coxheath has kind and caring teachers and happy children who enjoy school." YR parent.

> "Coxheath has a lovely community feel." Y6 parent.













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