

# Welcome to Etchells Primary School

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# Introduction to Our School

"ETCHELLS IS THE GREATEST 5 STAR SCHOOL IN THE WORLD". (YEAR 5 CHILD)

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Etchells is a 2 form entry primary school with an 8 place SEND Resource Base and a Nursery led by a qualified teacher. We currently have around 450 children on roll.

We take 60 children into Reception each year and have 40 part time places in our Nursery. Full time places can be available through the 30 hours free childcare scheme or paid top-ups.

Etchells has been judged by Ofsted to be a GOOD school with OUTSTANDING Early Years and Leadership & Management in September 2016.

We are proud of our multi-cultural community and the diversity of languages spoken in school ranging from European, Asian and the Far East.



We have an extensive provision which includes a purpose built Early Years building, a designated SEN Resource Base room, a computer suite equipped for 30 pupils, iPads across the school, a new Year 5 and 6 building and extensive outdoor space which includes a ball court, trim trail, large field as well as Forest School and Outdoor Learning Areas.

We have two library areas, one of which has been newly installed in our entrance area for Key Stage 2; this has been funded by the PTA.

We pride ourselves in delivering a modern, relevant curriculum for our children which not only develops our pupils to be skilled in a technological world, but also fosters a love for the outdoors, creativity and the written word.



# The Core Values and 'Bee' Rules

A STRONG SENSE OF PURPOSE AND HIGH EXPECTATIONS OF BEHAVIOUR



## Our Core Values

The six values are fundamental to our school ethos. We use them to plan our curriculum, underpin our pastoral approach and structure our reports to parents to ensure you are kept fully informed of your child's

development as an independent and confident learner.

"The Core Values are not just about learning - some are about fun and reaching our goals." (Y3 child)

"I like the 'Bee' rules - they guide our behaviour." (Y3 child)



## Our 'Bee' School Rules.....



Be kind



Be a good listener



Be hard working



Be respectful



Be responsible



# Our Early Years Curriculum

INVOLVING THE PUPILS EVERY STEP OF THE WAY

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## Child-led Curriculum

In the Early Years, the curriculum is planned around the interests and curiosity of the children. We base our learning around what they would like to know and give them the opportunity to explore their own passions and questions. The seven areas of Learning and Development form the structure of our Continuous Provision where children select their learning and are independent and self-motivated in what they do. These key areas include: Literacy, Mathematics, The World, Expressive Arts and Design, as well as Personal, Social and Emotional Development, Communication & Language and Physical Development.



Outdoor learning is a key element of the Early Years Curriculum and this is further enhanced by our Forest School provision which both Nursery and Reception children experience.

"I love the book  
nook because it's got  
lots of books"

"I love the creative  
table inventing things"



"I like the imagination  
station because I can  
make anything I want."



"Learning in the Outdoor Classroom is fun."



# Our Year 1 - 6 Curriculum

KNOW ~ EXPLORE ~ COMMUNICATE

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One Year 5 pupil tells us:

*"We have inspiring things to learn....."*

The emphasis on a child-led curriculum continues as the children progress through school. Whilst we have the National Curriculum to deliver, we do explore the interests of the children and ensure that knowledge is always new knowledge and the level of challenge is pitched appropriately. We focus on the progression of skills, learning new things and most importantly to us, the opportunity for children to ask questions, explore what they are learning and then communicate this to others.

Outdoor learning continues to have a high profile and Forest School is delivered to all year groups as part of the enrichment programme alongside Spanish, Philosophy for Children, Orienteering and Textiles.



*"We learn how to make things out of nature in Forest School". (Y5)*

*"PE is great and gets you on the move"! (Y5)*



*"Learning makes us curious and want to find out more" (Y4)*

*"I like History because my teacher calls it 'History Mystery'! (Y3)*



*"You can go on amazing school trips"*

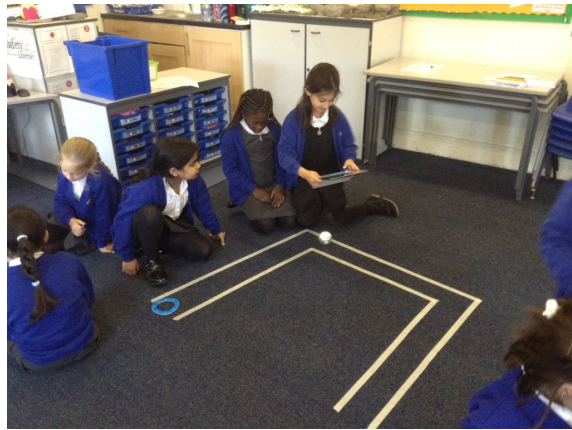
*"I Love the maths because it's challenging and I love challenges" (Y3)*



# Wider Provision

ALL BASES COVERED

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## Extra-Curricular Clubs

Our clubs are led by specialists in their field. They are bookable a term in advance and do incur a reasonable charge. We currently offer Karate, Spanish, ICT, MCFC Multi-Skills, Art Club, Football and Drama.



## Breakfast and After School Provision

We have 'Kidzone@Etchells' which is provided by the Marple Childcare Company. The breakfast club opens from 7.30am and the after school club closes at 5.45pm. Parents have to register and deal with the company independently from school as they are a separate entity. Please visit their website. [www.marplechildcare.com](http://www.marplechildcare.com) for more information.



## School Council/Eco-Team/Librarians/Head Boy and Girl/Reading Buddies

The children have a variety of opportunities to be involved with the wider aspects of school life. We strongly encourage them to take up roles of responsibility as they become older and more independent. This can often involve the older children looking out for our younger pupils, acting as playtime buddies, as well as sharing books together.



# Parental Involvement

## A VALUED PARTNERSHIP

**We encourage parents to be involved as fully as possible in the life of the school and their children's education.**

**There are a number of ways to do this:**

- ☑ **The PTA:** we have an active PTA who raise money over the year to fund special projects. In the past monies raised have paid for playground markings, the outdoor learning area, Forest School shelters and a new School Library. We are currently working together to provide a new trim trail out on the school field.



- ☑ **The Board of Governors:** one of our parent governors is currently the Chair of the Board. We have three parents who play a valuable role in this aspect of the Leadership and Management of the school.
- ☑ **The Parent Council** who meet at least once a term to discuss issues, concerns and any questions which have been raised. This has proved to be a successful way to hear the Parental Voice and to listen to points of view.

- ☑ **The Website:** this serves as a 'go-to' place for everything. We have an up to date calendar, information and policies for parents to read and class pages. The website is also used for Extra-Curricular Club bookings, Parents Evening appointments and for the children to submit homework.

[www.etchells.stockport.sch.uk](http://www.etchells.stockport.sch.uk)

- ☑ **Parents' Evenings** three times a year with an 'Open Door' Policy for other issues throughout the year.
- ☑ **School News:** a weekly newsletter is emailed to parents every Friday. These can be found at the bottom left section of our website homepage.
- ☑ **Twitter:** we have a very active and informative Twitter feed which depicts day to day life at Etchells.

**Follow us @EtchellsPS**





# We'll let our pupils sum it up.....



*Etchells is the door to life....follow your dreams at Etchells*

*Etchells is a family and it makes you happy*

*Etchells is where life begins.....*



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