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Head of School Mrs Jennifer Dean

Chair of Governors Mrs Cathryn Adams

Status and Character Church of England Primary School

Boys and Girls aged 4—11 years

Number of Pupils on role as of September 2024: 48

Number intended to admit in academic year 2024: 15

The School

Set in the pretty village of Fyfield, the primary aim of our school is to provide a safe, welcoming and nurturing environment.

We have strong links to the village and local church St Nicholas which helps to strengthen our family-orientated approach.

Being a small village school allows us to have very close relationships with our children and parents. Our classes are mixed and include children from more than one school year group. We expect the children to be respectful and tolerant of each other and to be positive towards their learning. The staff and Governors work hard to ensure that the school reaches out to every individual child and their needs.

We are proud to be part of the LIFE Education Trust, who strive to support their schools and ensure that "everyone flourishes".



School Values

Our school values are Courage, Creativity, Compassion and Hope. We live these values whilst maintaining a commitment to our Christian ethos. Our vision and ethos are based on believing in the Biblical test Job 8:7

"Though your beginning was small, your future will flourish indeed."

Curriculum

Information needed



The Staff

Teaching Staff	Support Staff
Executive Head: Mrs Nazif	Administrative Support Officer and
Head of School: Mrs Dean	Medical Officer: Mrs Morris
SENDCo: Mrs How	School Cook: Mrs Charles
Teacher: Mrs Vorster	Cleaning Staff: Ian Geraghty
Teacher: Miss Seeley	Cleaning Staff: Brigitte Neale
Teacher: Miss Burcher	Site Manager: Mr Gibson
Higher Learning Teaching Assistant: Mrs Spanton	
Learning Support Assistant: Mrs Snow	
Learning Support Assistant: Miss Rider	
Chair Of Governors: Mrs Adams	



Winter uniform:

White shirt (NOT polo shirt)

A purple and gold striped tie (clipped or traditional)

Charcoal grey trousers

Tartan kilt

Purple v-neck jumper, with or without a logo

Purple cardigan, with or without a logo

Grey socks/grey tights

Black leather-type shoes (not trainers)

Summer uniform:

White shirt (NOT polo shirt) purple and gold striped tie

Purple and white checked dress or playsuit

Charcoal grey shorts, trousers

White socks with the summer dress

Grey socks (if not wearing a summer dress)

Black leather-type shoes (not trainers)

PE kit:

Black shorts

Black jogging bottoms

Black or white t-shirt, with or without a logo

Black sweatshirt, with or without a logo

Plimsolls or trainers (plain, where possible)





PE Days:

Monday and Tuesday are our PE days.

Children are required to wear PE Kit for the whole day on their PE days.

Jewellery

Jewellery is limited to wearing a wrist watch and one small gold or silver stud per ear. Only one set of earrings should be worn. Jewellery will need to be removed before PE and clubs.

Make-Up:

No make-up or nail varnish is permitted.

Hair:

Long hair needs to be tied back, please note this applies to boys and girls.

Hats:

Please provide a sunhat in hot sunny weather.

Sunscreen:

Please apply to your child during hot weather before school.

Head Wear:

Religious items such as hijabs, should only be worn by those of that faith and be purple or black



The School Week

Day	Time
Monday	08.30am to 3.20pm
Tuesday	08.30am to 3.20pm
Wednesday	08.30am to 3.20pm
Thursday	08.30am to 3.20pm
Friday	08.30am to 3pm

Important: Please inform the office if your child is being collected by a friend or relative not known to the staff.

School Meals

We cook high quality school dinners on site. They are delicious, healthy, home cooked and comply with the latest nutrition guide-lines. EYFS and KS1 Children receive Government funded Free School Meals. The cost of a school dinner for Key stage two children is £2.45. School meals are paid by a cashless online system. We have a "No Nuts" policy at Dr Walkers Church of England Primary School.

School Reports

We have two progress meetings; parents receive a school report in the summer term. This has a clear format which clearly identifies what children can do.





Admission Arrangements

We follow the admissions policy agreed with Essex County Council which states:

Children living in the priority area at the time of application and determination will be allocated a place at the school, providing the application is received by the closing date. In the event of over subscription any remaining places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given.

Looked after children

Children with a sibling attending the school

Remaining applications

In the event of over subscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority. Exceptional medical circumstances (supported by medical evidence) may override the above.

Early Years Admission: Spring-Summer born children are admitted in Autumn, full time. These admissions are dealt with by Essex County Council.

Mid-year Admission: All mid-year applications are dealt with by the school. Please email office@fyfielddrwalkers.essex.sch.uk



Attendance Information

Government regulations require schools to keep a detailed record of pupil absence and to distinguish between authorized and unauthorized absences. For this reason, it is important that you phone the school office by 9am to notify the school on the first day of absence. In the case of medical or dental appointment evidence must be supplied to the school office. If a child's absence falls below 95% you will receive a letter from the Head of School inviting you to discuss the reason for the absences and to see if the school can help support your child.

A leave of absence form can be requested for extenuating circumstances; however, the school are unable to authorize absence for a family holiday.

Arrangements for Parents to visit School

New parents are welcome to make an appointment to see the school and speak with the Head of school or the Executive Headteacher. You are very welcome to our open days. Please make an appointment with the school office if you need to see your class teacher or a member of staff at any other time.

The School Organisation

Classes in our school are grouped as follows:

EYFS and Year one is taught together, Years 2 and 3 are taught together, years 4, 5 and 6 are taught together. Each child is taught at his/her own level of ability within the boundaries of the National Curriculum.

SEND Information

The schools SEND policy is based on The Special Educational Needs Code of Practice. The SENDCo, class teacher and external agencies will help identify and assess the special needs of individual children. We will use all the available resources available to the school, in order to meet the needs of every child and will attempt to make full use of external facilities where appropriate. The school's SEND Policy is updated annually and has regard for the Education Act 1993 and the Code of Practice on Special Needs.

Homework

Homework is provided for all children. The children are expected to read, learn spellings and learn times tables.

Collective Worship

As we are a Church of England School, Christian Distinctiveness is evident in our vision and values. Parents have a right to withdraw their children from the daily act of worship, should they feel it is inappropriate for them. Parents also the opportunity to withdraw their child from RE lessons.

Clubs

A range of clubs have been made available including Dodgeball, gymnastics, Arts and Crafts, Lego and Board Games and Gardening Club. The Clubs change on a termly basis. Some Clubs are paid for, while others are free of charge.

Communication with Parents

We regularly communicate with parents electronically. When children join the school, we will ask parents for email addresses and telephone numbers, so we can send emails and phone calls. Please follow us on Facebook and Instagram to see our weekly updates.

Facebook: DrWalkerCofE

Instagram: @drwalkers.life

Staff Training

Courses are identified by the School Development Plan and at professional development meetings and this training has a positive impact on the teaching and learning throughout the school.

Staff work closely together, supporting and observing each other in their professional roles as Subject leaders.

All the teaching assistants are given opportunities to attend courses that support their work in school.

Links with the community

We have close links with the community. As a church school we work closely with St Nicholas Church, we are dedicated to introducing projects that will support our local church and our local environment.

Harvest, Christmas and Easter services are held at St Nicholas Church, Fyfield Ongar or the school hall and everyone is welcome to attend.

Complaints Procedure

The school places great emphasis on a home school partnership and hopes that all problems will be dealt with speedily by informal means. The first person to consult is the child's teacher and then the Head of School, if the teacher is unable to rectify your concern, followed by the Executive Head.