



# Myland Community Primary School

*Motivating young learners and nurturing dreams*



***"There is a lot of joy in this school."***

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# Welcome to Myland Community Primary School

## Foreword: Miss Debbie Griggs, Headteacher, says:

It is my pleasure to welcome you to our fantastic school.

### Family atmosphere

What stands out the most to me in my role as Headteacher is that Myland is a wonderful community primary school with people at the heart of it. Our greatest assets are our staff, pupils and families and we all care a lot about each other. This means that despite being a large and oversubscribed school, we retain an incredibly special family feel that visitors always comment on.

### A welcoming environment

We are committed to providing a welcoming environment that inspires children to learn, stimulates their imaginations and encourages them to become confident individuals. This is a place where children can be themselves, have fun and make friends; it's also a place where they can thrive academically by being challenged in lessons that stretch them to extend their expectations of themselves.

### A broad, balanced curriculum

Our curriculum is a definite strength of our school; we have worked tirelessly to design a curriculum that is both ambitious and memorable, as well as broad and balanced. Our innovative and dynamic lessons are as rich and inspiring as our superb facilities - which allow our children to learn indoors and outdoors all year round.

### Excellent outcomes

The school has exemplary results across the board and we are recognized nationally for our expertise in teaching phonics, early reading and language. We are one of only 34 DfE-designated English hubs in the country and, in this capacity, we support other schools to improve their practice.

### Dedicated staff

Our most recent Ofsted report says we are "good school with an outstanding Early Years provision". We couldn't achieve this standard without our team of dedicated teachers and support staff, who make our school a brilliant place to learn. Careful planning and adept delivery ensure a high-quality learning experience across the range of subjects covered by the national curriculum.

### Get in touch

Our prospectus is merely the beginning of the story we'd like to tell you about Myland Community Primary School. We believe the absolute best way to sample for yourself the special, family feel that everyone talks about is to come and visit us for yourself. Please contact the school office on 01206 852109 to arrange a visit so we can get to know each other.



# School day: *settling in*



## School hours

The school opens at 8.40 a.m., with senior staff at all pupil doors available to greet the children and take messages from parents. Registration is at 8.50 a.m. and the school day ends at 3.15 p.m.

## Wraparound care

'Windmills' is our breakfast and after school provision; it's managed and staffed by school staff, so the children are all familiar with the adults. Windmills runs in our school house, which is attached to our playground. Breakfast sessions are 7.15 – 8.40 a.m. After school sessions run from 3.15 p.m. to either 4.30 p.m. or 5.45 p.m. Children attending the shorter pm session receive a light snack and those attending the longer session have a cooked tea.

## Uniform

We ask parents to support the wearing of our school uniform, as we believe it fosters a sense of belonging and pride in our school. Our school colour is gold and our uniform consists of a gold sweatshirt or cardigan with the school logo, white shirts and charcoal grey skirts or trousers.

## School meals and snacks

### School dinners

We have achieved Healthy School status and this means that lunchtime is an important part of our school day. Our nutritious and delicious school meals are prepared from scratch by our in-house catering team with locally sourced ingredients wherever possible. Our menu is regularly updated and available on the school website.

### Packed lunches

Children have the choice of bringing a packed lunch to school. We encourage parents to make these as healthy as possible. Please note, we are a nut-free school.

### Free school meals

All children in Reception to Year 2 are entitled to free school meals under the government's Universal Infant Free School Meals funding. If you receive benefits or have a low income, your child may be eligible for free school meals in Year 3 and beyond. We also encourage anyone eligible to apply for free school meals in Reception to Year 2, as this can result in additional funding for the school and help for you during holidays. Apply for free school meals on the Essex County Council website.

### Fruit, snacks and drinks

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 have access to free fruit at break times. Children in Years 3 – 6 may bring in a healthy snack from home. We encourage parents to make these as healthy as possible and have a traffic light system on our website to show the snacks that we strongly encourage, those we suggest as an occasional treat and those that are not allowed in school. All children may bring in a labelled water bottle (plain, still water only please) and will be encouraged to keep hydrated throughout the day.

# Creative curriculum: *independent, curious and successful learners*

## Developing high aspirations

We believe that all children can and will achieve, when given the right environment and support.

### Independent, curious and successful learners

Children at Myland are given opportunities to develop as independent, curious and successful learners. We encourage children to take ownership of their learning and develop high aspirations for themselves that reflect our high expectations.

### Broad and balanced curriculum

All subjects are valued at Myland Community Primary School and our curriculum reflects this. We use thematic approaches to learning based around high quality children's literature that help children become deeply engaged with their learning through topic-focused lessons and activities.

## Skills for life

We aim to deliver an inspiring and challenging curriculum that ensures children develop skills like critical thinking, problem-solving and risk-taking. We believe our curriculum promotes resilience and independence to enable success and happiness in the wider world.



## The curriculum is divided into three stages

1. Early Years Foundation Stage: from ages 0-5
2. Key Stage 1: from ages 5-7
3. Key Stage 2: from ages 7-11

### Early Years

The Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum is based on the Government's Early Learning Goals with seven areas of learning:

- Personal, Social and Emotional Development.
- Communication and Language.
- Physical Development.
- Literacy.
- Mathematics.
- Understanding the World.
- Expressive Arts and Design.

### Key Stages 1-2

Areas of the curriculum are:

- Art.
- Design and Technology.
- English.
- Geography.
- History.
- Computing.
- Maths.
- Modern Foreign Languages.
- Music.
- PE.
- PSHE.
- RE.
- Science.



# Enriched curriculum: *trips, visitors and outdoor learning*



## Educational visits and residential trips

To further enrich our curriculum, all children are offered a range of visits, both locally and further afield. Each class will go on an educational visit or have a specialist team visit them at school. These experiences are all linked to curriculum work being covered in class. Previous visits have included:

- **Science Museum, London**
- **Bewilderwood**
- **Colchester Castle**
- **Abberton Reservoir**
- **The Tower of London**
- **The London Eye**

### Local visits too!

As part of their daily learning, children will often be taken out in the local community to investigate and understand their environment. From examining infrastructure and architecture to building community links, Myland Community Primary School is a big part of the community and the community is a big part of our learning.

### Residential trips

In Year 6, children have the opportunity to take part in our annual residential visit to North Yorkshire. This always helps develop their social interactions, independence, confidence and skills for the future.

## Visitors

As well as taking the children out on adventures, we also bring the adventure into school! Recent visitors to the school have included:

- **Mad Science**
- **Opera Brava**
- **Dinosaur Experience**

## Outdoor learning

We have a small wooded area on our school field, as well as a safe, fenced pond area for the pupils to use. We are also very close to Highwoods Country Park which offers excellent opportunities for all aspects of Forest Schools.



# Inclusion: *a curriculum for all*

## Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)

### Our SEND vision statement says:

At Myland Primary School, it is our vision to support all pupils within a family-orientated, caring and considerate environment that responds to everyone's needs; emotional, learning and physical. We believe that all children should be able to make the best possible progress and we are strongly committed to ensuring that the right provision is made for any child through close work with the child, their parents and all professionals who work with the family.

### Inclusion and achievement for all

At the core of the school's ethos is that every child can achieve and every child can learn in every lesson. This sits at the centre of everything the school does. Our aim is for all children to take part in whole class teaching; children with special educational needs are supported through scaffolded work and tasks to reach the learning outcome. Our school has been very successful in this aspect with strong outcomes for all learners - not only in reading, writing and maths, but also in foundation subjects such as History, French or Art.

### SEND Support

The school has a dedicated SENCo and Inclusion Lead who supports families, pupils and teachers in ensuring children's barriers are overcome, both in the classroom and in wider school life. Our aim is for early intervention to support pupils and maximise their learning potential.

## Nurture

In our school we have a dedicated Pastoral Lead. She supports our pupils with any issues they may be having, no matter how small. Our Pastoral Lead carefully plans small group activities to support children's social, emotional and mental wellbeing. As a school, we firmly believe that for children to learn they must be happy and calm – we take great care to ensure that children receive the right support to enable them to feel happy, safe and secure at school.



# Behaviour and self-development



## Positive behaviour management

Our reputation as a happy and caring school is one of our greatest assets. We have a positive and inclusive approach to managing behaviour and believe in reinforcing good behaviour. Children are regularly rewarded for learning attitude, effort and producing high-quality work. We hold our 'Star of the Week' assembly each Friday, where one pupil from each class is nominated for exceptional behaviour or learning attitude.

## The Golden Rules

Our Golden Rules are simple and easy-to-follow:

- Do be gentle
- Do be kind and helpful
- Do be honest
- Do work hard
- Do listen
- Do look after property

Our Golden Rules are at the heart of how we manage and reward behaviour at Myland Community Primary School. We believe expectations need to be clear and simple, so very simply, following the golden rules results in rewards and breaking them may result in sanctions.

## Parental support

When we have parental support for our behaviour policy it means we can ensure our few simple rules are implemented effectively. We encourage self-discipline and when children are consistently encouraged to take responsibility at home and school the impact on personal development is magnified.



# Your child's achievements

## Feedback, assessment and planning

Assessment is an essential part of effective teaching and links to the intent of our curriculum policy - to know where children are and where they need to be. We have both formal and informal modes of assessment to ensure children have acquired the knowledge they need and identify any gaps.

## Feedback

The purpose of feedback is development. We point children in the right direction, but urge them to find and correct their own mistakes. We prompt them towards their next step to deepen their understanding, broaden their knowledge and put them in control of their development.

## Parental engagement

We value the contribution of parents and carers and work together to achieve the best outcomes for every child. Throughout the year, we hold many events where parents and carers can come and share in their child's learning. We also hold Parent/Teacher Consultations in the Autumn and Spring Terms, along with our 'Exhibition Evening' in the Summer Term. In addition, each class has an 'At Home' session each week, where the classroom is open to parents and carers, giving you an opportunity to look at your child's work, displays in the classroom and to speak informally to the classteacher.

# Clubs, sport and music



## Wide range of clubs

We run a wide variety of after-school clubs to appeal to every child. Recent examples are:

- Football.
- Netball.
- Cricket.
- Athletics.
- Rounders.
- Yoga.
- Junk modelling.
- Pop choir.
- Chess.
- Art and craft.
- Cookery.
- Board games.
- Maths games.
- School newspaper.

## Sport

Sport is especially important to us at Myland Community Primary School. We have a sports coach who teaches each class once a week, with a second session each week being taught by the class teacher. We also take part in the 'Daily Mile' and regularly take part in local, inter school sports events.

## Swimming lessons

In addition to PE and sports opportunities, children are offered swimming lessons in the summer term of Year 6 if they cannot yet swim 25 metres.

## Music

### RockSteady

Alongside curriculum-based music lessons in each class, we also offer RockSteady lessons each week. Led by a specialist music leader from RockSteady, children can learn one of the following instruments: electric guitar, bass guitar, drums, keyboard or vocals. Using their skills, children form bands and work towards performing in a termly concert for parents/ carers.

### Productions

Each phase of the school also presents a musical/drama production at various times of the year, with Year 6 rounding off their time with us with a production at the end of each summer term.

### Young Voices

We also take Years 5 and 6 every January to the O2 in London to take part in the Young Voices concert, which is an opportunity to sing as part of a massed choir of 8,000 children.



# The Myland Community Primary School Anthem

*I grow and learn everyday  
My star will shine,  
Not fade away,  
Not fade away,  
Oh...*

*At Myland School we can work as a team,  
We can fulfil our dreams,  
We are Myland School!  
Working as one we will go oh so far,  
We can reach for the stars.  
We are Myland School!*

*If times are hard,  
I have friends to help me,  
I came as one,  
But I'll leave in a team.  
We'll do our best,  
We work as one,  
We work as one.  
Oh...*

*At Myland School we can work as a team,  
We can fulfil our dreams,  
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We can reach for the stars.  
We are Myland School!*

*We are strong and we will do our best,  
Ready for life and all the rest.  
Myland, Myland.  
We are strong and we will do our best,  
With gold emblazoned on our chests.  
Myland, Myland.  
Oh...*

*At Myland School we can work as a team,  
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# Admissions and getting involved



## Admission

We are immensely proud of our wonderful school and all that it has to offer. We strongly recommend that you contact us directly to arrange a visit as we would love to show you around. Simply contact the school on 01206 852 109 to arrange an appointment.

### Starting school in reception

You will need to apply for a place by contacting the admissions team at Essex County Council. Applications are made from November to January in the year before the one in which your child is due to start school. If your application is not successful, you will be invited to join the waiting list. If you are offered a place, your child will be welcomed to the school in September. Further details can be obtained by contacting the school admissions team on 0345 603 2200.

### In-year admissions

If you wish to transfer your child into our school during any academic year you are welcome to check if we have a place in your child's year group, then visit the school and then submit your application to the admissions team. Once this has been processed your child will be able to start with us immediately.

## Getting involved

### PTA

Our PTA is formed from a band of willing parents, carers and staff who work hard throughout the year to plan and organise both social and fundraising events. The PTA supports the school and its pupils through generous extra funding for resources, visits and larger projects.

### Governors

Myland Community Primary School is lucky enough to have a team of experienced, committed and knowledgeable volunteer governors who work closely with the Headteacher and senior leadership team to oversee the strategic development of the school. Volunteer governors have been elected, nominated or co-opted from several stakeholder groups including school staff, parents and carers, the local authority and the wider community. If you would like to know more about the governors, or you would like to put yourself forward for a parent governor role, please contact the Headteacher via the school office.



# Our values and mission statement

## Our school values

Perseverance.  
Friendship.  
Responsibility.  
Honesty.  
Respect.  
Co-operation.

## Our mission statement

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and nurturing dreams.



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