



South Gloucestershire Council

Longwell Green Primary School

Vision and Values in depth

“Inspiring learning”

Ethos

A warm welcome to Longwell Green Primary School. Longwell Green Primary is a vibrant and engaging school where all who attend and work here are proud to be part of our school, and proud to be part of our extended Longwell Green family. Longwell Green Primary is a welcoming and happy place to learn and grow.

We believe we are preparing children for their future lives while helping them to appreciate, recognise and value the unique place they hold in their own lives and the lives of those they touch and how this can be used to promote mutual improvement and valuing of all. We achieve this through reaching for the highest standards and ensuring we provide a wide range of enriching experiences, all of which are underpinned by these, our vision and values.

At Longwell Green Primary School we strive to enable each child to make real contributions to their own life and the life of those around them, in part in preparation for living fulfilling and impactful lives as they grow. We want our children to develop kindness, excitement, interest and curiosity. We want them to be reflective and aware, to ask big questions and to endeavour to improve the circumstances of others. We recognise that each child is an individual and we value the achievements of all, and support others through the teaching of explicit skills to do the same.

Context

Longwell Green Primary School is privileged to have superb links with and the support of our local community and we pride ourselves on being a school that is the heart of Longwell Green. We strive to work in as a team with parents and the wider community with a keen eye on our country and our world to support pupils to growing into mindful, aware, kind, caring and well educated young people who understand the world around them as it is now and strive to make improvements to themselves and the world they live in.

Values

Working with pupils, parents and staff across the school we set out our shared values that we believe underpin all that we do. We explicitly reward and teach these values and encourage everyone in the school community to do the same. These are:

Perseverance, Helping (service to others), Responsibility, Thankfulness, Forgiveness, Courage, Hope, Truthfulness, Humility, Generosity, Respect, Wisdom, Trust, Peace, Justice, Creativity, Compassion and Friendship.

Pupils are explicitly taught of these values; through assemblies as a Whole School, Key Stage and Class, allowing the ideas to be approached as a team with the older pupils acting as role models to the younger pupils and in more detail within each class to discuss specifics pertinent to specific classes and ages. We also develop these values through implicit and explicit teaching across the entire school, they underpin each child's journey through Longwell Green.

Vision

"Inspiring Learning."

This vision underpins all that we do here at Longwell Green. We want everyone who is part of our school community to be inspired and to inspire others, be that through academic learning, self-awareness or empathy to all that is around us.

We want every child to feel this and to be a part of making this happen in school and in their day to day lives. When you think about learning and growing in all its different ways, you can split this into the following:

1. how you think about yourself (personally, academically, how you approach difficulty and how you value yourself),
2. empathising and thinking about others,
3. appreciating the world about you (and beyond) for the great things that are obvious and the small things that sometimes get missed,
4. thinking about small things and big things and having the skills and desire to ask questions and to want to find out.

Everything we do, from a maths lesson to reading with your out of year school reading buddy, from raising money for a charity you have spent time understanding and working with to thinking about the wonder in a simple leaf, we want children to be excited by their learning and their growing and all of us, parents, community, governors, staff and of course other children all work together to create this.

Aims

When trying to live out our vision, we build on all that make Longwell Green School special to provide a secure and stimulating environment. We work to create a place of happiness, of nurture and of responsibility to learn and strive to continually achieve, where all stakeholders have pride in our school and where each person is valued as an individual.

"Inspiring Learning" for life...by showing children that life is exciting, that you have the capacity to impact positive change on yourself and on others and to encourage pupils to build the understanding, attributes and skills, to be successful in the world they currently live in and the challenges and responsibilities of later life in a world that we can only imagine right now.

"Inspiring Learning" about the world we live in – nature, culture, the arts, technology, through and experiences of the arts, culture and technological developments to create love and respect for everything that this world is made of.

"Inspiring Learning" in new and exciting ways. To find excitement in the world and in all types of learning developing creative, imaginative, inventive pupils through celebrating their unique and encouraging all pupils to explore where new strengths and interest may be.

"Inspiring Learning" about how to be with others. To be empathetic, kind, a friend, forgive, show compassion and to care about each other.

"Inspiring Learning" about how to respect and love ourselves...by learning through a basis of values and morals. Inspired to be mindful of our own and others' beliefs, culture, social needs, moral viewpoint, personal ideas, mental health and physical development.

"Inspiring Learning" about how can strive to continually improve, we have and we build high expectation for every pupil and imbue this expectation in each pupil, inspiring each to want to push themselves academically, socially, spiritually and emotionally.

"Inspiring Learning" to want to learn through explicit teaching of transferable learning skills such as thoughtfulness, imagination, resilience and care to fill a child with skills which are developed to promote respect, love and to be for life-long learning.

How do we do it?

Some of the ways we create this is through:

Genuinely sharing wonder. We all get excited when we learn new things together.

We value creativity in all areas of school and we work to show children how they can bring creativity to all they do.

We are a fully inclusive school and we help children to see their own worth and the worth in all others with kindness and openness to all; to embrace what makes us each unique and to see the beauty in this.

We support children in understanding that there are risks in the world and we will unfortunately experience times that are not perfect in our lives. We support pupils to be mindful of them, to take proactive steps and to measure and mitigate risks and negative outcomes in their daily lives. This is as much about saying sorry when we have upset a friend to how you deal with a lesson you are finding tricky, from how you conduct yourself online to supporting a friend who is experiencing loss.

We make use of reflection and quiet at frequently within a week.

We value enjoyment, fun and play and help pupils to want to work hard, achieve highly and to enjoy life while they are doing it!

We explore the world through visits, visitors, and a host of other approaches.

We have high expectations of all, adults and children alike. This could be from achieving highly in an academic subject to saying thank you if someone holds open a door.

We are love what we do and we love the community we are all part of. If we are passionate about what we are teaching and learning then the children are too.

We explicitly discuss feelings - there has never been a more important time than now to support children to recognise their feelings, to understand them and learn to embrace them. We strive to help children to reflect on how they impact their own life and the lives of those around them and how they have the ability to change other's feelings through what we all choose to say and do.

We think that being a child should be full of moments that make you say "Wow!" When we stop and stare, we see that the world is full of these moments and at Longwell Green, we see it as our role to help pupils find these moments, to help create them and to celebrate them. From understanding how many minutes in an hour through to seeing the beauty in a spring bulb poking out of the ground and more.

And so much more!