



# **School Prospectus**

Dream Believe Exceed

www.willowparkprimaryschool.com

# **Our School**

Willow Park School is a SEND school for primary aged children aged 5-11. We are an independent Special school and specialise in supporting children with SEND including those with ASD and SLCN. We are a school based in Rugby Warwickshire on the grounds of Newbold on Avon RFC. We have a calm environment for children to focus on their educational development and their EHCP targets.

# **Our Vision, Our Mission and Our Aims**

Vision: Dream. Believe. Exceed.

**Mission:** With children at the heart of everything we do, we want to support and motivate children with a unique approach to develop confidence and independence. We will endeavour to reinvest profits back into the social enterprise of Willow Park to maximise the social, emotional and educational well-being of the children.

#### Aims:

- 1. To prepare children to be the best they can be in readiness for their steps in the future
- 2. To create a safe, supportive, and vibrant space for children to develop and achieve.
- 3. To celebrate each childs uniqueness, individuality, talents and achievements.
- 4. To build strong and positive relationships with families, specialists and the wider community.
- 5. To support each child to develop their independence, communication skills and develop the whole child is central at Willow Park.
- 6. To give staff high quality opportunities and training that will enhance the learning culture for our children.

### **Our School Values**

### Responsibility

To take care of ourselves, others and the environment.

### **E**njoy

To enjoy learning.

#### Self-belief

To have confidence in ourselves. We can do it!

#### **P**ositive

Even when it's tough, we can shine and achieve extraordinary things together.

#### Excellence

We try our best.

### Communicate

We take our time to communicate the best way we can.

#### **T**eamwork

Working together we can achieve.



### **Our Curriculum**

Children at Willow Park School will receive a broad and well-balanced curriculum, adapted to the needs of each individual child. The curriculum will strive to open doors for children enabling them to grow and succeed new challenges they may face, by giving them the skills and knowledge needed to do so. The curriculum will have a practical learning focus and develop key skills for life. Children will have experiences to motivate, reinforce and excite the children to succeed. All traditional subjects are taught to the children; however the delivery of the curriculum is dependent on the needs of the children. The school has a child centred approach to teaching and learning, and thus the curriculum is flexible to the needs of the children.

During their time at Willow Park children will be taught a well-planned vibrant curriculum which is underpinned by the knowledge of each individual child. Teachers at Willow Park will strive to develop transferable skills for the children enabling them to grow beyond the school. Offering children a variety of activities and resources appropriate to their age, encouraging the children to use greater independence and be an active part in their learning journey. Giving children the opportunity to engage within the world around them, supported to contribute to the local community, and begin to make choices and indicate preferences in relation to elements of their EHCP, striving for further independence. Their independence and transferable skills will be central to the learning at Willow Park in enabling the children to successfully move into their next year of education.

### **Wider Curriculum**

At Willow Park school we have facilities for children to enjoy cooking lessons and outside areas within the community. There is access to playing fields just outside our building where children will have space to explore and investigate their surroundings. Outdoor Learning gives children opportunities to develop their independence, social and physical skills. All children will also have access to our kitchen for cooking lessons where learning is fun and engaging whilst supporting their social and independent skills for life.

## **Meals and Drinks**

Children at Willow Park School will need to bring in their packed lunch for the day. They will be provided with milk and water throughout the day, and will be encouraged to access this independently. We will also provide a healthy snack in the morning.

### **School Uniform**

At Willow Park School we do not have a uniform, please ensure your child is dressed sensibly for school activities and the weather. Keep clothing plain as it may get messy!

#### Suggested clothing

- Plain t shirts and tops
- Shorts or leggings
- Trousers
- Trainers
- Comfortable flat shoes
- Jumper or cardigan
- Sun hat (in the summer)
- Coat
- Hat, scarf and gloves (in the winter)



# **Information**

#### **Inclusion and Equality**

At Willow Park School we aim for all our pupils to flourish by providing equal opportunities and access to the curriculum for all pupils whatever their ability or additional need. On occasions some pupils may need extra support to help them achieve their full potential.

As well as the classroom teacher, we have teaching assistants and together with the directors will work together with outside agencies to ensure well rounded happy learners.

#### **Safeguarding**

At Willow Park School we recognise our moral and statutory responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of all pupils. We endeavour to provide a safe and welcoming environment where pupils are respected and valued. We are alert to the signs of abuse and neglect and follow our procedures to ensure that pupils receive effective support, protection and justice.

# **Information**

#### Medical and any other issues including Medication

When pupils start school and as appropriate, parents are asked to complete a form outlining any medical history, including any allergies suffered, that we should be aware of. It is important that this record including contact details is kept up-to-date. Any changes should be immediately brought to the attention of staff at Willow Park School.

The school has responsibility for the safety and welfare of pupils and regularly reviews arrangements to ensure that the medical needs of the pupils are met at school. Currently, only prescribed medicine can be administered in school.

#### **Basic First Aid**

Basic first aid is given at school when necessary by qualified First Aiders. If the school deem that further medical attention might be needed, parents will be contacted. If an accident needs hospital attention, we will make every effort to contact parents. We ask parents to ensure all contact details are kept up-to-date so that we can make contact in an emergency. All injuries are recorded.

### **Communication**

We warmly welcome parents and carers into Willow Park School, believing we are partners in the education of your children. There are many opportunities for parents/carers to become involved in the life of the school and to gain a greater understanding of its work. We communicate in various ways, primarily through newsletters and regular email updates.

We hold workshops to keep parents/carers informed of current curriculum content. We report to parents/carers about progress and learning on a termly basis, through parent's evenings, pupil profiles and an annual written report. Staff are always happy to meet to talk through any concerns and can be contacted through email.

The school's website has a wealth of information including relevant newsletters, copies of key policies and curriculum information.

### **School Organisation and Contact**

#### **Director and Teacher**

#### Kimberley Preston

Over 10 years teaching, during this time I have worked across all key stages and a vast range of subjects, which has developed my knowledge of the curriculum. I have worked with many children with different needs, managing class teams, and working alongside external agencies. I have a desire to create a tranquil environment in which children have the best opportunity to succeed.

#### Relevant Qualifications

BA (Hons) Leisure Management and Sports Development Fully Qualified Teacher studying at Warwick University. Qualified SENDCO with Middlesex University

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