



*Wittersham  
Church of England  
Primary School*

*On a voyage of discovery;  
flourishing together in God's love*



# Welcome to Wittersham Church Of England Primary School



We warmly welcome you to Wittersham C of E Primary School and hope that our prospectus contains the essential information you need as you and your child choose their school. However, a visit to the school is the only way to really appreciate the uniqueness of what Wittersham has to offer, so please feel welcome to come and look around. We are incredibly proud of our wonderful rural school and all of the pupils who embark on their journeys as a part of our Wittersham family.

As a Church School, our Christian vision underpins our decisions and actions. The staff team and school community are inspired to ensure children feel valued, empowered and nurtured whilst developing a strong moral purpose, which embodies our Christian values of respect, kindness, self-worth/perseverance, forgiveness and love.

Children at Wittersham are treated as individuals and encouraged to develop enquiring minds, a thirst for challenge and a 'can do' attitude. Staff and governors consistently strive for high standards and excellent progress with every child at the centre of what we do. Expectations for learning and behaviour are high and our extensive extracurricular and enrichment programme highlights our commitment to the individual. We aspire for our learning community to achieve high standards by equipping them with the knowledge, skills, opportunities and experiences to inspire a lifelong love of learning in Wittersham and beyond.

At our school, we believe parents are partners in children's development and, along with our talented and committed staff working together as a school family, we can ensure that children are nurtured, empowered and successful at school.

If you haven't had the opportunity to visit our school, or would like to know more, please do contact us: we would be happy to show you around any time.

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## Our school grounds

Wittersham school is situated mid-way between Tenterden and Rye, set in an area of outstanding natural beauty and close to the church. We serve a range of rural areas and many families choose to travel in order to secure a place in our wonderful school.

Our rural location is a key element of the broad Wittersham Curriculum offered to children. We aim to utilise this at every available opportunity as we believe it further enhances children's holistic development. With large open spaces, small wooded areas, vegetable and reflection gardens, a safe and easily accessible wildlife pond as well as swimming pool there are many opportunities for children to learn and develop outside.



Respect   Kindness   Self-worth/Perseverance   Forgiveness   Love



# Compare

# Reflect

# Discover



## Our Curriculum

At Wittersham Church of England Primary School, we believe that alongside statutory requirements it is also important for children to be taught skills to equip them to be lifelong learners and to prepare them for life beyond Wittersham.

To support this, we actively develop thinking, questioning, problem solving and creative skills. In all learning opportunities we seek opportunities for children to reflect, compare and discover. These are the golden threads which weave our curriculum approach together across subjects.

Children are encouraged to become independent learners, be decisive and confident in the decisions they make, be good citizens who can develop healthy and positive relationships with others and remain healthy and resilient.

We believe that this approach is essential to a child's development as while assimilation of facts and knowledge is an essential part of learning, it is not enough to secure deep understanding. It is through finding and exploring for themselves that children can make meaningful links in their knowledge, which in turn secures their understanding.



## Our School Vision:

We strive to ensure that everyone within our community develops a love of learning and feels nurtured, valued and empowered. Our inclusive learning environment enables all to flourish and become the very best that God intended. Wittersham's Christian Values weave throughout our rich curriculum, creating a foundation of support following Jesus' example of love



“This is a happy and welcoming school. Christian values and a strong sense of community lie at the heart of this village school. Staff have caring relationships with pupils and know their families well.

Pupils respond positively to leaders' high expectations. Pupils want to do well, and they learn to persevere and not give up. They thrive within this trusting and harmonious environment.”

(Ofsted 2020)

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# Empowered

# Nurtured

# Valued



## Enrichment and First-hand experiences

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As a result of this, our enquiry based curriculum aims to inspire and motivate children to find answers for themselves. We believe this further underpins the knowledge, understanding and skills of our curriculum. The idea of this learning is to reflect our desire to explore, develop & enhance our fundamental concepts in every year group, over time.

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## School Organisation

Wittersham Church of England Primary School is a family. As we are a small rural school with 140 children on roll, we are given the unique opportunity to build strong bonds across year groups and classes. Staff and pupils build strong bonds and this enables us to ensure we support children in the most effective methods possible.

We have five classes, each with approximately 30 children in, other than our Year 6 class which has 20. Our school organisation is as follows:

- Windmill class: EYFS/Year 1
- Smugglers class: Year 1/2
- Viking class: Year 3/4
- Oxney class: Year 4/5
- Rother class: Year 6

*"An atmosphere of kindness and respect permeates the school. The headteacher and other staff are always there for pupils to talk to. Pupils are confident that any worries they have will be resolved. Pupils behave well. They say there is no bullying in the school and incidents of poor behaviour are very rare"*  
(Ofsted 2020).



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