

# SCHOOL PROSPECTUS



## **Willersey Church of England Primary School**

### **A Gloucestershire School**

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## Welcome to Willersey Primary School



Willersey Church of England Primary School is located in the Gloucestershire village of Willersey, close to St Peter's Church.

Our main building is a traditional Cotswold Stone Victorian school which has been extended and modernised over the years to provide excellent accommodation to meet the demands of education in the 21st Century.

Our aim is to ensure that every child makes the most of his or her time at Willersey School. Success is a great motivator, and all children have a right to enjoy it, regardless of where their strengths lie, be it academic achievement, artistic talent or sporting success. Equal to these are the abilities that help us to excel as people and to make a valuable contribution to society.

We encourage the development of good relationships based on friendship, honesty and loyalty as well as self-discipline and consideration for others. We appreciate enthusiasm and willingness to participate in, and enjoy, many different activities. This prospectus is designed to give you a brief overview of the school. Further information can be viewed on our website or please do not hesitate to call us.



## **Our Ethos Statement**



Willersey Church of England Primary School offers an education according to the principles and practice of the Church of England.

The school aims to serve its community by providing an education of the highest quality within the context of Christian belief and practice. It encourages an understanding of the meaning and significance of faith, and promotes Christian values through experiences it offers to all its pupils.

## **Our Vision Statement**

Willersey Church of England Primary School has a long-standing reputation for providing a caring and secure start for children in their first vital years in education. We have a committed and enthusiastic staff who are working together to create a society of fulfilled, self-motivated people who have a real understanding of the value of God's love.

The National Curriculum will be delivered as a tool to enable each child, irrespective of culture, gender, class or ability, to have every opportunity to experience quality education. We enable each individual to reach their full potential, achieve significance, confidence and self-worth, and nurture an understanding and respect for others. It is important that each child should recognise the interdependence of individuals, groups and nations and gain an understanding and appreciation of the world in which we live.

Additionally, the Teaching and Learning Policy forms the basis of what we believe is important in education, and the practices you will see at Willersey Church of England Primary School.

## Admissions



Starting school is one of the most important stages of a child's life. Most parents will know the local primary school(s) in their area. There may be only one primary school near your home or there may be several. We aim to admit everyone who wants a place at our school, but there are times when demand exceeds availability. Primary schools do not have catchment areas but they do have admissions criteria, which can be viewed at

[www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/media/2086811/gcc-admission-arrangements-determined-2020-21.pdf](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/media/2086811/gcc-admission-arrangements-determined-2020-21.pdf)

### Arrangements for Reception children

**Indicated Admission Numbers:** Every school has a maximum number of pupils that it can admit in each year group. This number is set, based upon a capacity assessment that takes into account the number of classroom spaces available, as well as ensuring that health and safety is not compromised nor the quality of teaching and learning in the school affected adversely. A list of the Published admission numbers for all Gloucestershire Schools for the current year can be downloaded from the Gloucestershire County Council website using the link above. Gloucestershire County Council is responsible for allocating places for Reception children.



**In-Year Admissions:** The Local Authority are no longer responsible for offering places to children on behalf of all schools/academies but the Local Authority does maintain the statutory duty of being responsible and aware of all pupils and vacancies within schools / academies within Gloucestershire. To apply for a place at a Community or Voluntary Controlled School, parents should therefore contact the school in the first instance.



**Oversubscription Criteria:** Where a Community or Voluntary Controlled School is oversubscribed (i.e. there are more applications than spaces available) initial applications will be made in accordance with the admission criteria.

## The School Day

Our school day starts at 8.50am and finishes at 3.15pm. The school gate is open from 8:40am and we expect children to have left the premises by 3.25pm, unless they are attending an afterschool activity. We have a break for lunch at 12.20pm. There is a morning break for the whole school, while the Key Stage 1 class also has a short break during the afternoon.

All children in KS1 are offered a free hot meal. Children in KS2 are able to order a hot meal at a cost of £2.32. Children may bring in a packed lunch, if they prefer, and a refillable water bottle.

Our KS1 children are provided with a piece of fruit / vegetable, free of charge, for a morning playtime snack so there is no need for parents to send in any food (other than a suitable packed lunch, should your child prefer this to a hot meal).



Children in KS1 receive free semi-skimmed milk until they are five years old. Once they turn five, children can continue to have milk for a small charge. Chilled milk is delivered daily to our school. The children are actively encouraged to follow a healthy diet and we ask parents to help to maintain our Healthy School status.

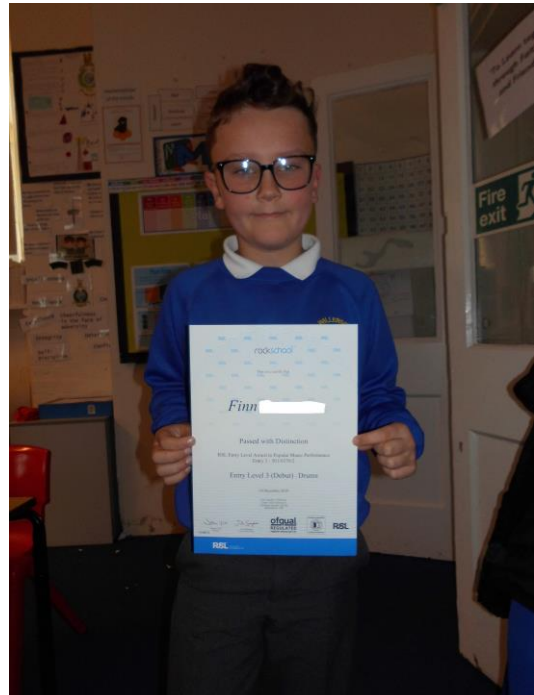
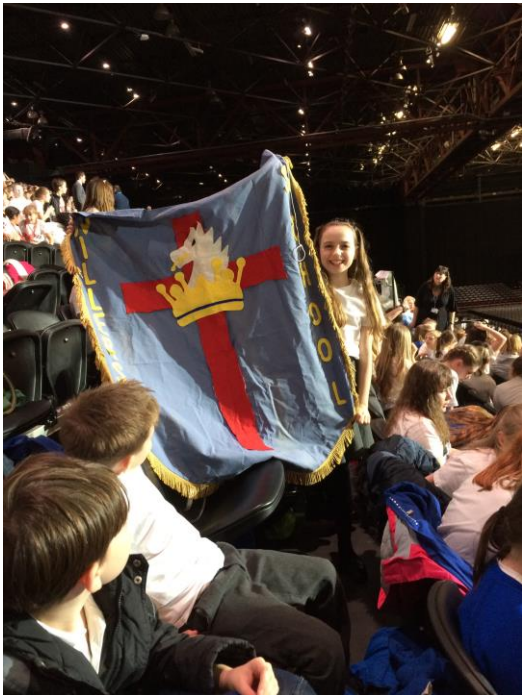
For just £2.50 per session per child, we offer an early Breakfast Club. Operating Monday to Friday, the children can come in to school at 8.00am and enjoy a healthy start to the day with toast, preserves, a selection of cereals, assorted fruit juices and milk.



## An Open Door

Although we have a security gate, we are a friendly school with an “open door”. In addition to our regular, formal parents’ consultation evenings, we are always willing to speak to parents about any educational and / or behavioural matters they may have about their child. Likewise, if we have any serious concerns about a child’s progress or behaviour we will discuss it with parents at the earliest opportunity.

We also like to celebrate the children’s successes both in and out of school and once a week our assembly is a special time for awarding certificates for hard work, good behaviour, high attainment and anything considered worthy of recognition. Children are also encouraged to share with the rest of the school their achievements in activities outside school.



## Partnerships

Willersey Primary School is an important part of the local community. We work in partnership with parents and others to enrich the education of the children. If you are interested in helping either in school, perhaps by listening to children read, or to run an afterschool club, please speak to the Headteacher. We have been able to offer a wide range of afterschool activities, particularly sports clubs, and we are very grateful to those volunteers who give up their time for the benefit of the children.

As a Church of England School, the partnership with our local parish church of St Peter's is very important to us. We make regular use of the church for special assemblies, services and festivals.

The Friends of the School (FoS) raises significant sums of money and organises social events for families. We hope that all parents will, in some small way, help with the FoS activities to provide funding for treats such as the Christmas Party, special Film Nights and contributions to projects within school.

The Board of Governors also takes a very active role within the life of the school. All members of the Board are drawn from the local community and come from many and varied walks of life.

Very important to the life at Willersey are our partnerships with other local schools. We work in a Cluster with the local primary schools of Mickleton, Blockley, St James' & Ebrington and St Catharine's to provide extended facilities and opportunities for the children.

We also work closely with Chipping Campden School, particularly for sports, maths and modern foreign languages. KS2 children swim at Evesham Swimming Pool during the academic year and the cluster schools enjoy many sporting competitions throughout the school calendar such as Cross Country, Rounders and Floorball. We work closely with Chipping Campden School and other local secondary schools where necessary, to ensure a smooth transition for the Year 6 pupils into Year 7.



## Learning and the Curriculum

We aim to foster each child's intellectual and physical ability and to provide an environment where trust, responsibility and confidence can flourish.

The school is divided into two main teaching groups – Key Stage 1 (reception, years 1 and 2) and Key Stage 2 (years 3 to 6).

During the seven years children spend at Willersey, all subjects required by the National Curriculum are covered, as well as the locally agreed Religious Education syllabus. The advantage of being a small school is that each lesson can be planned and tailored to meet the needs of the individual, small group or whole class. Our aim is to stimulate, challenge and develop each and every child to be a confident and independent learner who is ready for secondary school and is able to make a useful contribution to society.

We offer a wide range of after-school clubs: these vary over the school year, but include Floorball, Art, Homework, Nature, Singing, Dance and Sports clubs.



## Uniform

Our school uniform is available from The School Shop, 26 High Street, Evesham who also offer a full range of sports wear, iron-on or sew-in clothing labels and sports equipment.

We often have good quality second-hand uniform in school, which can be purchased for a small donation to school funds.

### Uniform List:

Willersey sweatshirt – dark royal blue with school badge  
Willersey sweat cardigan – dark royal blue with school badge  
Willersey polo t-shirt – white with school badge  
Willersey fleece – royal blue with school badge  
Willersey reversible jacket – royal blue with school badge  
PE t-shirt – royal blue with school badge  
PE shorts - navy

### Additional items

#### **COATS**

During the cold weather, please ensure your child has a warm coat, hat and if possible, some gloves.



#### **BOOK BAGS AND RUCKSACKS**

KS1 book bags and KS2 rucksacks are available for order from the School Shop in Evesham.

#### **WATER BOTTLES**

Please ensure your child brings a named water bottle in to school each day. We have an excellent water dispenser in school allowing the children to re-fill their bottles as/when required.

#### **HAIR & JEWELLERY**

Long hair must be tied back so that it doesn't get in pupils' eyes / faces as they work. This also helps to minimise the spread of head lice.

Pupils may wear a watch, and small studs or sleepers may be worn by pupils with pierced ears, but no other jewellery is permitted. Make up and nail varnish are not permitted.

#### **TECHNOLOGICAL DEVICES**

Mobile phones and devices are not permitted in school.

## Where next?



# Chipping Campden School



Willersey Primary School is a “feeder” school to Chipping Campden School, and most of our children move on to Chipping Campden in Year 7. Although Chipping Campden School draws pupils from a wide catchment area, covering 4 counties, parents must be aware that attending Willersey does not guarantee a place at Chipping Campden School.



### Further information

Our school website has lots of additional information for potential new parents including uniform details, copies of letters to parents, school newsletter, recommended websites for parents and children but you may have many questions to ask. Please feel free to call the Headteacher, Mr Mark Jackson on 01386 852646 or email us on [admin@willersey.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@willersey.gloucs.sch.uk).