



Newcroft Primary Academy

Aspiring for Excellence in all we do

2023-2024
PROSPECTUS

We have been rated **Outstanding** by Ofsted





Welcome to Our School

Newcroft Primary Academy, led by the Head Teacher, prides itself on being an exceptional school with a strong emphasis on high aspirations and resilience.

The school's dedicated team, along with supportive parents and an effective governing body, work together to provide outstanding outcomes and experiences for the students.

The pupils at Newcroft Primary Academy are known for their exceptional behavior, kindness, and willingness to support one another. They actively participate in the school's operations through the Job Centre, fostering a sense of belonging and pride within the school community.

The school's creative curriculum brings learning to life by incorporating a topic-based approach that covers the National Curriculum while offering enriching experiences to enhance the students' cultural capital. This curriculum is designed to challenge and inspire pupils, ensuring they reach their full potential and develop a passion for learning.

Newcroft Primary Academy's commitment to excellence is reflected in its consistently high academic results and its outstanding Ofsted status, confirming the school's success in delivering a quality education.



Mrs Sara Aukland, *Head teacher*



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Our Vision

At **Newcroft Primary Academy**, we provide high-quality learning experiences for all children. We prepare our pupils for future stages in their education and equip them for their futures.

- ★ Our curriculum is creative and challenging, organised through a 'topic-based' approach.
- ★ We focus on key knowledge, skills, and vocabulary as outlined in the National Curriculum.
- ★ We set high expectations to foster independence, resilience, and increase cultural capital.
- ★ Reading is at the core of our school, unlocking potential and opening doors to endless possibilities.

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Not only do Ofsted rate us as **Outstanding**, so do our parents and carers. 100% of parents shared in our recent survey that they would recommend our school to others.



'Newcroft is an absolutely amazing school and I count my lucky stars that both my girls have been given a great start in life!'

'I am so impressed with how well the teachers know their pupils and their unique traits, then apply this to their learning.'



What Makes Us Unique

Explore how we empower students to embrace their passions, cultivate critical thinking, and build a strong sense of self, all within a supportive and inspiring environment.

Sport

We are proud of our PE curriculum- every pupil at Newcroft engages in 2 hours of exciting PE each week. Pupils at Newcroft experience traditional sports such as football and gymnastics, alongside sports such as yoga and boccia. The school is committed to as many pupils as possible engaging in competitive sports and as a result, we enter a range of leagues catering for all abilities and expertise. This is complimented by our extra curricular sports on offer such as Judo, athletics and netball.

Music

Music at Newcroft takes high priority. We are lucky to have a newly furnished and renovated specialist music room. The music curriculum is exceptional and inspires large number of pupils to engage in 1:1 or small group peripatetic lessons with specialist music teachers. These lessons range from singing and choir, to band, drumming and guitar. Twelve different teachers visit us every week!

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What Makes Us Unique

Cooking

We are very lucky to have a newly renovated pupil kitchen at Newcroft where pupils can learn how to prepare food safety with increasing complexity throughout their time at Newcroft. Younger pupils learn where food comes from, how to chop and prepare food carefully and hygienically. Our older pupils become master chefs, engaging in recipe adaptations, more complex food preparation and cooking using the hobs, ovens and microwaves.

Residentials

Our pupils benefit from experiencing a wide range of trips outside of school and specialist workshops in school to help bring classroom

learning to life. In Year 2, pupils experience their first school residential with a 'sleepover' in the school hall. In Year 4, pupils experience outdoor activities and teambuilding at Conover Hall and in Year 6, pupils are very lucky to be able to visit London as their final primary school residential.

Year 6

Year 6 is a very special year at Newcroft. Pupils lead fundraising projects towards their end of year London residential, leavers events, leavers hoodie fund and their end of year treats. Staff and the wider community give Year 6 pupils a much deserved send off at the end of the year with carefully planned and memory making leavers events.

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Our Wrap around Care

We are fortunate to have school wrap around care, managed by our support staff team, operating in term time. Games, play and fun are on offer every school day in a nurturing environment. Children benefit from 'growing up' and working with the wrap around team every day.

Wrap around care is available from Pre School to Year 6. We have unlimited places and should be booked 24 hours in advance.

Breakfast Club:

7:30-8:40am, including breakfast.

After School Club:

3:15-5:30pm, including a light snack tea.

After School Clubs

We have exceptional extra-curricular clubs. Pupils are able to engage in 35-40 clubs each half term, before school, during the school day and after school. Over 90% of these clubs are free of charge to parents. The clubs on offer are based on pupil interests: from Minecraft to gardening, dodgeball to a Harry Potter Club. Newcroft has something for everyone!

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Our Commitment to You

We have an extensive record of working in partnership with parents and carers to help their children achieve their very best academically and socially. We extend this support and nurture to parents and carers who need extra help or support. Our doors are always open at Newcroft as a key service in the community.

Communication:

We use a simple online app, WEDUC, which allows parents to contact the office, make payments and message teachers and senior leaders direct from their phones. The app also allows parents to keep up to date with letters, other communication and the school calendar. We are proud to be a paperless school in communication with parents.

All children have a home school diary to help teachers and support staff communicate day to day messages with parents and carers. For information about learning and special school events, we send an online half termly newsletter to parents and the community.

Pupil Progress:

- ★ Two formal parents' evenings per year.
- ★ Mid-year report and end-of-year summative report sent to parents.



Our Curriculum

We offer a broad, creative, inclusive curriculum, with pupils gaining new knowledge and skills throughout their school journey.

Foundation

Our dedicated Foundation team are highly skilled Early Years Practitioners. We offer;

- ★ Varied and exciting opportunities provided for children.
- ★ Play-based curriculum promoting love of learning, independence, resilience, and fun.
- ★ Preparation for more formal learning in Year One and beyond.
- ★ Foundation Stage building with two classes and themed learning zones.
- ★ Outdoor learning environment open all year round.
- ★ Emphasis on messy, creative, and large-scale play.
- ★ Access to extensive grounds, woodland, and play equipment.

Phonics & Reading

Reading is central to our curriculum. Early reading and cultivating a love for reading are crucial at our school.

- ★ Phonics is taught daily for 20 minutes in Reception, Year 1, and Year 2 using Success for all Phonics.
- ★ Our phonics sessions are fun and interactive.
- ★ We continue teaching phonics in Year 3 and beyond for specific children as needed.
- ★ We utilise VRIC (Virtual Reality in the Classroom) and whole-class reading sessions to develop comprehension as children progress through school.

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Celebrating Success

We believe in rewarding the success of our pupils. We have a simple behaviour system with expectations of good behavior, respect for others and adults, and giving their all to learning.

- ★ Consistent approach using Rainbow Rules.
- ★ Positive behaviour rewarded through Dojo Points System that accumulate towards individual awards and house group totals.
- ★ Dojo Points Biannual awards assemblies to celebrate student achievements.
- ★ Presentation of trophies and medals to recognize pupils' hard work and accomplishments.

SENDco

We are lucky to have a very experienced SENDco, who supports pupils with SEND to achieve their very best in their time at Newcroft. This is achieved through extensive partnership working with their teachers, parents and wider services. Our school is extremely inclusive and we have the approach of 'every child can.'

ELSA

Mental health and wellbeing is a high priority at Newcroft. We are proud to have a consistent tiered approach to offering pupils and parents support. We have two members of staff who hold the 'Emotional Learning Support Assistant' qualification and who see children for ELSA and counselling work during the academic day. We also have a family outreach worker who can give support to parents in addition to that on offer from our pastoral team.



'All the staff have been exceptional with my child. They are so understanding of his needs, which as a parent of a SEN child, you could not ask for more!'

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Join our Helping Family

Our Partnership with our Parents:

We have strong and positive partnership between pupils, parents, and the school. We are friendly and welcoming and offer the opportunity for parents to volunteer and share skills or read with children. We are committed to safeguarding and all volunteers receive a full induction and are DBS checked.

Friends of Newcroft:

Join our strong Parent and Staff team to help raise much needed funds for the school in fun activities that benefit all of the children.

Annual highlights include:

- ★ Mothers' and Fathers' Day Secret Rooms.
- ★ Christmas and Summer Fetes.
- ★ Book Week extravaganzas.
- ★ Discos.

Pre Loved Uniform

The team are committed to helping the environment by supporting us. We sell our pre loved uniform at the end of each half term.

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Our Preschool

Learning is personalised and our excellent staff are dedicated to observing and stimulating each individual child's development, interests and progress, as well as to nurture your child's social development and build independence.

- ★ Located within our Foundation Stage setting.
- ★ Placements for children aged 3 and 4 years, up to 24 pupils per session.
- ★ Warm and caring environment.
- ★ Runs during school hours with wrap-around care available.

Curriculum:

- ★ "Learning through play" approach following the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) curriculum framework.
- ★ Focus on confidence, independence, and skills in all seven areas of learning.
- ★ Collaboration with parents to cater to individual needs.

Funding:

- ★ Up to 30 hours of FEEE (Free Early Education Entitlement) funding accepted.
- ★ Acceptance of various childcare vouchers as payment for sessions.

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The Trust is dedicated to upholding elevated standards and sparking the imaginations of young individuals.

In an ever-evolving world, the Senior Leadership Team is resolute in delivering well-rounded, motivating, and captivating learning encounters for our students. Our core values of ambition, diligence, acceptance, and honesty serve as the foundation for this endeavor.

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our schools, and our unwavering commitment to enhancing standards and augmenting the caliber of education accessible to all our students.

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'The school do a great job of dealing with my child's complex dietary needs and I want to thank you - we feel reassured as new Reception parents'

'The school has extremely dedicated teachers who every day go above and beyond to ensure that children are well looked after and enjoy their learning'

Open day

Do you have a child due to start school September 2024?

Come along to our open days to meet Mrs Aukland, our Headteacher plus senior leaders, teachers and pupil ambassadors to see our school.

Wed 13th Sept | Tues 26th Sept | Tues 6th Dec

Starting at 9.30 am

Please book your appointment
alternatively request a tour of the school.

[Book your place >>](#)

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How to apply

For applications to our Reception class you must apply through Leicestershire County Council. Applications for entry in Autumn 2024 should be made by **15th January 2024. Applications are welcome from families who live in and out of our catchment area. The vast majority of our pupils do not live in our catchment area.**

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Please note that for mid-term transfers to Newcroft, all parents must apply to Leicestershire County Council. Please contact the school for advise.

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