Timbercroft Primary School

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Welcome to Timbercroft Primary School

Thank you for thinking of joining our family at Timbercroft Primary School. All of our children and staff welcome our new starters with open arms and look forward to you all becoming part of our Timbercroft Family.

Across the year we hold a number of events where parents can come into school to see our environment and get to know everyone at Timbercroft. We are looking forward to starting our monthly parents pop in mornings and 'Big Outcome' events once again.

We hope this will be the beginning of a happy, secure and successful time for you and your child and aim to develop a supportive partnership where we can all work together. We are very much looking forward to meeting you and your child, working together to make our community bigger, brighter and better.

Julie Bailey
Acting Head of School

Rachel Mollett
Executive Headteacher

About Us

Timbercroft, as your local primary school, are committed to ensuring that the children of Plumstead grow into amazing, polite, respectful, well-behaved and confident young people. We are part of the Maritime Academy Trust, we are a Flagship School for Inclusion and we are known for our warm, welcoming happy staff, a curriculum that celebrates diversity, sensory rooms and garden, WOW days to start learning (irresistible learning with a wow factor), Aspiration and Achievement Week and BIG outcomes to showcase outcomes of learning.

Our Timbercroft teachers and support staff work brilliantly together to create a sense of family amongst the children and their parents and carers alike. By establishing such strong relationships, we ensure that the children are happy – but also challenged. We encourage risk taking and resilience in all our children, so much so, that our feedback from feeder secondary schools is always positive: '*Children who arrive at secondary school are more than well equipped for the next stage of their journey, educationally and in their wellbeing*' - Plumstead Manor, 2020

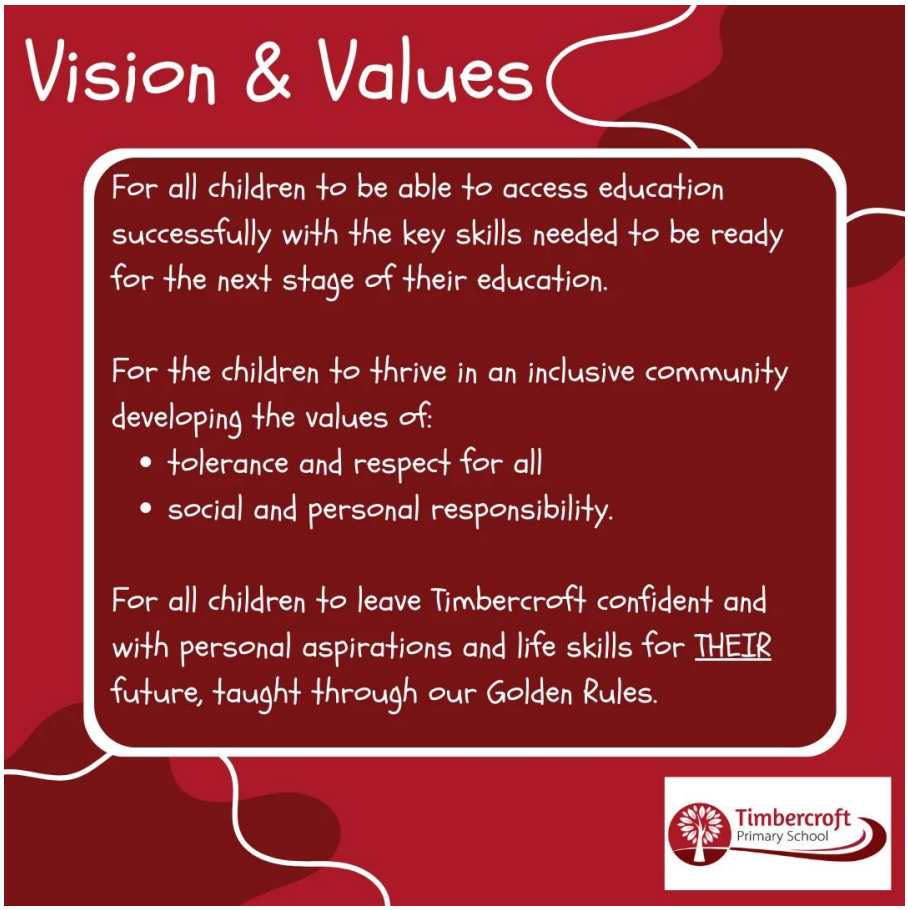
What Makes Timbercroft Unique?

We believe learning should be exciting - our ultimate aim is to provide a highly enjoyable, enhanced curriculum which not only incorporates the National Curriculum but the needs, thoughts and ideas of every learner in our school. Our revised curriculum ensures that all of our pupils are motivated, engaged and enthused about every learning experience, inspiring them to become lifelong learners developing their cultural capital for the world in which we all live. The design of the curriculum takes into account the needs of all pupils, values their diversity and allows them to make excellent progress within their learning. Children work towards an exciting exit point which we call our 'Big Outcomes' where they can share their learning with parents and friends of the school. Big outcomes encourage entrepreneurial skills, giving children an opportunity to apply their knowledge and understanding, contextualising their learning

The children and adults at Timbercroft have high expectations of behaviour and as a community we all work together to ensure that the school environment is positive and safe for all. We are an IQM Centre of Excellence and Flagship School for Inclusion and we are very proud of our wonderful, friendly, caring and committed staff and children. At the core of our ethos is the belief that all children have the right to quality first teaching as part of a broad and balanced curriculum.

We follow the Principles of Inclusion to promote equality, access, opportunity and the rights of children and staff in education and care and strive to reduce discrimination against them. This is not just with SEND, we follow this for our families with English as an additional language, ethnic minority groups, our vulnerable and disadvantaged, children with anxiety or mental health difficulties and ensure groups do not experience unconscious bias in the classroom so that all teaching and learning is adapted to support and challenge all children.

Our School Values



Key Information

Uniform

The school uniform is red/grey (trousers, skirts, dresses, jumpers, cardigans or sweatshirts) with white shirts, blouses and socks. Most items can be purchased at Casey's school wear in Blackfen.

We have our own red sweatshirts, white/red polo and T-shirts with the school logo. During hot weather, cotton dresses or shorts and T-shirts in the uniform colours may be worn.

Children should wear black plain shoes and footwear which is safe and promotes good foot health: the soles and heels should be of modest depth. They should not be of the 'flip-flop' or 'sling-back' or similar style, nor made of wood or other rigid material. If Wellington boots are worn in inclement weather, your child should bring a change of footwear for use inside school.

P.E. Kit

Children come into school in their PE kits on the days they have PE lessons

Indoor P.E.

- All children require red shorts and their house coloured T-shirts, bare feet or plimsolls. Please order from Casey's.
- Training shoes are not encouraged as they are primarily used as outdoor footwear.
- The wearing of jewellery is not permitted and long hair must be tied back.

Outdoor P.E.

- Much of course depends on the weather - in warm weather the same dress as indoor PE may be suitable.
- In the winter or during cooler weather black tracksuit bottoms are to be worn and a sweatshirt in their house colour plus sports shorts.
- Trainers or plimsolls may be worn in the playground.

All PE kits are available from Casey's School Uniform Shop in Blackfen.

Swimming Kit

Children need a one-piece costume and must wear a swimming hat and take a towel. Goggles are not permitted. Children will have to remove any earrings.

Swimming hats are required and are non-negotiable following the health and safety policy of the swimming venue.

Our School Day

Nursery Class

Morning: 8:45 am – 11:45 am
Afternoon: 12:45 pm – 3:45 pm

Reception & Key Stage 1

Drop off: 8:45 to 8:55am*
Pick up: 3:30pm

Key Stage 2

Drop off time: 8:45 to 8:55am*
Pick up 3:35pm

*All gates will close at 8:55am, if your child arrives after 8:55am they will have to enter by the main gate off Timbercroft Lane.

Parents are welcome on site at pick up time and wait outside a designated door for each year group. School staff will sign post you to the correct door for your child's year group.

Our Curriculum

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The curriculum we have developed is spiralised, building on their prior knowledge and skills, linking key subject concepts across the whole school, where each curriculum year is divided into 3 or 4 humanity based focuses. For one curriculum focus each year, children work towards an exciting exit point which we call our 'Big Outcomes' where they can share their learning with parents and friends of the school. This approach encourages entrepreneurial skills with the children planning a visit, planning what they will do to raise the money and enjoying the visit at the end of the year as a result of all of their hard work. To find out more about our curriculum, click on the link.

Our Results

Over the past 3 years, attainment and progress has continued to be above national. Children at Timbercroft tend to begin school life at low starting points. However, by the time they leave us they have made good progress that they are now working above the national expected standard.

For detailed information about our results in Timbercroft, please visit our website.

PTA

Our PTA works closely with the school to organise key events throughout the school year to raise money for different projects. The PTA is constantly growing and would love to have more parents join to work on a range of exciting future projects

Previous fundraising events have included:

- School discos throughout the year
- Christmas and Summer fayres
- Father's day and Mother's day gift stalls
- 100s club
- Easter Egg hunts
- Breakfast Reading mornings

The funds raised from recent events have help with the following projects in school:

- New playground markings
- Reading shed (which is on its way)
- Lights and speaker system

Admissions Process

Nursery

For 3 year old children in the Plumstead area, Acorn Adventures have created a highly supportive nursery environment which encourages your child to play and have fun, developing a love of learning under the guidance of a qualified teacher. Our books open for applications when your child turns 2 years old - we recommend you do this as places are filled quickly!

To apply, visit the website and click on the application form.

For KS1 &KS2

If your child is not on roll at a Greenwich school you need to complete an in-year admissions application in the Greenwich council website.

If you would like a transfer from one Greenwich school to another for educational or other reasons, you must contact the Head teacher of your child's current school to discuss the matter. If you still want to transfer schools you will need to contact School Admissions and they will advise you of vacancies, and provide a transfer form.

To apply for an in-year school place visit Royal Borough of Greenwich, Apply for a Primary School Place.

Settling Children In

At the start of the school year we take the opportunity to get to know our new families through home visits from our EYFS team. This is your opportunity to share any information you feel is important that our staff need to know about your child.

You will be provided with a date and time of when our school staff will visit you, which is organised to help us see as many families as possible in the same locations. During this period of home visits the children will be beginning their school journey with us by following a staggered start to allow them time to adapt to their new environment, adults, peers and routines. Our home visits and staggered starts will take place across the first two weeks of the Autumn term in September. Our aim is to have all of the children settled by the end of the first full week thereby causing the least disruption for families. We use our knowledge of the children from our conversations with yourselves and during our programme of settling-in to make any adaptations that are necessary to suit the needs of individual children.

In Year Admissions Process

School Meals

At Timbercroft, we ask our parents and children to commit to either having packed lunch or school dinner termly.

We are taking part in the Mayor of London scheme to offer all primary school children a free school meal every day. Therefore, there is no cost for school meals at Timbercroft for this academic year.

To find out what's on the menu, please visit our website.

Support

Children with SEN and Medical Conditions

We ensure that all learners are entitled to a “broad and balanced” curriculum and this means that wherever possible, the work that children are asked to do is varied and suited to their specific learning requirements. Teachers use carefully planned differentiated activities to enable all learners to grow in confidence, skills and knowledge, work to the best of their potential and to make progress.

It is the policy at Timbercroft Primary School to try to meet the needs of all children. We endeavour to provide a caring, happy and secure environment where each child’s true potential can be fulfilled.

We endeavour to work with “the whole child” by giving consideration to the child’s academic, physical, emotional and social needs.

We monitor progress carefully and attempt to work in partnership with parents and outside agencies to ensure we raise the level of achievement of all our children. We are committed to creating opportunities to enable all our children to succeed. This is achieved by promoting positive feelings of self-worth, high esteem, confidence and mutual respect. We are committed to an inclusive practice to ensure that children can work happily and co-operatively alongside each other.

Through careful assessment it will become clear that some learners may require more specific or targeted support. Some of these activities are available to a large number of pupils, whilst others are only available to specific children who are experiencing specific difficulties:

To see the full details on what Timbercroft specifically offers, please visit our website

Transition Ready?

We regularly support our families with the children's transition to secondary school through newsletter reminders, parent meetings, school visit discussions and conversations at the end of the school day. Our school staff will support our families to discuss their options and will share information we have received from our local secondary schools.

This year our children will be attending a wide range of secondary schools, including:

- Plumstead Manor
- Beths Grammar School
- Blackfen School for Girls
- Dartford Grammar School
- Hallie Kidbrooke
- Harris Academy Falconwood
- King Henry School
- Townley Grammar School
- Welling School
- Woolwich Polytechnic School
- Royal Greenwich Trust School
- St Paul's Academy
- Stationers' Crown Woods Academy
- The John Roan School

Wraparound Care

Timber Time is our Before and After School Childcare Provision, which is open to all our families, providing reliable childcare and flexibility for their busy lives. The children are able to take part in our daily sports clubs (which is included in the price) and a range of different activities based on the children's interests for example: Lego, arts and crafts, film evenings and cooking. All children from Reception up to Year 6 are welcome. Breakfast and Afternoon snacks are provided.

Breakfast Club runs from 7:00am to 9:00am (term time only) and it costs £4.50 per session After School Club we charge £10 per session from 3:30pm to 6:30pm (term time only). If you would like to book a place for your child, please speak to the School Office. Our wraparound provisions are currently oversubscribed but we do have a waiting list and we will get in touch when a space becomes available.

Our Parents Say

“Once your child becomes part of Timbercroft they become part of a family. Every child matters, every need is met and as a team no problem is left unsolved. Timbercroft is a happy and safe place to be”

“ My son goes to this school. It is a wonderful little school where the ethos is about the children. Very community spirited. Certainly recommend it for your little ones.”

“I like Timbercroft school for my sons because the school has a great support system when it comes to extra support for children who need more help with their learning. I have had great help from teachers and the SENCO for speech and language and my sons are happy being at Timbercroft. It shows that Timbercroft staff have helped because of their progression and how their learning has improved each and every time. Good job Timbercroft School!”

Our Children Say

" We do lots of learning and you can play with other children. You can make new friends and try new things. We have nice teachers and they help us"

'All the teachers support all of the children and they make the learning fun. We have new zones in the playground which makes playtime more fun. There is a sensory garden and a reading shed for quieter, more reflective playtimes. Fun Filled Fridays and Mufti Mondays are 'treats' that you can earn as a class if your attendance is good (above 98%).'

'I like to come and learn new things with my teachers. The teachers are all very kind and the children are all really friendly.'

'The staff are honest, caring and helpful. They care about how pupils feel. You will receive a really good education. It is a fun school to play and to make friends. You can get support when you are finding learning tricky or when you are worried about something.'

'Teachers at Timbercroft make learning fun. The topics that we study are interesting. Teachers are very helpful and they give you a clear explanation about the learning which makes it easier. Every week we have Fun Filled Fantastic Friday assembly where we celebrate our successes and have a chance to have free time if we get over 98% attendance.'

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