

SPIRE SCHOOLS

PROSPECTUS

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WELCOME.

We would like to welcome you and your child to Spire Nursery and Infant School and Spire Junior School. We aim that your time spent at our schools and your relationship with us will be happy and rewarding.

Parents and carers are always welcome in our schools. We look forward to developing a close partnership between home and school, which will help your child obtain the greatest benefit from their time with us.



AIMS

WE WORK TOGETHER TO GIVE OUR CHILDREN THE BEST...

Spire Nursery and Infant School offers:

- A 52 place Nursery with extended day care facilities in the attached Children's Centre
- A specialist Nursery for Derbyshire children with a range of additional needs including autism and PMLD
- Bright large classrooms
- A computer suite
- Large foundation unit for Reception children
- After school and breakfast clubs

A range of extra curricular clubs including Dance, Sport and Gardening

An award- winning garden used across the curriculum.

Forest Schools approach to learning.

Spire Junior School offers:

- Bright large classrooms
- A computer suite
- A comprehensive library
- A large hall and stage
- After school and breakfast clubs
- Instrumental tuition
- Extensive playing field
- A school allotment.

Our facilities contribute to a calm and well-ordered environment in which pupils feel secure and ready to learn.

Working For Our Children





ABOUT OUR SCHOOLS

SPIRE NURSERY AND INFANT SCHOOL AND SPIRE JUNIOR SCHOOL ARE BOTH SITUATED ON DERBY ROAD IN CHESTERFIELD WITHIN A FEW MINUTES WALKING DISTANCE OF EACH OTHER. BOTH SCHOOLS OCCUPY SPACIOUS SITES WITH PLAYGROUNDS AND SPORTS FIELDS.

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CURRICULUM

Nursery

The Curriculum for the Nursery is based on the Department for Education's 'Early Learning Goals' and covers six areas of learning

These six areas are offered through indoor and outdoor provision using a range of themes that stimulate young children's interest.

In addition, children are offered focussed learning opportunities to further develop language, literacy, numeracy and social skills.

The Nursery is staffed by fully qualified teachers and nursery nurses with each child being allocated a Key worker..

Spire Infant School Key Stage 1

This consists of four core subjects English, Mathematics, Science and Information Communication Technology and six Foundation subjects Art, Music, PE, Design Technology, History and Geography as well as Religious Education and Personal Social Health and Citizenship Education. Subjects are taught according to the National Curriculum using a range of themes that appeal to children including "Dinosaurs" and " Superheroes"

Spire Junior School Key Stage 2

The teaching is based on the National Curriculum for Key Stage Two. Children are taught Mathematics, English, Science, Information and Communication Technology, Religious Education, History, Geography, Physical Education, Music, Art, Design Technology, French and Personal Social Health and Citizenship Education.

We believe that a creative approach to the curriculum enables all children to learn effectively.

Assessments

Regular assessments and target setting help us to make sure that every child receives the best possible education, which is appropriate to their individual needs.

At the end of Y6, children are assessed in the core subjects of Mathematics, English and Science.

In addition to this children are effectively monitored termly and at the end of each academic year to ensure anticipated progress is being made throughout both schools.

Homework

We believe that children will benefit from a shared approach to education so we will support parents/carers in continuing the education process at home. Children are asked to read at home, practice letters, spellings and multiplication tables and as they continue into Key Stage 2, more extended activities related to the curriculum.

Learning Support

At Spire Nursery and Infant School and Spire Junior School we aim to ensure that every child reaches their full potential across the whole school curriculum. There is a firm commitment to supporting children by removing barriers to learning and promoting inclusion wherever possible.

We encourage all parents of children with special needs to visit and discuss our provision and their child's particular requirements. Both schools are accessible by children with mobility difficulties.

We aim to ensure that each child's needs are identified and met. Where necessary, and with parental consent, help will be sought from other agencies, including the health services, advisory teachers, therapists and psychologists.

Partnership with parents is essential if we are to meet children's needs: we recognise that parents have a central role as the child's educator and we aim to support parents in this role. Parents are consulted at all steps with regard to any special needs their child may have.

Gifted and Talented

Both schools work in partnership with other local schools to ensure that children with particular gifts and talents are recognised and given appropriate additional learning opportunities.





FURTHER OPPORTUNITIES

A RANGE OF ACTIVITIES ENRICHES CHILDREN'S LIVES AT BOTH SCHOOLS.

Recent activities have included:

Spire Nursery and Infant School

- Sport and Dance clubs with coaches
- Football coaching from Derby County and Chesterfield FC
- Visit to Sheffield Art Gallery
- Theatre trips
- Family Outings
- Visiting musicians dancers and theatre groups
- Visit to a Mosque
- Health Promoting Schools events
- Gardening events
- Inter-school sport events

Spire Junior School

- Residential outdoor and adventurous activity trips
- Swimming
- Instrument tuition
- Sports including athletics, football, rugby, hockey netball and golf.
- Visits to Don Valley Stadium, Linacre Woods, Lea Green and Chesterfield Town Hall.
- Links with schools in Gloucester and Uganda.
- School choir singing in the community.
- Fund raising for local charities.

We believe that a range of opportunities both in and out of the classroom contribute to the teaching and learning process.

WORKING TOGETHER WITH PARENTS

Reports and Parents Evenings

Reports are sent to all parents annually in the summer term. Parent Consultations are held three times a year for all children. Parents/carers will be invited to come into school to discuss children's progress and to look closely at their work.

Behaviour

We are all concerned with the well-being and overall development of the children in our care.

We aim to create a happy atmosphere where children are encouraged to be independent, self-disciplined and to show respect for others, both in and out of school.

Our Behaviour Policies outline school rules, and possible rewards for good behaviour and consequences for unacceptable behaviour. We work closely with parents to ensure the success of children in this important matter.

Anti-Bullying

Our schools take bullying very seriously and participate in specific anti-bullying work to create safer environments for all children. Success has been recognised by both schools receiving anti-bullying awards from the Derbyshire LEA "ABC" scheme.

Attendance

Research has shown that regular attendance at school improves attainment. We are confident that all parents will support us in making sure their child attends regularly and on time. Both schools operate a first-day response system and parents can help by making sure they contact the school to keep us informed of reasons for absence. Both schools celebrate good attendance with regular awards.



ETHOS

School Uniform

Both Governing Bodies believe that the wearing of school uniform promotes a positive image for Spire Schools and helps to create a high quality learning environment. The recommended code of dress has been agreed by Governors and offers a smart, economical and functional way to clothe children for school.

School Councils

Spire Nursery and Infant School and Spire Junior School have school councils, made up of children representing each class, who are actively involved in the decision-making processes of the schools. The school councils meet on a regular basis, which allows all children to "have a say". The ideas and views of these meetings are given serious consideration by staff and Governors.

We view parents and school staff as partners in the education of our children; we build on the work parents do, and we value their help in ensuring all children reach their potential.



CONTINUITY OF EDUCATION

SPIRE NURSERY AND INFANT SCHOOL AND SPIRE JUNIOR SCHOOL WORK VERY CLOSELY TOGETHER TO ENSURE THE BEST POSSIBLE EDUCATION ACROSS THE KEY STAGES FOR THE CHILDREN IN OUR COMMUNITY.

We believe that the transition between each phase of education should be as efficient as possible for the benefit of all children. We provide regular opportunities for children to take part in joint activities throughout the year. In the summer term, Y2 children spend the day at Spire Junior School to be ready for September. Staff at both schools work closely together to make sure that the move from Y2 to Y3 is as smooth as possible and that the high standards achieved in Spire Infant School are maintained.

We also have a close relationship with the Secondary Schools in our area. The majority of our children transfer to Parkside Community School with a small minority going to Hasland Community School. Transition programmes are in place for both Schools.



THE FUTURE

SPIRE SCHOOLS LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING TOGETHER WITH YOU TO ENSURE THE BEST POSSIBLE START IN LIFE FOR ALL CHILDREN DURING THEIR SCHOOL YEARS.

The Headteachers, Senior Leadership teams and Governing Bodies of both schools will continue to work together strategically to ensure that the education we provide will be the best possible.

The purpose of this prospectus is to enable you to form a picture of Spire Nursery and Infant School and Spire Junior School. If you would like to know more about us please contact the schools directly and we will gladly arrange a visit. We hope that you will choose to be a part of our future.

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