Rolph Church of England Primary School and Nursery

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ROLPH CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY

Welcome to
Rolph Church of England
Primary School and Nursery

On behalf of everyone in our school community, I would like to welcome you to Rolph Church of England Primary School and Nursery.

Our school vision and our core Christian values underpin everything that we do and enables our children to grow and flourish. We are proud to be a church school at the heart of our local community. This was recognised in our recent Ofsted inspection in June 2022, where we were judged to be a 'Good' school and in our SIAMS inspection in 2023 where we were judged to be a 'Good' church school with 'Excellent' features.

I passionately believe in creating a nurturing and inspiring school environment where children feel valued. This is fundamental in ensuring that children achieve their full potential. Every child at Rolph is encouraged to develop as an individual with a unique set of skills, interests and ideas.

We have high expectations of all members of our school community and enjoy forming strong partnerships between home and school. This allows us to work together to enable each child to have an education which will ensure a secure foundation for their future.

Children at Rolph are taught a broad and balanced curriculum which includes a variety of educational experiences. We also recognise the importance of developing the 'whole child' and as such, encourage our children to explore big questions and develop their sense of self.

At Rolph Church of England Primary School and Nursery, we pride ourselves on our commitment to ensuring that every child achieves their own unique potential and makes a positive contribution to our community and wider society.

We look forward to welcoming your child to our school and into our Rolph family.

Mrs Emrich
Headteacher

Vision Statement

Our vision is to foster an inclusive family environment where children cherish their childhood guided by our core Christian values.

Live LIFE and Flourish Together

Rolph's School Values

Love

Integrity

Fellowship

Endurance

Love: a feeling of strong or constant affection for and dedication to another

John 13:34-35 I give you a new command: Love each other. You must love each other just as I loved you. All people will know that you are my followers if you love each other.

Integrity: doing the right thing even when no-one is watching

Proverbs 10:9 Whoever walks in integrity walks securely, but whoever takes crooked paths will be found out.

Fellowship (Koinonia): Christian fellowship or 'togetherness'

1 John 1:6-7 So if we say that we share in life with God, but we continue living in darkness, we are liars, who don't follow the truth. We should live in the light, where God is. If we live in the light, we have fellowship with each other, and the blood sacrifice of Jesus, God's Son, washes away every sin and makes us clean.

Endurance: the ability to go on through pain or hardship

Hebrews 12:1 We have all these great people around us as examples. Their lives tell us what faith means. So, we too, should run the race that is before us and never quit. We should remove from our lives anything that would slow us down and the sin that so often makes us fall.

Rolph Nursery

We are a friendly nursery in Thorpe-le-Soken with government funded places available for all children aged two and over. We have a brand new, purpose built nursery room specifically designed to meet the needs of our very youngest children.

Rolph Nursery has a wonderful nursery team, who have many years' experience and a passion for providing the best possible care.

Our Early Years Team deliver an extensive child-initiated curriculum, which means your child will enjoy everything from arts and play to maths, language, and communication skills, with a strong emphasis on Christian values.

Our attachment to Rolph C of E Primary School ensures our Nursery children become part of our school community from the age of two, creating a seamless transition to the next stage of their educational journey.

Nursery Session Times – open during the school term
Full Day: 8:50 am – 2:50 pm
Morning Session: 8:50 am – 11:50 am
Afternoon Session: 11:50 am – 2:50 pm

Reception

When your child first starts in the Reception class, a baseline assessment will take place and their progress will then be tracked in all areas, as they work towards the Early Learning Goals. This assessment will be ongoing throughout the school year and our teaching will be adapted to suit the needs of all children. The assessments we make entail collecting evidence of your child's achievements and we very much welcome and encourage you as parents to be involved in this process by giving us information about your child's achievements at home. In the final term of Reception, you will be formally notified of your child's progress and attainment in each of the areas of learning, however, this can also be discussed with the class teacher at any time throughout the year.

Tapestry is used to record the children's observations in school. You will be set up with an account to access this and you are also able to add your own observations on there to share with the class teacher.

There are seven areas of learning that we focus on within the Early Years Foundation Stage which are provided for through a range of play based and formal activities. This varies between independent and adult-led activities.

The seven areas of learning are:
Communication and language
Physical development
Personal, social and emotional development
Literacy
Maths
Understanding of the world
Expressive arts and design

Children in our Reception classes benefit from weekly forest school lessons as well as PE lessons.

Curriculum

Rolph offers an education which provides the essential core academic skills which are built upon each year, ensuring that children have a clear route of progression and are prepared for the next stage of their school career. We strongly believe in a holistic education which develops the whole child, socially, morally, culturally and spiritually. We also believe that each child needs to be given opportunities to challenge themselves, to try new experiences and to develop a toolkit of skills that will help them to be resilient as they find their unique pathway through life. We believe that is important for each child to have a responsible attitude towards all aspects of their daily life, to respect others and to be considerate. The positive and caring environment at Rolph helps to nurture individuals who are well-balanced, confident and aspirational.

The intent behind the curriculum at Rolph is to provide a broad and rich curriculum, which includes the core subjects English, Maths, Religious Education, Computing and Science, with children also studying Humanities, Music, Modern Foreign Languages, PE, Art, Design Technology and PSHE. The curriculum is enhanced with educational trips, guest speakers, workshops and themed curriculum days, to foster a love of learning and provide opportunities which will allow children to experience a diverse and culturally enriching education.

For more information about our curriculum, please go to our curriculum pages on our school website where you will find this and further information about our curriculum intent https://rolphcofeprimary.co.uk/curriculum/

Learning Outside the Classroom

The school grounds at Rolph include large outside areas in which the children are able to join in learning beyond the classroom walls on a regular basis. This increases the likelihood of children having wider scholastic experiences which directly benefit their educational, social and emotional development. Rolph has a large playing field, playgrounds and a dedicated Early Years and Foundation Stage outdoor area.

We are also fortunate to have our very own forest school area and a trained forest school practitioner at Rolph. All classes have opportunities throughout the year to engage with forest school, in addition to outdoor learning, as part of their curriculum offer.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Extra-curricular activities are vital to your child's personal development, well-being and education. Over the course of the year there are many opportunities for your child to take part in a range of different activities both after school and as part of their learning. Children can take part in a range of clubs such as choir, rugby, construction, art, football and netball. There are opportunities for sports teams to compete throughout the year. Rolph is known locally for its performance in sporting events.

We also have daily in-house after-school wraparound care until 5.10pm. The provision is run by Rolph staff who are trained in our school procedures. A snack is available for all children and tea for those staying later. Your child can still attend some of our extra curricular clubs as well as taking advantage of these sessions until 5.10pm if needed.

The cost is tiered depending on duration of provision required. The charges are is £5.65 until 4.10pm and £11.30 to 5.10pm. Places can be booked in advance or daily, as needed.

Breakfast Club takes place in the school hall each morning, during term time, from 7.30 until 8.30 am. The cost is £5.65 per session, booked in advance through the school's Arbor app. The price includes cereal and toast with a drink and plenty of time to play and have fun.

St Michael's Church

We have a strong relationship with our local parish church St Michael's. Throughout the year, the children will enjoy a range of services, events and visits to Church. Parents and carers are often invited to attend services and celebrations that children are taking part in.

To find out more about Rolph or talk through any questions you may have, you can contact us via the school office where someone will answer your questions or arrange for a member of staff to call you back.

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