



SIDLESHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

The little school where BIG things happen





Ready

Respectful

Safe





WELCOME



WELCOME to our little school where **BIG** things happen

We hope this prospectus will give you a little insight into our school, our vision, values and ethos and how your child will be able to flourish here.

Sidlesham Primary is a friendly, caring school where all children are valued and able to grow as confident, resilient and motivated children who have a love of learning. Our aim is to ensure that all pupils achieve their full potential whilst developing their knowledge, skills and abilities in a safe, supported and nurturing environment, engaging in quality learning experiences.

At Sidlesham we focus on the development of the whole child by providing a broad and balanced curriculum. We have fantastic grounds for children to play and learn together, including our forest area.

Our school is a friendly community. Parents, carers and grandparents are welcome to come in and volunteer. Our staff are nurturing and caring and all work together to instil a lifelong love of learning in all our children.

The best way to experience Sidlesham is to come and see us in action and we look forward to welcoming you.





ABOUT US

We are a small school with 132 pupils which enables us to have a friendly, nurturing environment helping children to thrive from when they start in our Early Years Tigers class through to our Year 5/6 Huskies class.

Our focus on outdoor learning, sport and STEM activities, all enhance children's learning. Our staff frequently go above and beyond to ensure that every child in the school is able to learn and flourish.

OUR SCHOOL DOG

When you visit our school you might see Fig our school dog either sat having a cuddle with a child during reading time or a group of children interacting with her.

The children really enjoy engaging with Fig. She has a calming effect on pupils, particularly those with those who need support to regulate their emotions.

Occasionally we have a child who is a little nervous to be around a dog but our team work hard to ensure that all children feel comfortable and safe.

OUR CLASSES

When children start at Sidlesham they join our early years reception class, called Tigers. As they progress through the school they move onto the following classes: Meerkats (y1/2), Kangeroos (y2/3), Penguins (y4/5) and finally into Huskies (y 5/6).





ETHOS, VISION AND VALUES

Children come to school to be happy and successful.

Our vision, values and ethos work together to ensure that all children feel happy and safe which ensures they are able to thrive, academically, emotionally and spiritually.

Our aim is that your child and all our pupils will leave us as confident, self-assured, positive young people who love to learn, are able to contribute to the world around them and go on to achieve their dreams and aspirations. Every child is unique, with different interests, skills and passions, at our School all children are treated as individuals to be known, valued and given the chance to shine.

ETHOS

Our school is a place where children grow in confidence and self-esteem. They are excited by learning and develop an understanding of themselves as learners. Our ethos supports positive behaviour and we strive to ensure our children 'Love to Learn'. Sidlesham provides an emotionally secure and safe environment for every child, staff member, volunteer and visitor to our school.

VISION

Our vision is to nurture our children to achieve their full potential by giving them opportunities to find their passions and flourish academically, socially and emotionally in a safe and supportive community.

VALUES

Our values are embedded through everything we do here at Sidlesham to ensure that each child is valued, is respectful of others, has self belief and enthusiasm.



Respect



Kindness



Self belief



Enthusiasm



GOVERNING BODY

Governors are individuals who are elected or co-opted along with representatives of parents and staff. The governing body is responsible for setting the strategic direction of the school to ensure that our children are given the best education possible.

Our Governing body is made up of local people, staff and parents with a variety of professional backgrounds who dedicate their time to serve and lead the school in conjunction with the Headteacher. If you would like to find out more please visit the governor page on our website.

EARLY YEARS FOUNDATION STAGE (EYFS)

We believe that Early Years education provides the foundations for children to become successful learners as they grow and progress through school and onto their future education.

Our Early Years classroom is an engaging, stimulating environment which support the children to learn through our play based early years curriculum.

Before your child starts in our Tigers reception class there are plenty of opportunities to talk with staff and ask any questions regarding starting school and settling in etc.

Our Early Years teachers spend time to get to know you and your child and to build a positive relationship with you as a family.



“My children have thrived at Sidlesham since the moment they walked through the doors.”

Parent





LEARNING AND CURRICULUM

We believe that children's experience at Primary school should be woven with experiences that teach them about themselves and the world around them, offering them the chance to experience activities, visits, events and opportunities that help to shape them as young people.

Our curriculum is designed in line with National Curriculum and Government guidance. It is broad and balanced, and carefully planned to stimulate children to become independent learners who love walking through the school doors each morning.

Education is more than just learning in a classroom. We encourage each child to develop key academic skills in maths, reading and writing, alongside a curriculum that empowers them to become independent learners who challenge themselves. Every child is unique, with different interests, skills and passions and here at Sidlesham we nurture each individual child so that they can achieve their best.

LIBRARY



We have a great welcoming and well stocked school library which has been creatively set up as an Enchanted Forest to provide an inspiring place where children can choose a book, sit and read.

Having a creative reading space helps to create confident, enthusiastic readers and helps to engage children in life-long learning, enhance children's education and improves literacy levels.



"The school is committed to delivering the best education for every child in the school" *Teacher*





SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS

All children may experience some difficulties in learning from time to time during their school life. We provide equal access to the whole curriculum for all children including those with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND).

Miss Harwood is the SENCo at Sidlesham Primary School and is responsible for the arrangements in school to ensure that the needs of children with SEND are identified and their needs met. We use a wide range of support strategies to meet the needs of individuals, including pupils working in smaller groups and having additional (adult) support.

We place great emphasis on identifying pupils with additional needs as early as possible, therefore ensuring the curriculum is tailored to accommodate individual needs and allow maximum access and engagement for them. Where a child has a particular individual need, we will make adjustments to help them overcome their difficulties. Pupils with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities are supported by the Local Authority (LA) to ensure that all pupils, regardless of their specific needs, make the best possible progress in school. All schools are supported to be as inclusive as possible.

If your child has any specific educational needs please talk to us so that we can help ensure that everything possible is in place to help the child settle into school well. A copy of our SEND policy can be found on our school website.



“It is great when your child engages and you see them grow and develop” *Parent*





EXTRA CURRICULAR

We are delighted as a school to be able to offer children lots of extra-curricular activities. As well as organising special STEM days, sports and music events/activities, our pupils have a range of clubs they can choose to join, such as:

- Dodgeball
- Lego
- Taskmaster
- Choir
- Bush Craft
- Sewing
- Football
- Multi-Sport

SIDLESHAM MEDIA

@SIDLESHAMRADIO

Children have a fantastic opportunity to become junior journalists and presenters utilising our Sidlesham Radio set-up. Our own radio station helps develop speaking and listening skills and gives a real purpose and audience for their writing. Children grow in confidence getting some real life experience writing interview questions.

Previously, children have interviewed our local MP, various teachers and specific visitors, as well as creating a termly podcast with reports on sports events, activities and book reviews. You can listen to previous podcasts via @SidleshamRadio on X (previously Twitter).



“I really enjoy all the fun things
I do at school with my friends” *Pupil*





TASKMASTER

Through our innovative practice in the school we have incorporated the use of the TV show Taskmaster to develop our childrens creativity critical thinking problem solving and teamwork.

We were thrilled to have the shows creator, Alex Horne visit our school and see some of the children in action and lead a very special assembly. Here is what he thought:

“ I’d heard about the Taskmaster shenanigans at Sidlesham so wanted to see for myself what was going on. **I was blown away by the positivity, teamwork and creativity of the kids. The teachers were very impressive too!** Massively inspired!”

Alex Horne

“ I’m hoping to pass on some of their ideas to my own kids’ school and others around the country. Thank you Sidlesham Primary! ”

Alex Horne



“The Taskmaster activities are great fun to do” *Pupil*





WRAPAROUND CARE

HUMMINGBIRDS

Our wraparound care provision is called Hummingbirds and is held in our Haven space during the school week. Hummingbirds is run by school staff which provides continuity of care for the children involved.

During the morning sessions children can have breakfast of cereal or toast, and enjoy play, games, colouring and lego etc. During the afternoon sessions, depending on the weather, children are able to enjoy playing games on the field, ride bikes on the playground, play ball games and much more and are provided with a light snack and a drink. The cost to attend in £5 per hour.



Mornings:

Monday to Friday
7.30am – 8.30am

Afternoons:

Monday to Thursday
3.10pm – 5.00pm



“My child is very happy and enjoys staying for after school club”

Parent





FOREST FRIDAYS

Forest Friday is a wonderful opportunity for children to learn in a woodland environment where they are able to explore, investigate, problem solve, take risks, work cooperatively and creatively, all of which aids them to develop a variety of skills such as increased confidence, communication and knowledge.

We have a great woodland area within our school site so our children are able to take part in outdoor activities such as creating artwork, physical skills such as den building and learning to use tools safely and effectively. They also enjoy making, cooking and eating a variety of food such as apple fritters, pancakes and even nettle crisps!

Our children and staff love Forest Fridays and we are sure your child will too.

OUTSIDE SPACE AND EQUIPMENT



We have great outdoor spaces for children to play, learn and explore.

We have a large field, a woodland area, a new trim trail, two playgrounds, an enclosed pond area and a garden allotment where the children grow vegetables.



“I really like Forest Fridays and the best bit is den building” *Pupil*





SPORT

We believe that physical exercise has a vital role to play in children's physical, emotional and mental wellbeing and can enhance their wider learning. Sport plays an enormous role here at Sidlesham Primary as we know that engaging with sport with class mates can motivate and help pupils with their confidence as they can engage in friendly competition and form new friendship groups by working with others and competing with other schools in various competitions.

Our children enjoy participating in sport and are actively encouraged to have a go. Our supportive and caring ethos means that every child feels able to try and are supported by their peers. During the school year children partake in a number of whole school sports activities such as games day and sports day. There are sporting opportunities available for children during breaks and lunchtimes with the climbing wall, football, trim trail etc. The sport provision at Sidlesham has been recognised by a number of awarding bodies. We are a 'Quality Start' school and hold the Silver School Games mark.

MUSIC



All children experience learning to play the ukulele and have the opportunity to enjoy samba drumming. Through West Suessex Music Services we are able to offer your child the opportunity to receive music tuition with piano or guitar lessons in school.

Children also experience music through weekly singing assemblies with opportunities to perform for parents/carers during the school year. Children can enjoy singing by joining our choir which takes part in the national Young Voices programme, performing at the O2 Arena.



COMMUNITY

We are proud to be part of the local community and support local community events and activities where possible.

We have strong links with our local church, St Mary Our Lady in Sidlesham. Fr Chris attends assemblies and comes into school for various occasions such as the recent King's Coronation whole school event.

Our pupils are known and valued as individuals and for the contribution they make to our Sidlesham family. Being part of the Sidlesham community is so much more than an academic education; many of our pupils' parents and grandparents attended the school.

PTA

Our PTA are a vital part of our community here at Sidlesham. They organise events and activities throughout the year to raise money for the school so that all children can have access to new equipment or school trips.

During the year there are a number of activities for the children such as discos and after school cake and ice-lolly sales. Plus there are annual events such as the Christmas and Summer Fairs which are well attended and help raise vital funds for the school.

The PTA is a great way to get involved with school, meet new friends and help to make a difference.



Our School Day

School opens at 8.30am
School ends at 3.10pm

Uniform

Details of school uniform requirements are available on our website.

School Meals

Our school meals are provided by Chartwells. Further Information can be found on our website.



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