

# Deptford Park Primary School



**The world in our school**



## Deptford Park School Aims:

- Have high standards for all because every child matters.
- Provide a rich and broad curriculum, which includes opportunities for all children to learn and achieve.
- Provide opportunities for spiritual, moral, social and cultural development.
- Prepare children for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of life.
- Work in partnership with parents to raise achievement.
- Make our school an interesting and stimulating place to learn and visit.
- Take active steps to combat disadvantage and aim to provide equal opportunities for excellence.
- Make our school a safe place for everyone.
- Welcome and respect people from all races and groups.
- Help everybody feel that they have a contribution to make to the life of the school.
- Help all children see that they can be successful.
- Expect the best of all children.



# Welcome

The children, staff and governors at Deptford Park school offer a warm welcome, to you and your family. This booklet aims to tell you about life at Deptford Park, what we stand for and what we want for the children in our community. We know that choosing the right school for your child is one of the most important decisions you will make.

Our ethos is based around a holistic approach to education, supporting and developing individuals. At Deptford Park the focus is firmly fixed on learning; children's, teachers', support staff and the school's capacity for learning. We have found that

this leads to improvements in children's motivation, behaviour, engagement in learning and to their learning outcomes.

Our school is vibrant, purposeful and our children enjoy coming to school. They expect their learning to be fun. There is a wide programme of enrichment activities for children outside normal school hours. Our staff are committed to providing a challenging and inspirational curriculum that gives opportunities for everyone to achieve beyond expectations.

We are a three form entry community primary school maintained by the London Borough of Lewisham. We have a foundation stage and admit children from three to eleven years old. We believe that a primary school is at the heart of the community. We celebrate our rich diversity and encourage children to respect each other's cultures, faiths and traditions.

We work in partnership with our parents and we will encourage you to be fully involved in your child's education.

The governors are clear that the school should have high academic standards for all, but at the same time embody the broadest possible definition of education, and be open, welcoming and inclusive towards parents, children and the community. We are always working towards these aims, encapsulating them in the concept of Deptford Park – the world in our school.

We believe our school is special and helps to promote a sense of belonging and pride in our children and their families. We welcome you to our school to see for yourself how our children, parents, staff and governors are learning and working together.



# Learning with passion

“We want to engender a life long love of learning.”

Our children are from a very diverse range of social, ethnic, religious, faith and cultural backgrounds. We have many languages spoken in our school. In terms of academic ability the needs of the children are wide and varied. At Deptford Park every child really does matter. We meet the needs of every child through high quality and personalised provision.

We expect the very best from children and staff who work together to achieve a learning journey brimming with excellence and enjoyment. Our exciting, creative curriculum, supported by out of school visits, encourages our children to become confident and independent learners.

We are a forward thinking school and our commitment to technology means that our children have access to a wide, well resourced, array of ICT equipment which we keep up-to-date and add to when necessary.



## Foundation Stage

Your child will be taught by an experienced team of staff, providing them with the social skills and educational opportunities needed to ensure a smooth transition to the Reception class. Your child will have the opportunity to learn through play with a comprehensive and exciting range of activities, toys and games. Cooking, music, singing and story sessions are a regular feature.

Outside the children have access to a stimulating learning environment including a climbing frame and playhouse and large play equipment such as trikes etc. The children have access onto our large field, which is used as an outdoor classroom. The local environment is also used for visits. The staff undertake regular monitoring and assessment of your child with informal and formal feedback to parents of their progress.

We believe in education as a force for social justice. Education is the most powerful tool which children can use to change the world. We strive to eliminate any behaviour in word, action or practice, which devalues a member of our community on any grounds. Our aim is to develop our children into critical thinkers and provide them with the skills to access knowledge from a range of life experiences.

“Everyone goes the extra mile to ensure communication is good and parents are welcomed and respected as a vital part of the school.” OFSTED 06

## Our Curriculum

At Deptford Park, we provide a broad, effective curriculum set within the context of the National Curriculum. We promote the spiritual, moral, cultural, intellectual and physical development of all our children preparing them for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of adult life.

In Literacy and Numeracy attention is paid to the need for differentiation according to abilities and aptitudes. We set out to develop competent mathematicians, readers, writers, speakers and listeners.

Information Communication Technology is an integral part of all our teaching. All children have access to a computer suite for lessons in ICT. The classrooms also have other ICT equipment to support, consolidate and extend the use of the computers e.g. Valiant Roamers and Interactive Whiteboards.

Many of our children are bi-lingual and we regard this as an asset. We seek to promote a positive attitude to all languages and children are taught to value and respect each other's linguistic and cultural similarities and differences. Our children are taught French throughout the school.

We aim to offer a broad, balanced, fun, relevant and challenging curriculum at Deptford Park which is inclusive and accessible to all children whatever their ability or interest.



## School Times

### Nursery

Morning Session: 9.15am – 11.45am

Afternoon Session: 12.45pm – 3.15pm

### Main School

Reception - Year 6: 9.00am – 3.30pm

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