



Gorringe Park Primary School

Believe, Achieve, Succeed

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Welcome to Gorrington Park Primary

This prospectus is designed to give you just a flavour of our vibrant and welcoming school and the exciting learning that takes place at Gorrington.

Our Vision

"Our school inspires our children to achieve in a safe, fun environment so that they can take their next steps in life with confidence."

Inclusive and diverse

We take pride in our strong connections with the local community, and in our ethos of inclusivity which actively celebrates diversity in terms of culture, religion and race. We also ensure that children with special educational needs and disabilities are fully supported in accessing our broad and balanced curriculum, meaning that no child is educationally disadvantaged or misses out on the challenges and opportunities we offer.

Opportunities

We work hard to develop opportunities for our children and in the last few years our school has gone from strength to strength. We provide an exciting and inspirational curriculum working with experts including artists in residence to widen our curriculum offer.

High aspirations

We strongly believe that children achieve best when the school works in partnership with home. We value the opinions of our learning community and use feedback to help us improve the provision we provide for the children in our care. We have extremely high aspirations and believe in providing a stimulating learning environment where children are inspired and challenged to push themselves and take risks with their learning.

Get in touch

If you wish to come along and visit us in order to learn more about our school, we warmly welcome you to do so. Please contact us for more information or an appointment to meet me. Telephone 0208 648 1451 or Email: office@gorringtonpark.merton.sch.uk

Mrs. Pearl Harris-Coke
Headteacher

The school day

Our school hours

- Nursery (morning session): 8.30am – 11.30am
- Nursery (afternoon session): 12.30pm – 3.30pm
- Reception/Key Stages 1 and 2: 8.45am – 3.15pm

Wraparound care

The Penguin Club at Gorrington Park Primary School provides before and after-school care for our children and children from other local schools.

Uniform

We believe that it is important for children to come to school in uniform and to look smart. We ask for parents to support us in this matter. Our uniform consists of:

- A green or black school polo shirt with the school logo.
- A green or black school sweatshirt with the school logo.
- Black trousers or skirt.
- A green and white checked summer dress can be worn in hot weather.
- Black tights or white socks.
- Sensible black shoes.

School meals and snacks

We offer a wide range of delicious meals at lunchtime, including hot cooked options or sandwiches. Sample menus are available to view on our website. Children are also welcome to bring their own lunch and break time snacks from home but we do not allow crisps, biscuits, chocolate or fizzy drinks. Because of allergy risks we are a nut-free school. Meals are currently free for all children in Reception and Key Stage 1. Only water is allowed in school, except for children who have registered for our School Milk Scheme.

Our creative curriculum, a firm foundation for learning

Five key outcomes

We have five key outcomes for our children. We aim for our children to be:

1. Independent learners.
2. Knowledgeable, well balanced and resilient.
3. Creative thinkers who take risks.
4. Confident and well challenged.
5. Happy and enthusiastic lifelong learners.

We deliver this through our bespoke and innovative curriculum that delivers enriching memorable experiences for our children. Our fundamental belief is that learning should be rewarding and enjoyable and as such we have a creative curriculum that engages, stimulates and challenges children's learning.

Involving the community is an integral part of our curriculum. We welcome families and visitors into school to share in learning including assemblies and curriculum outcomes.

Music

Singing and music are an important part of our school life. The children enjoy the Steel Pans lessons and recorder is taught in Key Stages 1 and 2. Our active choir takes part in community events, and we are invested in bringing in a wider range of instruments so that every child will have a choice of musical instrument to experience. Piano and guitar tuition are available.

Modern foreign languages

At Gorrington Park Primary School we have introduced Mandarin lessons in Key Stages 1 and 2. Mandarin is increasingly becoming popular as a second language and our children thoroughly enjoy this new experience.



Enriched curriculum

Trips and visits

Whenever possible, we arrange visits to a range of places of interest to support our curriculum and to offer wider learning opportunities. Recent visits have included:

- Little Hampton.
- Local Farm.
- Golden Hinde.
- Science Museum.
- National Gallery.
- Morden Hall Park.
- The London Stadium.
- Bookfest.
- Natural History Museum.
- Kew Gardens.
- Tower Bridge.
- Theatre.
- Oval Cricket Ground.

Focus on Early Years

Our Early Years provision is a very important aspect of our school, and is delivered as part of the whole-school experience. We believe that the Early Years are a vital stage in every child's life and aim to ensure that from the Nursery years upwards, all our children are fully prepared to embrace the next step in their education.



After school clubs

We run a wide variety of after school clubs, including sports and crafts. Details are shared with parents each term.

Forest School and extended outdoor learning

Our wonderful Forest School provides opportunities for children to experience calculated and managed risks such as climbing, making fires, cooking, using tools, tackling different types of terrain and weather and problem-solving activities.

Sport and physical activity

Sport and P.E. has a high profile at Gorrington Park and we are fortunate to have a large and versatile outside space. We have several professional sports coaches here and members of Fulham Football Club and the English Cricket Board regularly run training sessions at the school; we have a Dads and Daughters football event and as part of the Merton Sports Partnership, we take part in netball and hockey tournaments alongside other schools in the Borough. All the children at Gorrington Park do the 'Daily Mile' which is proven to significantly improve physical and mental health.

Our Nurture Room

Research shows that a child learns best when they have strong self-esteem, a sense of belonging and resilience. Our Nurture room and our Nurture groups offer a short-term focused intervention which addresses barriers to learning arising from social or emotional difficulties. The groups are small, structured teaching groups for children showing signs of behavioural, social or emotional difficulties, particularly those who are experiencing disruption or distress outside school.

Home from home

Our Nurture Room is set up in such a way that it resembles a 'home'. There is a living-room area with a couch and cushions; a dining area for snack and a working area for pupils to carry out their activities. There are also lots of resources and areas to encourage play. It is set up in this way to provide the pupils with opportunities to learn, to explore strategies and to develop skills in a calm, comforting and safe environment.



Admissions and getting involved

Applications

Please note: Gorrington Park Primary School has nursery provision on site. However, attendance in the nursery does not give priority for a place in the reception class of the school.

Children will be eligible for consideration for entry to nursery from the term after their third birthday. Applications for nursery places in should be made to the London Borough of Merton.

Primary (Reception)

Gorrington Park Primary School participates in the Pan-London Co-ordinated Admission Scheme for entry to Primary and Secondary School.

In-Year

Applications outside the normal points of entry to Reception and Secondary School should be made to the London Borough of Merton.

London Borough of Merton

www.merton.gov.uk

School Admissions Team

Civic Centre, Morden, SM4 5DX

Email admissions@merton.gov.uk

Getting involved

Parent Teacher Association

The aim of our PTA is to advance the education and well-being of pupils at our school by raising money to help the school provide materials, resources and facilities for the benefit of all our children. All our parents, families and staff are welcome to be members of the PTA.

Governors

Governors are one of the largest volunteer forces in the country and have an important part to play in raising school standards. The role of the governing body is absolutely key to the effectiveness of a school.

Volunteering in school

We welcome family members into school as volunteers to assist with reading, arts and crafts and on school trips.



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