

Ashton Gate Primary School

Prospectus

As our vision and aims show, Ashton Gate Primary School is committed to the education of the whole child. We offer a curriculum which generates creativity and imagination, enabling children to reach their full potential in all areas of learning. The school is a very caring community which values the personal and social development of the children, from the Nursery to Year 6.

If you would like to visit the school, please contact the school office to arrange an appointment
Sue Willson—Headteacher

Admissions

We are a two-form entry, 60 place Primary School. We recognise that the choice of school for your child is a major decision. Consequently the Headteacher is always happy to show prospective parents around the school.

Please phone the school for a personal tour with the Headteacher, Mrs Willson.

A detailed admissions policy is available on request
From the school office

Religious Education

We are a non-denominational school. Religious education is taught according to National recommendation. The six world faiths taught as subjects, and are separate from the collective act of worship.

Collective Worship

This takes place daily for a short period of time, when the children are invited to share a moment of reflection about a range of issues and subjects discussed. If you would like to withdraw your child from collective worship, please write to the headteacher with your request, and after discussion with you, we will make an alternative provision for your child.

School Uniform

The school does have a policy that children should wear school colours. We have a royal blue school uniform with the school logo. Sweatshirts, cardigans, hats, fleeces, T-shirts are amongst a wide range of items available.

Order from our uniform website

www.swfl.co.uk/schools/AshtonGateBS31SZ

Timings of the school day

Nursery

Morning session: 9.00am to 11.30am

Afternoon session: 12.30pm to 3.00pm

All day session: 9.00am-3.00pm

Reception to Y2

8.55am—11.45am

11.45am—12.45pm lunch

12.00-1.00pm lunch (Y2)

12.45pm—3.15pm

Y3—Y6

8.55am—12.10pm

12.10pm-1.10pm lunch

1.10pm—3.15pm



Dates of the school year 2008—2009

Term 1: 3rd September to 23rd October

Term 2: 2nd November to 18th December

Term 3: 4th January to 12th February

Term 4: 22nd February to 1st April

Term 5: 19th April to 28th May

Term 6: 7th June to 23rd July

There will be 5 Staff training (INSET) DAYS within the school terms.

School lunches

The children can eat school lunches cooked and prepared on the premises, or they can bring packed lunch from home.

Lunches cost 2.00

Healthy Tuck shop

There is a tuck shop at break time selling wholemeal Toast, fruit and apple juice.

Homework guidelines

The school homework policy depends on the age and needs of the child. A copy of the policy is sent out in September and teachers give greater detail in their termly newsletters.

Out of School Care

Breakfast club is available from 8.00am—8.45am
After School Club is available from 3.15pm-6.00pm
Holiday Playscheme is available throughout most of the school holidays .

Administrator: Tel: 0117 9833426

Equal Opportunities & Equal Access

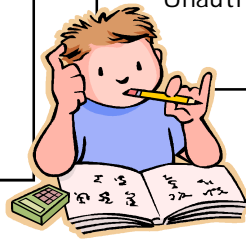
We believe in making every aspect of school life available to each individual, with equal respect to all. The Governors aim to ensure that the building and the curriculum can be adapted to support extra needs if necessary.

Absence

Our overall attendance target was 94%, we achieved 93.7%

Authorised absence: 6.3%

Unauthorised absence: 0.4%



Special Educational Needs

We are committed to providing additional support for children with special educational needs. Our current 'SEN policy' is available from the office.

Our team of Learning Support Staff are qualified in a range of skills and very ably assist the teachers to support children with special educational needs. We place importance in specific training for specialist staff. The team of LSA's are led by a Special Educational Needs co-ordinator who liaises with outside agencies, parents and teachers. The school uses the services of Bristol Special Needs Service, including emotional and behavioural support and learning support. We also use the school psychology service, speech therapy and occupational

PTA

We have a very committed and active PTA. All parents are welcome to join—please email PTA@ashtongate.bristol.sch.uk for further information. Over the last few years they have raised thousands of pounds. At the moment they are funding the refurbishment of our library.

Early Years Curriculum

This is very distinctive in its creative, child-centred and active approach which is necessary to meet the needs of young children. Staff at Ashton Gate are committed to this: children will receive a full and rich experience which will give them a sound basis for education in future years.

ICT

We have excellent resources at Ashton Gate with two mobile labs and wireless connectivity throughout the school. Every classroom has an interactive whiteboard and teachers can confidently use ICT in all areas of the curriculum.

The curriculum....

All classteachers send home newsletters once per term, giving information about the specific curriculum areas for that term. Teachers plan your children's education from a range of sources:

- The National Curriculum guidelines
- School Schemes of work, which specify the curriculum in more detail
- The Primary Strategy for Literacy and Numeracy

If you wish to know more detail about what your child is learning, the best plan is to talk to your child's Classteacher, who can talk you through the various documents. The documents are available to be looked at within the school.



Sports at Ashton Gate

Our grounds are limited, so we make the best of what we have.

All KS2 children to learn to swim 25 metres at Bristol South Baths by the time they leave Ashton Gate.

We have developed close links with Ashton Park School and regularly make use of its expertise.

School Policies

There are about 100 school policies! Should you wish detail on any school policy, please make an appointment with the Headteacher, who can go over the policy with you.

Complaints Procedure

We believe in the importance of individual attention, immediate action, and dialogue, if there are any issues of concern at Ashton Gate. We believe that most concerns are best resolved informally.

The suggested informal procedure is to:

1. Make an appointment to talk to your child's classteacher about any issue of concern within the classroom
2. If you are unhappy with the outcome, make an appointment to talk with the key stage leader
3. If the matter remains unresolved, please make an appointment with the deputy head teacher or headteacher



If your issue or concern is of a sensitive nature concerning an adult please make an appointment with the headteacher straight away.

If you continue to be unhappy with the manner or outcome of your issue of concern, please write confidentially to the Chair of Governors, c/o the school office. A copy of the Complaints Procedure is available from the school.

The school is committed to the protection and safety of its pupils

