

Meet the Parents Curriculum Overview October 2016

Within the primary department this year, we welcome many new staff members, myself included. Our vision at Woodside is simple - to put our children and young people first every time. We want to make a difference to the lives of our children and their families, ensuring that:

- communication is at the heart of everything we do,
- teaching is unswervingly personalised so children and young people actively and meaningfully engage in learning.

We intend to create a school that nurtures the holistic development of the child and young person:

- that helps pupils build upon their individual strengths and interests,
- and actively encourages pupils to exercise control over their lives,
- where pupils' voice is respected and listened to, however subtle or loud.

Our approach is based on enquiry learning; finding out the answer to a big question. Every student's learning journey each academic year includes a combination of whole school termly topics and projects. This themed approach motivates the children and creates enthusiasm for their learning. This approach also enables them to become increasingly independent. Literacy and maths are taught every day and are very much a focus within our curriculum. Teaching is approached both formally and discreetly as part of more life skilled based approaches to learning promoting self-regulation and independence. Students have access to weekly swimming sessions at Erith Leisure Centre.

Pupil, family and staff engagement is extremely important to us and we endeavour to provide all our children and young people with memorable experiences that will truly enrich their lives. We strive to involve the whole school community in making Woodside a safe, happy, forward-thinking and truly outstanding place for our pupils to learn. Our specialist, multi-disciplinary staff team have high expectations of our pupils and we aim to provide the kind of special education which families want for their children. We strive for nothing short of excellence in all that we do. We are never complacent about our achievements and are always looking for ways to improve our practice further. We see our pupils' time at Woodside School as just the first part of their journey and we want them to leave us as confident, lifelong learners.

We very much look forward to working with you and your children over the forthcoming academic year and beyond.

Kind regards,

Leigh Bailey Assistant head teacher KS 1&2

Woodside IPC Route

Planner Primary 2016/2017

	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Subject Focus	Society	History	DT/Art	Science	Geography
KS 1&2	Let's Celebrate	The Magic Toymaker	Circus	Live and Let Live	Hooray! Let's go on Holiday