

Queen Eleanor's Church of England Junior School
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# **Our School Vision**

A caring, supportive community, grounded in a Christian ethos, where children are inspired to explore their potential and develop skills for life.





# **Our Curriculum Vision**

Our school curriculum aims to challenge each pupil and inspire a love of learning. It will encourage creative thinking and risk taking to build confidence and self-belief.

To enable this our curriculum will make the most of the school environment, including outdoor learning, with an emphasis on practical skills and pupils progression during their time in school, all with a clear purpose for learning.

Christian values, PSHE and SMSC will all be embedded throughout the curriculum along with our school values of compassion, forgiveness, truthfulness and courage, celebrating the diversity within our school and valuing the whole person.





Please visit our School Website: <a href="https://www.queen-eleanors.surrey.sch.uk/">https://www.queen-eleanors.surrey.sch.uk/</a>



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# **Frequently Asked Questions**

Please do not hesitate to contact the School Office via email or telephone if you have any further questions.

#### 1. What time does school start and finish?

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, in order to avoid the mixing of year groups, Years 3&5 currently start at 8.45am and finish at 3.15pm and Years 4&6 start at 9.00am and finish at 3.30pm. Our normal school hours are 8.30am-3.15pm.

#### 2. How are the Year 3 classes decided?

The children are asked to choose two friends whom they would like to be in a class with and we guarantee that they will be in a class with at least one of those. The SENCO (Special Educational Needs Coordinator) and Year 3 Team then meet with the Infant Schools and following that discussion, classes are formed.

# 3. When will I find out what Year 3 class my child/ren will be in?

The day before the Year 3 Transition Day, a letter will be sent to you introducing the name of the Year 3 class your child will be in and the class teacher.

#### 4. What Transition opportunities will my child/ren have?

In the summer term, your child/ren will be invited to a Transition day, where they will have the opportunity to spend the day with their new class teacher. Whilst visiting the school, they will be given a tour of the school and have the opportunity to meet other staff members and Queen Eleanor's children. The Year 3 Team will also visit the children at their Infant Schools.

# 5. Do the classes change each year?

We will only change classes at the end of an academic year, if a number of children leave/new children join or the dynamic of the class is unbalanced.

# 6. Are the children streamed for English and Mathematics?

The children all work in mixed ability class groups and work is set according to their ability. In Mathematics, we follow the White Rose Maths Scheme where the children are given an enabling prompt, which allows them to access the lesson more easily if they are having difficulties and an extending prompt for the more able children. In English, three levels of challenge are planned for and we call this the chilli challenge. The children choose whether they complete Chilli 1, 2 or 3 depending on how confident they feel with the day's lesson. Chilli challenge is also in place for the foundation subjects.

#### 7. What homework will my child/ren be expected to complete?

In Year 3, the children will be given a weekly Mathematics and English task, spellings, times tables and will be expected to read each night.



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# 8. What Physical Education provision is in place?

We have a qualified Sports Coach and all children receive two hours of physical education every week. One of these lessons is games based whilst the other is gym or dance. During the warmer months, the children all receive one swimming lesson during one of these PE lessons.

9. What day trips and residential trips will my child/ren have the opportunity to take part in?

Day trips and in school workshops are planned in to the topic for each term. Residential trips take place in Year 4 Ironbridge) and Year 6 (Isle of White, PGL).

#### 10. What clubs are on offer at Queen Eleanor's?

We have a school led breakfast club and an after school club led by an external provider called Hoptune. We also run a number of sports, crafts, homework, coding, music and art clubs at Queen Eleanor's. These clubs usually run between 3.15pm and 4.30pm. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, we have a limited number of these clubs running at present. Surrey Arts provide individual music lessons for children and these are held in school during the school day.

# 11. What Special Educational Needs Provision do you have at Queen Eleanor's?

We have many Teaching Assistants who work 1:1 with children with Educational Health Care Plans and others who support in the classroom and carry out interventions both in and out of the classroom. Every Friday (before COVID-19), we welcome into school a Pets for Therapy dog. This is a valuable resource, which allows the children to interact, read to and relax with a specially trained dog. We have an ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant) trained Teaching Assistant who supports the social, emotional and mental health needs of pupils and a HSLW (Home School Link Worker) who works with children and families who are struggling and are in need of support.

#### 12. Queen Eleanor's is a Church of England School but do you celebrate all faiths?

Yes – throughout the school year, collective worship takes place and Religious festivals of all denominations are celebrated as a whole school. Religious Education lessons do follow a Christian curriculum but also look into different religions, their traditions and beliefs. We attend All Saints Church and the Guildford Cathedral, for a variety of services but also make visits to other religious places of worship e.g. a local Mosque. Children are not required to pray during collective worship but they are asked to sit quietly and be respectful during this time.