



**RODMARTON
PRIMARY SCHOOL**



PROSPECTUS

Welcome



Welcome to our village school. The school aims to provide an excellent education for all of its pupils and is ever mindful of its obligations to provide support in order to fulfil the potential of all pupils within its varied curriculum, enabling them to enjoy learning. The local community has developed strong links with the school over the years and The Friends of the School are actively engaged in yearly fundraising projects to help the school with equipment. Parents are represented on our Governing Body and we are always keen to hear and consider the views of the parents of all our pupils.

Mr J. Biddulph Chair of Governors

Our school lies in an idyllic location in the heart of the village of Rodmarton.

The school is surrounded by and has access to fields and woodland.

The school's accommodation includes 3 classrooms split over two floors, library, a resource/computer suite, PPA/group work space, school office and Head teacher's office. A hectare sports field at the back of the school is used for physical education, afterschool clubs and play. The spacious village hall next door is used for school meals, physical education, collective worship, assemblies, drama, after school clubs and whole school activities.

At Rodmarton, everyone has an important role to play and is valued, treated with respect and encouraged to achieve their full potential. There is a strong partnership between all members of the community, with parents actively involved in the daily life of the school, including listening to readers or helping out within the classroom or with school trips.

As a school community we believe the ethos of the school to be built on a foundation of core British values such as honesty, respect, happiness, responsibility and tolerance. These will at all times be addressed directly through lessons and the acts of worship programme but they also permeate the whole curriculum. They are the basis of the social, intellectual, emotional, spiritual and moral development of each child. We encourage pupils to consider these values, whilst developing knowledge, skills and attitudes that enable them to become reflective learners and grow into responsible citizens equipped to thrive in modern Britain.

At Rodmarton Primary School we want pupils and staff to be happy, learn together and be successful in all that they do. To achieve this, the community are helped to feel safe and encouraged to progress within a safe, idyllic and stimulating environment which makes best use of the excellent outdoor learning opportunities in the fields and woodland adjoining the school.

We have a highly skilled team of teaching and support staff who promote in pupils a thirst for learning. They expect everyone to be challenged, experience success and be encouraged to ask questions of themselves and others.

When our pupils leave we want them to be better equipped to:

- Communicate ideas and information
- Exercise judgement and responsibility
- Make rational and informed decisions
- Plan and organise
- Collaborate with others

They will have the qualities of:

- Self-confidence, optimism, high self-esteem and a commitment to personal excellence.
- They will be confident, creative and productive users of new technologies as well as being literate, numerate and equipped with the basic skills necessary to fulfil their potential.
- They will have an understanding of, and concern, for the care of the natural environment, with the knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary to establish and maintain a healthy lifestyle.

This will result in them being active and informed citizens who are ready to take their goals further into their potential life roles as family, community and workforce members.



School aims

To ensure our curriculum is delivered with high quality teaching

To instil awareness of community, moral values and spirituality

To develop a caring empathy where people behave well and are tolerant of other's views

To use the expertise of parents and the wider community

To have in place a quality scheme of monitoring, evaluation and review in all areas of school life

To ensure every child will achieve and feel positive to move forward to the best of their ability

To celebrate success at every opportunity

To ensure every pupil will leave us with a high degree of self-confidence, the ability to make informed decisions and with a commitment to personal excellence

To encourage each member of the school community to recognise themselves as lifelong learners

The Friends of Rodmarton School

The thriving Parents Association is called "The Friends of Rodmarton". It functions in the same way as Parent Associations in other schools. The committee is elected at the Annual General Meeting, and consists of parents and staff. The functions of the association include:

- To provide a social link between pupils, parents, staff and friends of the school
- To provide practical support where needed in extra-curricular activities
- To support activities in the classroom
- To hold fundraising events to supplement school funds

Forest School

We use the beautiful environment that surrounds the school as much as possible to extend our learning outside the classroom. We started our Forest School back in 2010 and have a trained Forest School Leader within our staff.

The Forest School concept originated in Scandinavia and arrived in Britain back in 1995. Children learn through exploration and experimentation. The quality of learning is enhanced by interested and motivated adults supporting and extending the children's interests. Being in an outdoor environment requires creative and wider thinking that does not simply transfer the indoors to the outdoors. A holistic approach to the delivery of the curriculum, with the emphasis on personalised learning in an environment that is not resource driven, is facilitated. The children learn to use tools, build structures, manage risk, and investigate wild life as well as using the rich source of experience in their classroom learning.

Education such as this, has huge implications for the attitudes, health and wellbeing of our young people. We need to encourage empathy and understanding of the natural world. Forest School does this as well as delivering a vast amount of rich learning, deep, crucial thinking and above all enjoyment.



Transport to school

Rodmarton has a school bus provided through Gloucestershire County Council transporting children to and from Tetbury and Culkerton.

“ Warm welcoming friendly atmosphere ”

“I like that the school has really friendly teachers and that all lessons are really good”



“Lots of people come and do fun subjects at my school”

“Just wait till you see the woodland and fields that we play in”



“Happy atmosphere with good playing field”

“I like that everybody is kind to each other and everybody plays nicely with each other”



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