



# Oxenhope CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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“Believe  
and  
achieve”

## Welcome

# FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

I am thrilled to be leading such a wonderful school, where the children are thoughtful, caring and excited to learn. Oxenhope Primary School is a safe, welcoming and nurturing environment that offers a sense of belonging and I feel it is an honour to be in a position to serve a community where family and faith are at its heart.

We are innovative, aspirational and consistent in our approach, constantly reflecting on our practice. We are driven to make learning creative, stimulating, inclusive and fun with lots of

challenge, setting ambitious goals for the future.

We view our school as a family and we pride ourselves that we know each and every child inside and out. We do our best to help each child find their strengths and talents so that they will flourish and be challenged. Teaching allows us to make a difference and have a positive impact on childrens' lives, which I never take for granted. My passion is to provide our children with a learning experience which will provide them with the skills to be successful individuals. I feel that we have a school

which balances a rich and varied curriculum with the rigour of high expectations.

One aspect which I believe is crucial to the success of the children is the partnership between the school and the parents. It is my belief that families are the most important educators of children, therefore we endeavour to make school life feel like an extension of the child's family.

We strongly believe in the whole child, nurturing social as well as academic skills. We have a

curriculum which embeds skills and promotes questioning and a love of learning, which will ensure that each child is fully equipped to take on the world around them. We know our children will enjoy and flourish as part of the Oxenhope Experience.

We offer our children a vast range of opportunities to light the spark of their learning, giving them the skills and tools they need to take off and fly!

“A vibrant school community where everyone is welcome”



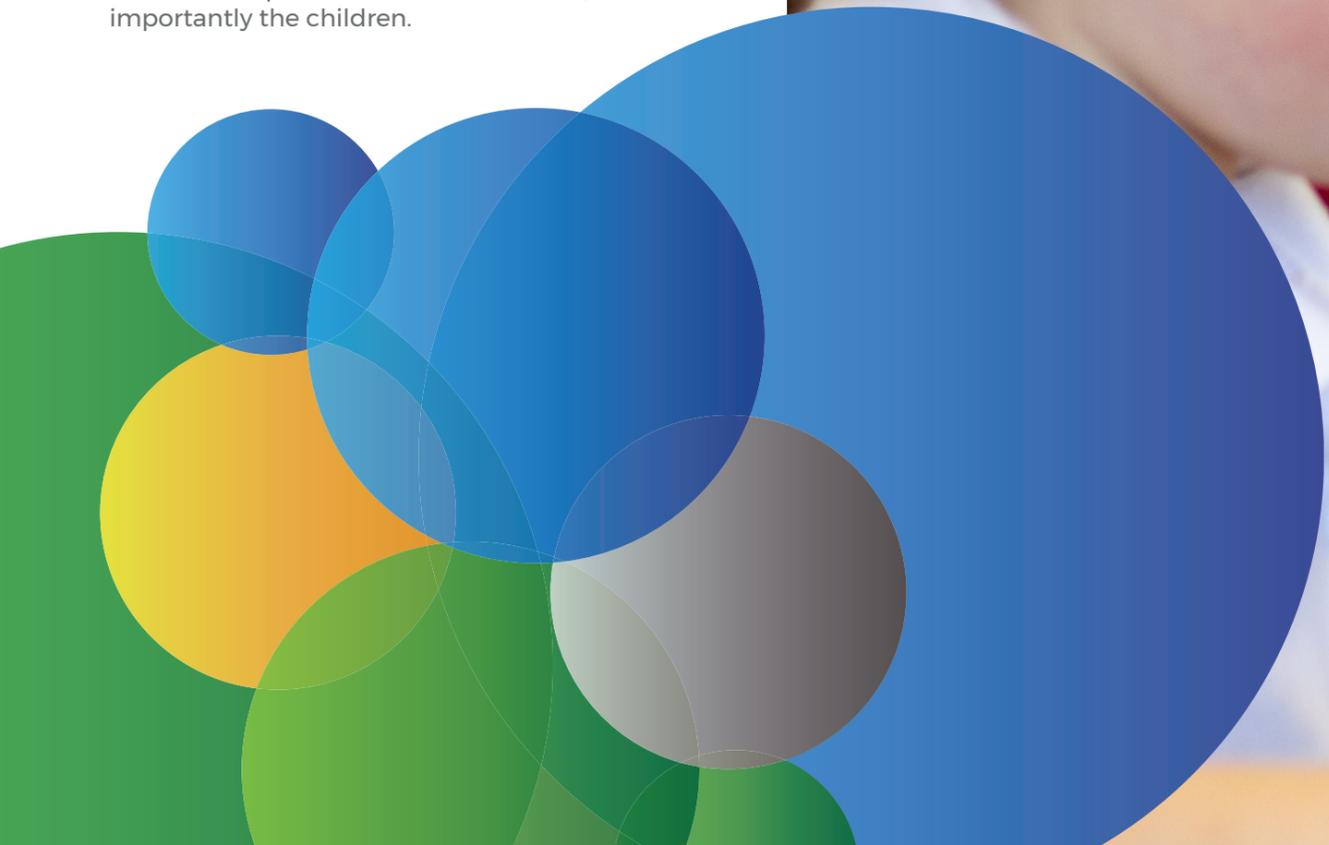
# MISSION STATEMENT

At Oxenhope CE Primary School our goal is to provide an environment allowing each child to reach their full potential within a caring, happy and secure community, based on Christian belief and practice. Through active, inclusive teaching and learning for children we will work in partnership with parents to create a school where each individual has the opportunity to develop and achieve.

# OUR VALUES

Oxenhope CE Primary School is a school where we value education, we value the individual and we value each other. We believe that Primary Education is a critical stage in children's development - it shapes them for life. As well as giving them the essential tools for learning, Primary Education is about children experiencing the joy of discovery, solving problems, being creative in writing, arts and music, developing their self-confidence as learners and maturing socially and emotionally.

We want everyone to have a sense of community and to take pride in our school. We want individuals to value themselves and others and to treat each other with kindness and respect. This is what we expect and demand within our school community. We have involved all stakeholders in the development of our school ethos, most importantly the children.





## CURRICULUM

Oxenhope CE Primary School's broad and balanced curriculum is designed to stimulate and nurture each child's developmental needs. Whole class, group and individual teaching approaches are used to ensure that every child's potential is fully realised. The school understands that, for a child to succeed academically, importance must be placed on their happiness, well-being and security. One of our strengths is achieving this aim.

The curriculum is designed to contribute to children developing lifelong learning skills. It focuses on developing skills as well as knowledge and is organised to ensure children receive a wide range of stimulating opportunities for learning during their school life.



## SAFEGUARDING AND WELLBEING

The school has a wide range of Safeguarding policies and procedures. Our child protection policy is available on request and can be found on the school website. All staff are made aware of the procedures in place in relation to Safeguarding through the school's induction process.

In addition to this, the school has a wide variety of policies and procedures relating to health and safety. Part of this includes our medication policy and procedures. These are available on request and should you need to discuss these further, please contact your child's teacher or the school office.

## OUR AIMS

The aims of our school are to:

- **Provide** a caring, exciting and stimulating environment for all pupils, which encourages each individual to achieve his/her own potential – academically, socially, physically, morally and spiritually; so that all children move on with confidence and have positive memories of their time with us.
- **Encourage** the spiritual development of all in the school community, both through the special character of the school's religious education and Christian worship, and the incorporation of Christian values and beliefs in all teaching and learning in school. This includes teaching an awareness, understanding and respect for other major faiths and belief systems.
- **Build** the strong links between school, home, the local, wider and global community and to emphasise that education is a partnership between home and school.
- **Foster** a greater awareness and care of the environment and local, wider and global community in which we all live.
- **Deliver** an education of the highest possible standard across the whole curriculum, which will provide all our pupils with a firm base for future academic development and a love of learning.





## RE AND COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

Our School is a Church of England school, and as such maintains the traditions and doctrines of the Anglican Church. The links between school and church are strong and the school holds services for major Christian festivals at Christmas and Easter at St. Mary's church, to which the local community are always invited. Invariably, the church is packed for such services. In addition, the school Harvest Festival is held in church, as is the annual Year 6 Leaver's Service. The church itself is used as a resource to support R.E. work, as appropriate, across differing age ranges.

**Collective Worship:** There is an act of Collective Worship each day which is a legal requirement. This is a special time in our school day, central to our Christian foundation and ethos, when the school community comes together to pause and reflect. Themes are chosen to give the children opportunity to think about Christian teaching and how it influences our moral, social and ethical choices.



## RAISING STANDARDS

Our school expects high standards to be set and achieved in all areas by staff and children. This includes behaviour, the way we interact with each other and in every day teaching and learning. We are proud of the standards the children achieve at the school. Over the past 3 years the children have exceeded national standards in reading, writing and maths both at the end of Key Stage 1 (Year 2) and Key Stage 2 (Year 6). We will continue to work hard to further improve the achievement of all children.

Individual ambitious targets are set for all children at the start of each academic year. These are shared with parents and progress against targets is carefully tracked on a termly basis.

Behaviour in the school is good and children tell us they feel safe and happy. Friendships are strong and social skills are nurtured.

## OXENHOPE EXPLORERS OUT OF SCHOOL CLUB

Our before and after school club is fully integrated into the life and work of the school. Our mission statement is to provide a high quality, consistent and reliable out of school club based at the heart of our local community. Our goal will be to extend learning opportunities from the normal school day, and provide a caring, happy and secure club, based on Christian belief and practice in the wider context of a Church of England voluntary aided school. Opportunities will be provided that will ensure each child attending has the opportunity to develop academically, socially, physically and spiritually.

Oxenhope Explorers is based in a separate multiple-purpose area. We also use the school playground, the nearby Oxenhope Active Kids adventure playground and the nature area, weather permitting. We offer safe, creative activities. We provide the children with a carefully selected and nutritious breakfast and drink before school, and a snack and drink after school.

We follow all existing school safeguarding and child protection policies, maintaining a system to ensure that children can only be collected by parents/carers who have been named on their Registration Form in writing.

In addition to a safe and caring environment we provide a wide range of play experiences. We encourage children to experiment with different media such as paint, craft materials, sports equipment, and most of all, their imagination during their play sessions. Children can also just relax and read a book, do their homework or play a board game in our quiet area.

Please see our latest Parent/Carers information pack for more information.



## SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY

We have strong links with the church and the role of Chaplain focuses on helping children and staff undergoing emotional or spiritual needs and providing opportunities for emotional and spiritual development in a variety of ways. In addition, assistance is given to staff in planning and delivering religious education and social development.

Oxenhope village has a Parish Council who are developing links to the School Council around local developments and village projects.

Our links with local schools provides our children with additional high quality learning opportunities and an extensive programme of holiday activities that all our children have the opportunity to take part in. In addition, we have links with the schools within the Bradford Diocesan Academies Trust, further broadening the experiences that we have to offer our children. For further information about our Academy, please visit the BDAT website on [www.bdat-academies.org](http://www.bdat-academies.org).

The school participates in a wide range of activities based in the local area, Keighley and Bradford districts and the Diocese. These events include sporting competitions, art projects, musical events, charitable fundraising activities and Diocese celebration events.

We enjoy excellent links with other Church of England Schools within the Diocese. We join in with the Bradford Linking Schools network and work in partnership with other church schools in the diocese.

## ADMISSIONS

The admissions policy for entry into school is determined by the Governing Body, taking into account Bradford Local Authority (LA) policy and advice from the Leeds Diocesan Education Team. The policy is reviewed annually by the Governing Body.

## PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

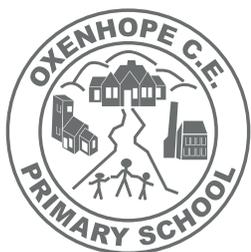
Parental involvement is something we value at Oxenhope CE Primary School. We understand the vital importance and pivotal role that parents/carers play in helping children learn and succeed. We therefore firmly believe that education should be an ongoing partnership between home and school.

We hold parent consultation evenings where you are able to discuss your child's progress with their class teacher. In the summer term, you will receive a written report highlighting your child's progress and areas they need to work on to best make the next steps in their learning.

We encourage dialogue between teachers and carers. We understand that families are the most important educators of your children. We want to work in close partnership with our children's families, therefore we are keen to have conversations with you. Feel free to make an appointment through the school office to speak to your child's class teacher.

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