



**Cookridge  
Holy Trinity C of E (A)  
Primary School**

***'The best for Every Child'***



**Cookridge Holy Trinity Church of England (Aided) Primary School is a place where Christian principles are valued and our Christian Ethos is the basis of all our policy and practice.**

Worship, in the widest sense, is fundamental to our shared life and we would hope to share with all who join us the reality of the presence of Christ.

We are a two form entry Primary School for children between the ages of 4 and 11. Children are usually admitted into our Reception/Foundation Year in September of the year they are five, our standard admission number is 60.



## Clubs and Special Activities

In addition to the variety of opportunities, which our curriculum affords, pupils are invited and encouraged to participate in a wide range of activities, usually after school. These include sporting, musical, creative and leisure pursuits. Children taking part in these extra-curricular activities will be notified of start and finish times.

Parents are asked to make arrangements for the collection of their children after these activities.

## Parental Involvement

We value our parents as part of the 'school family' and seek to promote a healthy relationship through:

- Regular consultation meetings
- Clear information conveyed on a regular basis to indicate levels of achievement in English, Maths and Science and individual targets for improvement
- Parental assistance within the classroom

- Informal meetings between parents and staff
- An open door policy for parents requesting further consultations and advice from members of staff





## Religious Education

As a Church of England School, Religious Education and collective worship are important and integral parts of the school curriculum. Teaching is based on the doctrine and practice of the Church of England, set in a wider context of Faith.

Each school day includes an act of Christian worship, which reflects the Church of England School Foundation. Prayer and worship are seen as all-important foundations of the day's

activities. On regular occasions, services are held in Holy Trinity Parish Church.

In choosing to send your child to a Church school, the Governors expect that parents are thereby committing themselves to their child's full participation in the Christian life of the school, including RE and worship.

***“The school promotes pupils’ spiritual, moral, social and cultural development exceptionally well.”***





should be considered in a moral, family orientated and Christian framework.

Parents have the right to withdraw their children from all or part of the sex education offered in school. A copy of the Governors' Policy on Sex Education is available for parents to read.

## Sex Education

The Governors are responsible for deciding if sex education will be included in the curriculum. At Cookridge Holy Trinity School the Governors' Policy states that sex education will be taught as part of the Science curriculum that includes work on Living and Growing and as part of the Health Education programme.

In Year 5 the Health Education programme includes a series of carefully prepared lessons on personal and sexual development. The Governors believe that sexual relationships



## Music Foundation for Schools

We offer whole class music teaching through our work with Artforms as part of our 'Wider Opportunities' project. Children will enjoy learning music through a range of experiences - they include learning how to play the viola to untuned percussion (Bamboo Tamboo).



*“The curriculum provides excellent opportunities for pupils to develop their skills in a wide range of subjects.”*

As part of our Music Curriculum enrichment children participate in class and year group assemblies, regular church services and have opportunities to take part in school singing 'Big Sing'.

Holy Trinity also works with Music for Schools Foundation and Roundhay Music who provide small group tuition - financial arrangements are made directly between parents and the music provider.

*“Pupils behave well. They enjoy school, care about each other and respect each other’s views. They feel safe and well looked after in school. Their enjoyment of school is reflected in their consistently high attendance.”*

## Sports

At Cookridge Holy Trinity we seek to give children opportunities to develop a whole range of skills and abilities. The children participate in many inter school sports competitions with our family of schools which has included skipping, gymnastics, football, rugby, swimming and wake up, shake up!



## Organisation of Teaching

Literacy and mathematics take place in all year groups from Year 1 –Year 6 on a daily basis and are gradually introduced during the Foundation Stage in Reception. Other subjects are timetabled on a weekly basis with due regard to breadth and balance of content and delivery. Much of the curriculum is now organised into themes and learning challenges with classes participating throughout the year in, for example, Anti Bullying Week and Book Week. French is taught to all pupils from Year 2 upwards.

At Cookridge Holy Trinity there is emphasis on high standards of achievement and children are encouraged to take pride in good behaviour and in presentation of both themselves and their work. This is addressed in the school’s policy for personal, social, health and citizenship education.

It is regarded as being very important that pupils adopt positive and purposeful attitudes to their work and to their relationships with others. Curriculum information is provided each term so that children can discuss work being undertaken at school with their parents and bring information from other sources to enrich the school lessons.

***“Teachers have good relationships with pupils. They expect pupils to work hard and make sure that work is interesting and relevant, so that pupils are keen to do well.”***

## School Uniform

High standards of personal presentation support our positive learning ethos. Parents are asked for full support and co-operation to ensure that all children wear school uniform, details of which are provided separately.



## Homework

In the early years, children will bring home reading books, spellings and mathematics work. They may also be asked to collect items involved with school projects.

Key Stage 2 children have a diary in which tasks are recorded and carers are encouraged to comment and sign the homework diary to support good home / school communication. We ask that carers contact school promptly if difficulties arise.

## Resources

A wide variety of resources and materials are employed across the curriculum and children are encouraged to use these resources in presenting their own work. Each class has its own fiction library and Computers. Films, TV and video, CD's, DVD's and interactive whiteboards are used by the class teacher to enhance the teaching.



## School Visits

In addition to the normal curriculum, we offer a wide range of out of school visits to enrich the learning process. Voluntary financial contributions from parents are requested so that visits can take place. Individual cases of financial difficulty should be referred to the Head Teacher.



Our premises now provides for 14 class bases, both small and large halls to cater for PE, collective worship, lunchtime together with music lessons. As added extras, all classrooms and halls currently have interactive whiteboards, each with a 10mb broadband link together with computers for pupil access.

Additionally within our school grounds to enhance pupil learning we have:

- small theatre for outdoor drama presentations
- timber adventure playground for playtime use
- large playing field for playtime use in summer and PE throughout the year
- new early years outdoor learning zone with covered area.
- outdoor learning area for Year 1.





### School PTA

We are very fortunate at Cookridge Holy Trinity to have a fully committed group of parents and friends of the school who make a significant contribution to school life by organising events for children and families.

They have raised magnificent sums of money that have been used in whole range of developments, construction of the Adventure Playground, Library, the acquisition of resources throughout school and end of year fun days.

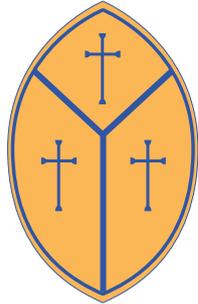
We strongly urge all parents to support the PTA who work tirelessly to augment the excellent facilities and opportunities provided at the school.

### Local Community Involvement

Cookridge Holy Trinity draws most of its pupils from the local area and many return in the evenings as members of Church uniformed organisations: Rainbows, Brownies, and Guides etc. Links are made with local Nurseries, Play Groups and High Schools in order to ensure smooth transition at key stages of pupils' educational life.

We also have strong links with the community groups such as OPAL, Caring for Life.





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