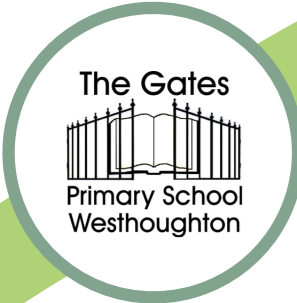


School Prospectus

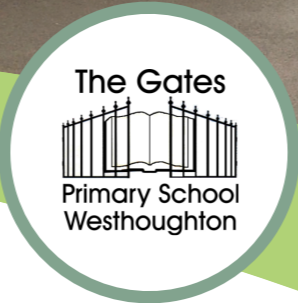
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Come and visit us...
Prospective parents and children are welcome to
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Growth | Achievement | Teamwork | Enjoyment | Success



A Very Warm Welcome!

THE GATES is a very special place where we pride ourselves on providing a school where children feel safe within a happy, stimulating and attractive environment in which each child is encouraged to: enjoy learning, have high expectations of themselves, respect each other and fulfil their true potential. Our amazing children are encouraged to do their best and enter into the spirit of a "can do" culture.

We are committed to every one of our children and offer an exciting curriculum which gives all pupils the opportunity to develop a wide range of skills and to achieve the highest possible standards in all aspects of life while preparing them for the next stage in their education. We want our children to enjoy their time and education with us, to have great memories and to have lots of fun!

Our dedicated staff team aims to help every child to face their individual challenges with courage and determination and to discover their unique talents and strengths. We are committed to removing barriers to learning and developing in each child a love of learning and a shared pride in achievement in all its forms.

We understand that choosing the right school for your child is a huge decision to make and we hope that this prospectus, along with our website, will give you a flavour of The Gates. However, only by visiting The Gates will you see how special of a place it is to be! Please contact us to arrange an appointment to visit.

As Headteacher, I look forward to meeting you soon and working with you.

Mrs Forshaw **Head Teacher**

The Gates - a unique place where children grow, achieve, succeed together as a team and enjoy learning

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Pupils enjoy lessons
and feel well cared
for and safe.
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Ofsted



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As the school safeguarding governor I take a keen interest in the welfare and safeguarding of children. It is evident since being a Governor that the commitment and dedication to ensuring the welfare of all pupils at The Gates is second to none and a clear driver throughout the school. Safeguarding is on everyone's agenda and robustly communicated throughout the school, with strong leadership.
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School Governor

Growth
We aim to help children grow into well rounded individuals who are resilient and independent.

A Warm, Caring & Inclusive School

WE UNDERSTAND that children learn better when they feel secure and happy and so we create a friendly, supportive atmosphere of mutual care and respect, where all can flourish and be proud of their achievements.

Nurturing Aspirations

EACH CHILD in our school is seen as a unique individual. We aim to discover, recognise and develop their individual skills and aptitudes, be they academic, sporting or creative. We believe all achievements play an essential part in the development of the whole child. We believe that every child has the capacity to develop their own learning; it is our job to nurture and release that learning. Resilience and teamwork are just some of the key skills which form the foundations of our curriculum.

We provide opportunities for children to celebrate their learning and also like to keep parents and carers fully informed about their child's progress. We hold events throughout the year where parents are involved in sharing their child's learning.

Teamwork

We work together in partnership with parents, governors, children, agencies and the local community in the best interests of the children.



“ Relationships between adults, parents and pupils are excellent. ”

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As a PTA member, The Gates staff have not only supported my children to help them achieve their own goals, but have also supported the PTA when planning and running the PTA's fun family events which bring together the school and local communities.

Parent

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Our Curriculum

AT THE GATES, we believe the curriculum is far greater than just the subjects taught in class. We also believe that it is important for children to pursue their interests beyond lesson time and we aim to provide a wide range of experiences and events to help pupils develop their own interests both within and beyond school. We continue to develop and create a bespoke curriculum, encompassing the statutory guidance of the national curriculum whilst ensuring that our pupils learn what is exciting and relevant.

“The Gates Great Expectations” is unique to The Gates. Throughout each child's journey through our school we intend to provide additional enrichment opportunities alongside the many experiences and opportunities offered on a daily basis throughout our own curriculum. We also have an active School Council and Head Boy and Head Girl who are ambassadors for our school and make us very proud!

All year groups plan trips to extend learning beyond the classroom. Often these are linked to specific topics but they may also be planned to promote specific skills or to provide opportunities for pupils to challenge themselves. Pupils in Year 6 have the opportunity to attend a residential outdoor activity trip and this has been extremely popular in recent years. Trips in the local area are also planned regularly to promote various aspects of learning. In addition, various visitors enhance learning through workshops, talks and practical sessions. The children also enjoy looking after our school pet, Lizzie (bearded dragon) and our chickens.



“ A rich curriculum has a range of links to different subjects, is meaningful and exciting for children. ”

Ofsted

Achievement

We aim to ensure that every child has the capacity to develop their own learning and fulfil their potential across the curriculum.



“ The Gates is a warm, friendly and welcoming school. The leadership team and all staff display amazing passion for the school and want the children to feel happy and secure. With a wide range of extra-curricular opportunities, and continual investment in the learning environment, The Gates is a fabulous school to be a part of. ”

School Governor

Excellence & Enjoyment

WE OFFER a wide range of clubs such as running, football and multi-skills, homework club, film club, sewing, cooking, choir and art.

At The Gates all pupils study music across all year groups. Pupils in Year 6 participate in a 6 week project led by the Bolton Music Service which results in a final performance for their families. In addition, pupils may choose to extend their skills by learning to play the keyboard or guitar, by attending Bolton Music Service Provision on site.

Pupils at The Gates are encouraged to be healthy and active. The Gates holds an annual Health and Fitness Week and during this week the children take part in

a wide range of activities connected with general health and fitness in order to support various areas of the curriculum. All children and staff take part in the Daily Mile Initiative which improves physical, social, emotional and mental health and wellbeing. Our P.E. leaders and specialist coaches work with staff and children to develop play leaders during lunchtime. In addition, pupils have the opportunity to participate in competitions against other schools from the local cluster and across the local authority. The school funds swimming lessons and transport.

Enjoyment

We aim to provide a wide range of engaging and fun learning experiences and to ensure that children are happy at school.



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It genuinely feels like all the staff really care about the children. Our daughter has thrived from learning in a nurturing and supportive environment. We see a lot of happy children at The Gates and we look forward to our second daughter joining the school soon.

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Parent

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Good knowledge of how young children learn is clear in the Early Years Foundation Stage. Children enjoy a wide range of imaginative resources.

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Success

We aim to ensure that children acquire a wide range of skills, concepts and knowledge that will help them to achieve success in the future and be well-rounded members of our society.

High Expectations

WE EXPECT the highest standards of behaviour and conduct from all members of our school community. Together we explore the beliefs and values of different religions and cultures in order to foster understanding, respect and tolerance for them all.

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My daughters achieved well academically but equally importantly they enjoyed their time at school and had lots of fun. It is a welcoming, friendly school with great staff.

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Parent