



**Ditton**

Church of England Junior School

# Information for Prospective Parents

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# Christian Vision

## Aspire, Believe, Care

We aspire for ourselves and others; We believe in ourselves, others and in God; We care for ourselves, our community and the wider world.

We link this vision and our values to the bible story of Zacchaeus Luke 19 1:10.

Aspire Believe Care

### Our associated values are:



Our aspiration is for all members of our community to become independent lifelong learners. Through an engaging curriculum which promotes curiosity, children use powerful knowledge to question and challenge. Based on our Christian beliefs, we are a welcoming, inclusive and caring school that encourages pupils to become respectful and responsible members of our local and global communities.



# What does it mean to be a Church of England school?

Christian vision leads us and drives us in all that the school does

Daily worships – lead by a variety of staff

Opportunities to go to the church at least 4 times a year for key celebrations and services

Strong links with the local community

Encourage all to work together as part of a shared community



# Transition from the Infants

Work closely with the infants to support effective transition

Ensure that the needs of all children are met and that all are supported

Our staff have clear links between the school, this will be worked on throughout the year.





# Kagan



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**Increased Student Engagement:** Kagan structures encourage active participation, making lessons more interactive and keeping students engaged. This fosters a dynamic learning environment where students are more likely to contribute.

**Improved Collaboration Skills:** By working in pairs or small groups, students develop essential teamwork and communication skills. They learn to share ideas, listen to others, and collaborate effectively, which are vital skills for future success.

**Enhanced Learning Outcomes:** Cooperative learning has been shown to improve understanding and retention of material. Kagan structures promote peer teaching, allowing students to explain concepts to one another, reinforcing their own understanding.

**Diverse Learning Styles Supported:** Kagan structures accommodate various learning styles and needs. Whether through visual, auditory, or kinesthetic activities, these strategies engage all students, helping them grasp concepts in ways that resonate with them.

**Positive Classroom Environment:** Kagan structures promote a sense of community and belonging among students. By fostering positive interactions and mutual support, they help create a safe and inclusive classroom atmosphere where students feel valued and respected.



# Curriculum

- Our Curriculum builds on knowledge and skills that the children acquire in the infants.
- We use a range of elements to develop learning in to the term memory for children.
- Children in year 3 and 4 work across Milestone 2. Year 5 and long6 work across Milestone 3.
- We repeat learning areas and deepen learning to ensure that learning is embedded in to long term memory.
- We use quizzing and recaps to ensure learning is linked to long term memory
- Knowledge categories are used within subjects to focus children and link learning together.



# Outcomes 2024 – Key Headlines

- A further 10% improvement on outcomes from 2023
- 30% improvement in attainment since 2022
- Reading outcomes above National Outcomes.
- Continued improvement in outcomes in Maths, Writing and SPAG





# Wider Curriculum

- Young Voices at the O2 arena
- Forest School provision
- Nurture support – Family Liaison Officer, Smile room facility,
- Trust sports days and music events, art projects across the Trust
- Bagels – all children have the chance to have a bagel on arrival at school each day
- After school clubs – street dance, forest school, sports
- Church visits
- School trips and Year 6 residential



# Year 3 Application Process

Application for Primary Intake/Junior Transfer opens Friday 5 November 2024

National closing date for application forms Monday 15 January 2025

[Primary school places - Kent County Council](#)

