



**STARTING A NEW SCHOOL**

**FILTON AVENUE**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

# #TOGETHERWECAN

## WELCOME

As a parent or carer, choosing the right school for your child is an important decision. If you are considering our school for your child we would be very pleased to answer any questions or (virtually) show you round our school. We understand that applying for school places can sometimes be a daunting prospect and hope that you find our virtual tours and live Q&A sessions supportive.

We believe that learning should be an enjoyable experience and we are dedicated to providing an environment in which each child can look forward to coming to school each day.

Our school is an exciting and vibrant place and we hope that you will see for yourself what we have to offer your child.

Anne Rutherford  
Executive Headteacher



## OUR HISTORY

The school first opened on Lockleaze Road in the 1930's. Orchard Campus took its first intake of 30 pupils in 2012, in response to the growing demand for primary school places in Bristol and became full, up to Year 6, in 2018. We are one school that operates on two sites. Each site has a Head of School and our Executive Headteacher leads the whole school. Our Lockleaze Road site has a 90 pupil intake in each year group and Orchard Campus has a 30 pupil per year intake.

For full details of our admissions arrangements please visit our website.

## THE JOURNEY STARTS HERE

The Filton Avenue vision is to provide young people with the knowledge and skills that they will need to thrive, not just in their local community but in the wider world as it really is, not as it once was.

Working in partnership with our families, we will help them to be happy, confident, independent and motivated; to use our shared values to make informed choices; to develop a life-long love of learning; to achieve highly and to the best of their ability; to feel valued.

We want to help them to ask great questions and think critically; teach them how to make things; how to grow food and cook food; how to be entrepreneurial and self-organising; how to be enquiring and curious and to discover things for themselves; how to look after money and be generous towards others; how to protect their own (physical and mental) health and care for others; how to build positive relationships and contribute to their community; to value nature and care for the environment; how to engage actively and creatively; set them up to live successfully.

To do all this, we will provide a safe, secure and aspirational learning environment and the opportunity to participate a range of stimulating experiences.

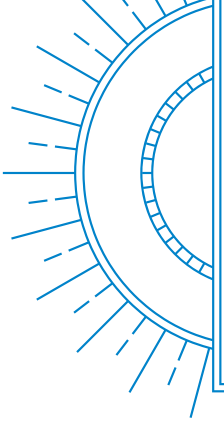
Our inclusive values, collaboration, aspiration, respect and endeavour, which are shared with the whole school community, will enable us to achieve our vision for an outstanding education for all and to celebrate our diverse community.

## SCHOOL LIFE

The school's curriculum is comprehensive, broad and balanced. Teachers take a creative, enquiry-led approach when planning lessons, providing learners with rich opportunities to develop skills and acquire knowledge, experiment, investigate, express opinions and be challenged. We emphasise the importance of learning both independently and collaboratively, and we want our pupils to achieve their full potential in the academic, artistic, social, spiritual and emotional aspects of their lives.

Children are encouraged, praised and taught to be responsible citizens, taking an active role in their community. Through lessons and collective assemblies, our pupils learn about the importance of moral values such as honesty, respect, tolerance, trust and personal responsibility. We prepare our children for life in a modern democratic society, actively celebrating diversity and equality of opportunity.

School is open from 8.45am to 3.15pm every day and before and after-school care is available on each of our sites.





We support children to get into the habit of arriving at school punctually every day, as we believe good attendance gives your child the opportunity of success and helps develop skills for life.

School lunch is provided free to all children in Reception and Years 1 and 2 under the Government's Free School Meals initiative. Vegetarian and halal meals are available.

We encourage all pupils to wear the school uniform which is navy blue sweatshirts and cardigans for Reception through to Year 4. Our Year 5 and 6 pupils wear a navy v-necked jumper, with a shirt and school tie.

We recognise that children's learning is most effective when home and school work as a partnership. We have a number of ways in which parents can be involved in the school life, including volunteering in the classroom or on school trips, assemblies, open events and parents' evenings. We also have active Parent Teacher Associations on each site (Friends of Filton Avenue), who supports the school.



## MAKING THE TRANSITION

### **Children Starting in Reception**

To give our new Reception children the best chance to become familiar with the school we have an induction programme which includes the opportunity to visit the school in the summer term before they start. In September, we offer home visits from their new class teacher before your child starts school.

### **School to School and In-Year Admissions**

For children starting at our school in other year groups, we can arrange a tour of the school and a chance to meet your child's new teacher before they start.

We understand that children arrive at school with different needs and we are well equipped to support a wide range of these. Please talk to us about your child, so that we have the information to be able support them to achieve their best.

## HOW TO APPLY

Admission of new Reception children is managed for the school by Bristol City Council School Admissions. Applications are made online on the primary school admissions section of the Bristol City Council website by the deadline of 15th January 2021.

To apply follow the link from our website or search for Bristol Primary Admissions.

For school to school and in-year admissions to other year groups we manage the transition process. If you would like your child to start school with us please talk to us directly, so that we can start the application process and get them settled into their new class as smoothly as possible.





Filton Avenue Primary School operates over two sites. For admissions purposes, home to school distances are calculated to a single point on the Lockleaze Road site. In addition to applying through their home local authority, applicants for Sept 2021 Reception places can complete a form available from the school should they wish to specify a preference as to whether their child attends Lockleaze Road site (90 places) or Orchard Campus (30 places). The school operates an additional separate process to decide which site can be offered to parents.



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