



Together, we learn and grow



Collaboration



Courage



Curiosity



Creativity



Community



# Welcome

Your child is beginning their educational journey and I am pleased you are considering allowing Shepherdswell Academy to play a huge part in their education and development.

The children are at the heart of everything we do. At Shepherdswell Academy, we strongly believe that together we learn and grow, through collaboration, courage, curiosity, creativity and community.

We offer an inclusive, ambitious and motivating curriculum, layered with many experiences that we feel each child should experience in their early childhood. We want your child to grow emotionally, socially, spiritually and academically and be successful.

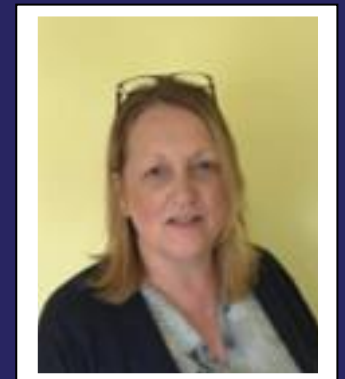
We pride ourselves on providing a nurturing and stimulating environment that embraces uniqueness and celebrates diversity, being at the center of our community.

We can only be successful with your support and aim to work in partnership with you throughout your child's journey with us, preparing them for their next stage of education.

Our children are amazing, our staff are dedicated and we all strive to be the best we can be.

I am really excited about the journey that lays ahead for you and your child here at Shepherdswell Academy.

**Ruth Ryan**  
**Headteacher**



# Curriculum

The aim of the curriculum at Shepherdswell Academy is to provide an ambitious, motivating and enriched curriculum that meets the needs of all children, allowing them to explore and understand the world they live in.

Our curriculum incorporates the key knowledge, skills and understanding set out in the National Curriculum and other experiences and opportunities which best meet the learning and development needs of the children in our school, equipping them with high levels of literacy, numeracy and critical and creative thinking skills essential for now and in the future.

The curriculum is carefully planned with high expectations to ensure clear progression within all curriculum subjects and aims to support children in gaining a deeper understanding of their learning. Our children are provided with a firm grounding in core skills including, reading, writing, spelling, grammar and mathematics.

We understand the importance of enrichment opportunities, and plan for a variety of events including Forest Schools, after school clubs, visitors and visits.



# Performance

Shepherdswell Academy is rated a '**outstanding**' school by Ofsted.

The inspection team found:

*"Pupils enjoy coming to this outstanding school."*

*"Children make a good start to their education in the Early Years Foundation Stage, where exemplary teaching and a rich, stimulating and varied curriculum mean that their differing needs are well met."*

*"Teachers plan a diverse range of exciting activities that capture pupils' interests. As a result, pupils develop exemplary learning habits."*

*"Pupils behave exceptionally well and say they feel entirely safe at school because of the outstanding care, guidance and support that staff provide."*



# School Uniform

- School jumper or cardigan with school logo
- White polo shirt (with or without school logo)
- Black trousers/black skirt/black pinafore
- Shoes (black or dark colour) – no trainers
- 1 book bag with school logo

## Optional summer wear

- Light blue checkered dress for girls
- Black school shorts (formal)



## PE kit

- 1 pair of navy or black PE shorts
- 1 red PE top (with or without) school logo
- 1 pair of Plimsolls or trainers

## Optional winter PE kit

- Navy blue track suit (with or without school logo)



# School Day

Our school day follows this timetable:

- 7.30am Breakfast Club
- 8.30am Gates open
- 8.40 am Doors open
- 8.50am Registration
- 10.45am Break time
- 11.45am Foundation class lunch
- 12.15pm Year 1 lunch
- 12.45pm Year 2 lunch
- 12.45pm & 1.15pm Afternoon registration
- 3.15pm School finishes



# Pupil Welfare

Shepherdswell Academy are committed to delivering good outcomes for children by providing a safe learning environment that promotes their welfare and helps them to develop socially and emotionally so that they can make the most of their life chances.

We will ensure that arrangements are in place to safeguard and promote the welfare of children by:

- ◆ Providing a safe, healthy learning environment that allows them to develop to their full potential
- ◆ Safeguarding their welfare, particularly those children and young people who are most disadvantaged
- ◆ Providing young children and young people with opportunities to discuss issues and report problems affecting their safety and welfare
- ◆ Ensuring safe recruitment practices
- ◆ Ensuring robust procedures for recognition and referral where there are welfare or child protection concerns
- ◆ Raising awareness amongst staff of child protection issues and ensuring staff are equipped to deal with concerns
- ◆ Monitoring and supporting children and young people who are subject to child protection plans and contributing to the implementation of their plan
- ◆ Promoting partnerships working with parents and professionals

# About East Midlands Academy Trust

East Midlands Academy Trust was incorporated in September 2012. East Midlands Academy Trust is a Multi Academy Trust based in Northampton. Since incorporation, the MAT now includes five primary academies, one secondary academy and one all-through 4-19 Free School.

East Midlands Academy Trust's key ambition is straightforward - to create excellent academies.

## **Vision, Values and Purpose**

*'Every child deserves to be the best they can be'*

We are driven by a strong moral purpose that every child has the right to outstanding teaching and leadership. It is our mission to work with our children, their parents and carers and our staff to create excellent schools. Schools that demonstrate integrity of purpose through high aspiration for every child. We set high expectations for our leaders and teachers to support and stretch every child. We ensure that they make excellent progress and build the skills, knowledge and attributes that will prepare them well for secondary school and beyond.







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