



Together, we learn and grow



SHEPHERDSWELL ACADEMY PROSPECTUS

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Welcome to Shepherdswell Academy

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 and 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 simulating environment that embraces uniqueness and celebrates diversity, being at the centre 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.



Zoe McIntyre
Executive Headteacher

School Values

At Shepherdswell Academy, we believe that our ethos and values underpin everything we do and who we are.

We believe that together we learn and grow and we aim to achieve this through effective learning systems and opportunities, along with clear expectations as they are integral to fostering positive behaviours and attitudes to learning.

The approach we take to our curriculum learning and the way pastoral development integrates with academic learning enables each and every child to learn and grow. All members of our school community are valued equally. We rely on a positive partnership between pupils, staff, parents and carers, visiting professionals and the wider community. We want pupils to be the best they can be, be successful, value their achievements, monitor their own progress and celebrate the success of others.

At Shepherdswell Academy we are:

- Ready to learn and participate in school life
- Respectful of the individual differences, opinions and values of each other
- Safe in our actions and behaviours towards ourselves and others



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. We provide opportunities for children to develop as independent and confident learners with high aspirations, empowering every child to become a responsible and successful citizen in the local and global community, becoming life-long learners.

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 developmental needs of the children in our school, equipping them with high levels of literacy and 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 ensure by the time children leave Shepherdswell Academy they are equipped with the knowledge and skills to continue to learn and grow independently in the next stage of their learning journey.

Extra-curricular opportunities

Shepherdswell Academy offers a varied programme of extra-curricular clubs for all pupils who wish to participate.

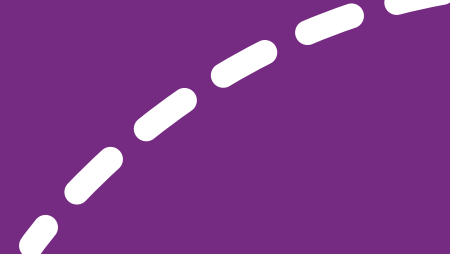
We understand the importance of enrichment opportunities and experiences. Children have the opportunity to learn both inside and out of the classroom, through themed days, whole school activities and opportunities within and out of school which enrich learning. We are a creative school and promote this across the curriculum.

A variety of after school clubs based on interests of our children and high-quality visits and visitors extend these opportunities further. Children have opportunities to share their learning with each other, their parents and carers and other learners through school-based performances, competitions and events involving other schools.

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Performance

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Shepherdswell Academy was rated a **GOOD** school overall by Ofsted in its most recent inspection (November 2023) and **Outstanding** in the personal development category.

The inspection team acknowledged that Shepherdswell is a truly inclusive school where pupils ‘treat each other with tolerance, kindness and respect and recognise their part in creating a positive community and are proud of their school’, including those who access the specialist SEND provision, Aspen.

The report also shared that pupils’ knowledge of other cultures, faiths and religions is exceptional.

Inspectors stated that there is ‘a sense of kindness and care that emanates through the school atmosphere’, identifying that ‘staff deeply care about the education offered’ and highlights ‘the detailed and ambition curriculum that carefully considers what pupils should learn right from the early years’, noting that the school works collaboratively with East Midlands Academy Trust to provide a detailed, inclusive and highly ambitious curriculum.

School Day

TIME	ACTIVITY
7.30am	Breakfast Club
8.30am	Gates open
8.35am	Doors open
8.45am	Registration
10.45am	Break time
11.45am	Foundation Class lunch
12.15pm	Lunch
1.15pm	Afternoon Registration
3.15pm	School finishes
3.15pm	After School Club

School Uniform

It is an expectation that all Shepherdsweil children will wear the approved school uniform.

We have recently reviewed our school uniform to ensure it is appropriate and affordable for families.

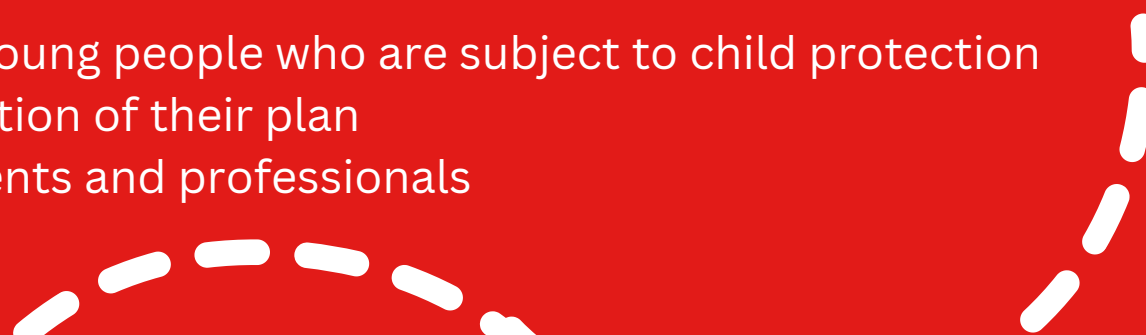
Our uniform is also gender-neutral and girls are welcome to wear trousers.

The items that require the school logo can be bought online from **Kedaph Schoolwear**. All other items do not need to be bought from the school uniform supplier and are available from most supermarkets.



Pupil Welfare

Shepherdswell Academy is committed to delivering good outcomes for children and young people 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. This is achieved 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
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Nursery



Our nursery caters for 2 to 4 year olds and is organised into morning and afternoon sessions, five days a week during term time only.

Your child may start at our nursery in the term following their 2nd birthday and stay until they start the Reception year of school. The Times for Twos project provides funding for up to 15 hours of funded childcare education for eligible two year olds. Children aged three are automatically entitled to 15 hours per week childcare funded by the government.

We offer these sessions as five morning sessions or five afternoon sessions and ask that children are registered with us for 5 days per week.

Currently in Otters, our provision for three year olds, we offer 26 morning and 26 afternoon places. In Ladybirds, our provision for two year olds, we offer eight morning and eight afternoon sessions. In addition, we offer a number of 30 hour per week fully funded places, for those eligible and these are subject to availability.

Nursery session times

- Morning Session: 8.40am to 11.40am
- Afternoon Session: 12.10pm to 3.10pm
- All Day Extended Care: 8.40am to 3.10pm (including the lunchtime activity session)

Wraparound Care



At Shepherdsweil Academy we offer before and after school provision for children aged over 3 years old.

- Dragonflies Breakfast Club operates from 7.30 – 8.40am.
- Dragonflies After School Club operates from the end of the school day until 6:00pm and located at Orchard Academy, where the pupils at Shepherdsweil Academy are transported by the school mini-bus to Orchard Academy

Our wraparound care is a welcoming and friendly environment for all children at Orchard Academy. Children are given choices to participate in a variety of arts and crafts, sports, team games, or simply just relax and read a book in the quiet area.

During Breakfast Club, children are provided with breakfast and at After School Club, children will be provided with a light snack. All menus for food at our extended care is carefully planned and shared with parents.

Booking is available allowing you to select the days you require. Once a booking has been confirmed the place is secure unless cancelled. Bookings and payments need to be made in advance for all sessions that are required to ensure a place for your child/ren.

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 the centre of 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.



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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.