



The Discovery School
Be the best you can be



Welcome to The **Discovery** School

Thank you for expressing an interest in our fantastic school. Choosing the 'right' school for your child is one of the most important decisions that you will make as a parent.

The Discovery School is an 'outstanding' school; a position it has maintained for over ten years. Our school is recognised as one of the top 10 performing schools in the Kent Real Schools Guide.

Our high academic standards and exemplary behaviour are matched by our passion and commitment to educating the 'whole-child' through an exciting and creative curriculum. The Discovery School prides itself on being able to provide a caring and nurturing environment, which offers an exciting curriculum designed for the 21st Century.

Our highly skilled teachers bring learning to life and ensure that all of our children are provided with the opportunities, support and challenge needed to enable them to achieve their full potential; academically, creatively and pastorally.

We teach our children the life skills needed to be happy and confident learners, with the aspiration and self-confidence needed to thrive at all stages of their education.

Please come and see for yourselves; we would love to show you around our fabulous school!

Tina Gobell
Head Teacher



Such a lovely positive atmosphere!

Parent



All of the topics are super interesting and fun!

Emily aged 10



This is a happy, secure and stimulating environment in which all are valued as individuals.

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Our Vision

"Be the best you can be"

At The Discovery School we aim to guide and support children's development, shaping them for life as well as giving them the essential tools for learning. We believe that education at The Discovery School is about children having the opportunity to experience the joy of discovery, to solve problems, to be creative in writing, art, music and dance whilst developing as self-confident learners; maturing socially and emotionally as young citizens.

We aim to provide an outstanding education and:

- We are committed to developing happy, resilient and confident children
- We are committed to enabling our children to achieve their full potential; academically, creatively and socially
- We want our children to be aspirational and to have the self-confidence needed to exceed their own personal best
- We passionately believe that every child is a unique individual with a skill to be nurtured and that potential is without limits

The school constantly strives to refine its excellent provision and it is not afraid to try out new ideas.

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Our School Values

Our core school values have been developed in consultation with our children, parents, staff and governors. They underpin everything that we do in our school.

*Respect
Kindness
Perseverance
Honesty
Friendship*



The exciting creative curriculum with its themed weeks, topics, visits, visitors and displays of pupils' work clearly show why pupils are inspired.

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I like being with my friends all the time and learning new things.

Joseph aged 8

My daughter always enjoys coming to school and loves learning.

Parent

The themes studied are engaging and age-appropriate so that both boys and girls respond well.

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I just wanted to say a big thank you to you and the Year 6 team for helping to make the SATs week enjoyable and relaxing for the children involved.

Parent

An Inspiring Curriculum

Our curriculum is ambitious and designed to give all of our learners the knowledge and cultural capital they need to **be the best they can be** in life.

At The Discovery School we believe in growing the skills and talents of all our pupils. We know that every child develops differently and their interest in a particular area can help them to develop their skills across the curriculum.

Child-centred and focused assessments are the cornerstone of our high quality teaching. It allows learning to be planned and taught accurately, as well as meeting the needs of individual children and ensuring high levels of achievement.

End of Early Years Foundation Stage, national Phonics Assessments, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 results for our school are consistently high and above national attainment levels. We believe that high standards of achievement in reading, writing and mathematics are essential tools for successful, life-long learning.

We want our children to be exceptionally well prepared for the next stage in their education and their future. We want to inspire our children to develop a thirst for learning and to leave The Discovery School with life-long happy memories.

Our well-resourced and modern school is set in extensive grounds, which enables us to provide a rich and exciting curriculum fit for the 21st Century.



It's a fantastic place for children to learn.

Parent



My daughter always enjoys coming to school and loves learning!

Parent



Early Foundations...

In the **Early Years Foundation Stage** we aim to guide and support children's development, shaping them for life as well as giving them the essential tools for learning. We believe that quality early years education is about children having the opportunity to solve problems and to be creative in every area of learning, as well as thriving in the safe, stimulating and exciting environment provided for them. We recognise the importance of the first year of school and hope to inspire the children to be life-long learners. We believe that every child is an individual and we aim to provide them with the best start to their school journey. We all love to learn in a fun, interactive and stimulating way; both indoors and outdoors. We deliver this whilst supporting children as they develop towards being **the best they can be**.

I have been at this school since Year R and I think it's amazing!

Noah aged 10

Children enter the Reception class with skills that are typical for their age and pupils make excellent progress and achieve brilliantly.

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Our school is amazing and it's fun, imaginative and creative. It's the best school in the world.
Zachary aged 8



On behalf of my daughter and I - thank you for the support you have given; it is very much appreciated.
Parent



Thank you for providing a happy environment for my child.
Parent

Physical Development at The Discovery School

Physical Development

We believe that children learn best when they are fit, healthy and thriving physically.

Pupils fully understand the importance of leading healthy lives.
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At The Discovery School, we work hard to deliver a range of quality sporting opportunities and provide a range of well-resourced indoor and outdoor learning opportunities for our children.

Personal Development at The Discovery School

At The Discovery School we value the personal health and resilience of our children and recognise that difficulties can be a barrier to children learning and thriving. We have an established Social, Emotional and Mental Health Team, externally accredited, to support children experiencing difficulties. We promote whole-school awareness of personal development and individuality.

Pupils are encouraged to work together and this is seen in their outstanding personal development and well-being, care, guidance and support.
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Inclusion

At The Discovery School, we are proud to offer an inclusive and welcoming environment to all children. We work hard to get to know every child in our care and do what we can to support children's individual learning needs; be they exceptionally talented in a curriculum area or require additional support for learning or physical needs.

As well as being supported by outstanding classroom practice and quality teaching, we run a range of specific, targeted and effective interventions. All staff have the highest expectations of all children; we want every child to reach their full potential and strive to support children and their families in removing any barriers to achieving this.

I have found the school's approach to personal development outstanding and I am always praising The Discovery School for rewarding effort.
Parent

Behaviour

At The Discovery School, we are very proud of our children and their exemplary behaviour. We expect all children to have the opportunities needed to **be the best they can be**, and to enjoy learning in a safe, caring and stimulating environment.

The culture within our school is one built upon our core values of **Honesty, Respect, Friendship, Perseverance** and **Kindness**.

High expectations result in excellent relationships and behaviour.
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Pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development is outstanding.
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We are lucky to take part in lots of performances, concerts and plays.

Emily aged 11

Expressive and Creative Arts at The Discovery School

At The Discovery School we provide our children with many opportunities to express themselves creatively. We value the contribution that the creative and expressive arts play in ensuring our children benefit from a broad and balanced curriculum. We are very proud of the high quality experiences we offer our children.

The links between the subject and other areas of the curriculum are valued and appreciated by pupils, especially in supporting design-based work, such as book illustration.
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I just wanted to say how much I enjoyed the children's concert today. It was lovely!
Parent

Future Learning at The Discovery School

Here at The Discovery School, we like to prepare children for their future by providing them with a well-rounded technology education, enhanced by extra-curricular clubs.

Our curriculum focuses on computing skills as well as future technology. This looks at the possible technologies which are emerging which may change the way we look at the world.

To prepare our children for the 21st Century, we have a range of high quality resources; including interactive whiteboards, laptops, VR headsets, drones, tablets and Chromebooks.

Beyond the curriculum

In addition to our exciting curriculum, we offer a wide range of clubs and activities both before and after school.

Breakfast Club and After School Club

Our Breakfast and After School Clubs are run by our own staff on site. They aim to be flexible for parents and great fun for the children. Once registered with the School, you are free to book regular sessions or a 'one-off' - including at short notice.

Breakfast Club opens at 7.30 a.m. and After School Club runs from 3.15 p.m. until 6.00 p.m. Children are provided with a nutritious breakfast to start the day and a light tea after school.

The After School Club is fun and there is a lot to do. The adults who run it are really nice.
Emily aged 6

You get loads of trips, exciting activities and make great friends.
Izzy aged 10



Our school has lots of exciting clubs and playtimes are exciting as we have lots of equipment to play with. The teachers are nice too.

Chloe aged 8



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The teachers are great,
friendly and always
listen to you.
Ollie aged 10

Your involvement

The Discovery School is committed to providing the very best education for our children. We understand that as parents, you are the child's first and most enduring care-givers and educators.

We recognise the importance of establishing and maintaining good relationships with you and strive to promote a three-way working relationship between school, parents and children.

Parents appreciate the school's work and the high level of care and support their children receive.
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The Discovery School family

The Discovery School is proud to be at the heart of Kings Hill. Our school celebrates the historic foundations of Kings Hill and its links with the RAF; particularly during World War 2.

We actively encourage links with the wider local community through going out into the community, working with other local schools and inviting the wider community into our school.

Good use is made of links outside the school to enrich the curriculum and ensure the pupils' work reflects their location.
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Well done to the amazing
team that makes The
Discovery School so great!
Parent



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Joining The Discovery School

Whether your child is just about to enter the Foundation Stage or you are considering a move from another school, all the information and advice you will need is available through the Kent Online Admissions website.

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places>

An Open Invitation

If you would like to find out more about our school or would like to arrange a visit, then please feel free to contact the school office where we will be glad to welcome you.

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