



Queensgate Primary School

Prospectus



Inspiring a love for life and learning

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Welcome

On behalf of everyone in our school family, I would like to welcome you to Queensgate Primary School. We are a happy, thriving family of children, parents, staff and governors working together to provide a fantastic school for our community.

We are a one-from entry school with approximately 245 pupils on roll, aged 4–11. In addition, we have our own Nursery provision for up to 26 three year old children.

We are passionate about providing a first-class education for all our pupils. Learning is at the heart of all that we do as we strive to develop the children as active, resilient learners. We know that in order to achieve this, our children need to be happy, safe and inspired to learn

during their time at school with us. Our children love their school and thrive on the rich and rigorous curriculum we have in place. Our experienced and dedicated staff ensure that all our children benefit from a learning journey that is suited to their individual needs. Children are prepared for the next stage of their education at High School and beyond.

The school is a harmonious community where children and adults get on together, care for one another and learn to respect differences. It is our aim to develop the whole child so that they grow to be responsible, caring individuals who achieve their potential. We have very high expectations of our children's behaviour at Queensgate and they show great care and respect for each other and members of our school family. Older pupils take very good care of the younger ones and those that have been given responsibility carry out their roles very



sensibly and make a great contribution to the school community.

We have a before and after-school childcare club at Queensgate called Larks and Owls club. We offer safe, affordable, high-quality childcare to Queensgate pupils. This provision is managed by the school and all the staff running the provision are familiar to the children as they work in a number of other roles during the school day.

Children may attend this provision from 7.45 – 8.45am and 3.15 – 5.45pm

If you would like to find out more about what is happening at Queensgate, please visit our school website www.queensgate.stockport.sch.uk for;

- > Latest news
- > Upcoming events
- > School meals and uniform links
- > School policies

**“What a wonderful school!
My child is very happy at school
and this is all because
of the wonderful support from
all her teachers”**

Our Twitter account @QueensgatePS will also enable you to see what life is like as a learner at Queensgate!

However, there is no better way to see for yourself why Queensgate Primary is such a special place to be, than to come and visit us. Please click on the School Tour section of the website for further information or phone the school office to make an appointment.

Mrs N Hitchcock,
Headteacher

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Our vision

'Inspiring a love for life and learning' encompasses all that we are about and is embedded within the ethos of our school.

We want our children to be curious and develop a thirst for learning during their time in our care.

Staff ensure that individuality and diversity is celebrated and encourage the children to have the confidence to think for themselves and take responsibility for their own and others learning.

Our whole school behaviour system is based around our core values, the 3Rs below.

The Queensgate Family works together as a team to be

Respectful



Responsible



Reflective





*Inspire and challenge
all our children*

Our curriculum

We are committed to delivering a curriculum that inspires and challenges all our children so that they will leave Queensgate as knowledgeable, life-long learners.

Our recently revised curriculum promotes high standards and challenges children's thinking and also excites and motivates our children and teaching staff. We are striving to develop children's knowledge across all areas of the curriculum so that we nurture and grow well-rounded children who could be the mathematicians, scientists, writers or historians of the future.



At the heart of our school is our extensive school library; this reflects the importance we place on our children developing a love of reading. We want our children to be confident and enthusiastic readers, so that they can access many areas of the curriculum at Queensgate and in the next stages of their education. All children select library books each week, as well as reading books matched to their reading ability.



During their time at Queensgate, every child is provided with a wide range of opportunities beyond the statutory National Curriculum. For example, each term children have a weekly Forest School session with our very own Forest School teacher. We have a designated Forest School area in our extensive grounds and the children love exploring this space within Forest School sessions and in other areas of the curriculum. The philosophy of Forest Schools is to encourage and inspire individuals of any age through an innovative, long term, educational approach to outdoor play and learning in a woodland environment.

Musical interests are fostered through our strong links with Stockport Music service. Children in Year 3 and Year 4 have the opportunity to learn a musical instrument and perform. They can go on to learn guitar, brass instruments in small groups or private lessons.







We have an active and inclusive school choir who regularly perform at events in the local community.

All children are provided with a range of sporting opportunities and many go on to represent the school in team events. We also have regular visits from sports coaches and encourage the children to experience new sports.

The children's learning is enhanced by trips, visits and visitors, whether this be a day spent with a Roman Soldier, a walk to Bramhall village to conduct geography fieldwork or a parent sharing their experiences of Judaism. The older children thoroughly enjoy residential trips to Robinwood in Year 5 and a four night stay at Castlehead in the Lake District in Year 6.



Positive working relationship between home and school

Home school links

We greatly value the support that we have from our parents and encourage communication between home and school, in order that we can work together in the best interests of our pupils.

We are proud to have been awarded the Leading Parent Partnership Award on two occasions in recognition of the positive working relationship we have fostered between home and school.



There are many opportunities for school and home to work together, such as:

- > Class assemblies' and workshops to celebrate children's learning
- > Performances at Christmas and in the Summer term
- > Parents' evenings
- > Monthly Parent Partnership meetings
- > Open evenings
- > Fortnightly newsletters from the Headteacher
- > Termly knowledge organisers for each year group
- > Weekly home learning opportunities
- > PTA events
- > Parent/ carer helpers in school
- > Workshops/guides for parents/carers on how to support children's learning at home



All new families at Queensgate are automatically members of our very active PTA. There are many opportunities to get involved in a wide range of social and fundraising events throughout the year. We are fortunate that the PTA raises a considerable amount of money for the school and provides lovely opportunities for our families to spend time together.



Quotes from parents at recent school events...



“It was great to get stuck into the activities with the children and see how engaged they were with what they have been learning”



“Loved going into see the children’s classroom and the relaxed atmosphere”



“What a great class of happy children!”

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Safeguarding

The health, safety and welfare of all our children are of paramount importance to all the adults who work at Queensgate.

Our children have the right to protection – regardless of age, gender, race, culture or disability. They have a right to be safe in our school. We make every effort to provide a safe and welcoming environment underpinned by a culture of openness where both children and adults feel secure, able to talk and believe that they are being listened to.

The school has a comprehensive Safeguarding policy so that we can provide staff, volunteers and governors with the framework they need in order to keep children safe and secure in our school and to inform parents and guardians how we will safeguard their children whilst they are in our care.

All members of staff have completed all the relevant Child Protection Training and we have several members of staff who have undertaken specialist training (Mrs Hitchcock - Designated Safeguarding Lead), (Mrs Lee - Deputy Safeguarding Lead).

In line with government requirements the school maintains a central list of checks on appointed staff and adults who work in or visit the school. Any volunteer or parent working in the school is subject to full background checks.

We encourage parents to talk to their child's class teacher if they have any information that would help us to support their children's learning or well-being in school.





Inclusion is at the heart of school-life at Queensgate

SEND and admissions

Queensgate is a local authority maintained school and therefore all admissions are managed online by Stockport Admissions team.

The office staff are happy to help explain how you can contact the Admissions team or visit www.stockport.gov.uk/topic/nursery-and-school-admissions for details.

We hold two annual 'open mornings' each October when prospective parents/carers are given the opportunity to tour the school and meet the Headteacher. Please ring the school office on 0161 439 3330 to make an appointment.

If you wish to apply for a place in our Nursery, please contact the school (0161 439 3330) for details of the days and sessions that are currently available.



All children are entitled to a free 15 hour place (Monday/ Tuesday and Wednesday morning OR Wednesday afternoon, Thursday and Friday) and parents/carers can purchase an additional 15 hour place for their child at a cost of £60 per week (15 hours free, 15 hours charged).

Inclusion is at the heart of school-life at Queensgate and we have an excellent reputation as a caring, nurturing school that meets the needs of all pupils, including those with SEND, very well.



“Queensgate is an excellent school. Couldn’t wish for a more hard-working, dedicated and caring staff team. Our children love attending school and have flourished under the guidance of their teachers.

Mrs Rayner is our Inclusion Manager and she liaises closely with parents, staff and outside agencies to ensure that we can provide the best possible support for all our children.

At Queensgate, we host a special needs Resourced Provision for the local authority within our mainstream school. It is an eight place provision for children with profound/ multiple learning difficulties or severe learning difficulties. Each of these children has a bespoke timetable that has been carefully designed to meet their individual needs.

Awards

We are proud to currently hold the following awards:



Ofsted

Queensgate Primary School was last inspected by OFSTED in 2008. The full report can be found on our website www.queensgate.stockport.sch.uk



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