

# Hook Lane Primary School

## Prospectus



HOOK LANE PRIMARY  
Encouraging Fearless Learners





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# Welcome to Hook Lane Primary School

## Encouraging Fearless Learners

At Hook Lane we believe that our job is to spend the 7 or 8 years that your child spends with us developing their confidence, their love of learning and their ability to take on challenges in a safe, friendly, reassuring environment. The Hook Lane community really is like a family with everyone working together in the best interests of the children.

What they learn is very important, but it is even more important that they form the habits that good learners need, in order that they can continue to learn well throughout the rest of their education and their adult lives too.

We respect and value the support of parents in the education of their children and share your expectations for your child: to be happy, safe and to learn well at our school.

We look forward to welcoming you and your child to Hook Lane Primary School. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions about our school and its suitability for your child.



**Joy Sheekey, Headteacher**



# About Us

Hook Lane Primary has two classes per year group from Reception to Year 6 as well as an onsite Nursery. We also have a Resource Provision for children with Autistic Spectrum Disorders which provides them with a stimulating learning environment, where they can receive a curriculum tailored to meet their specific needs and which enables them to strive to achieve their maximum potential, celebrate their differences and engage their curiosities. Inclusion is a huge strength at Hook Lane and we ensure that all children are enabled to achieve their best.



At Hook Lane we believe that our most important work is to not only help our children to be the best learners that they can be but also to ensure that they learn to love the process of learning. We want them to take the attributes that make them great learners into their future lives.

We nurture and celebrate qualities such as perseverance, reflection, resilience, imagination and motivation. Indeed our motto is Encouraging Fearless Learners encapsulating the idea that how we learn is just as important as what we learn.

# Our Curriculum

We deliver a creative curriculum in which the statutory requirements are delivered through themed topics. Through one of these topics we take learning a step further and encourage the children to work towards an exciting exit point which we call our 'Big Outcomes'. These 'Big Outcomes' enable children to widen their knowledge by planning their own class events and fundraisers in order to showcase their learning to parents and friends of the school, whilst also developing entrepreneurial skills which are intrinsic to the growth of independence. They are also a great way for the children to showcase their learning to their parents and families, one of many ways that we keep parents informed about the children's learning.





# Early Years Curriculum

In Early Years (Nursery and Reception) the importance of providing high quality opportunities for children to learn about the world through their play and investigation can not be underestimated.

The environment in the Reception classrooms and the outside area allows the children to make choices about their play, to engage with each other and with the adults to extend their understanding and their communication skills and to take safe risks and begin their journey as 'Fearless Learners'.

# Our School Values

We want to foster curiosity in all our children and a love of learning so that they are able to take on new challenges and make good progress.

We encourage all children at Hook Lane Primary School to strive to achieve their aspirations through the use of praise, reward and by setting realistic yet challenging expectations. We want our children to have the skills necessary to contribute to the wider community and become lifelong learners.

We encourage the children to think about the qualities that make people good at learning. We have turned these qualities into classroom names. Some of our class names include Resilience, Persevere, Motivate and Imagine. The Reception classes are called Wonder and Explore.



# Key Information

## Uniform

The Hook Lane school uniform colours are navy and white. In addition to their day wear, children will need a P.E. kit, an apron/overall for painting and a book bag. We also recommend a cap, for all children, for hot weather. Children wear their PE kit on their PE days which you will be advised of at your home visit.

All children also need a light raincoat and wellington boots in order to take part in OPAL all-weather playtimes. These can be left in school ready for the children to use whenever they need them.

### Girls Uniform

Navy Skirt or Pinafore or Navy or Grey

Trousers or Shorts

White Polo Shirt

Navy Cardigan or Navy Sweatshirt

Navy Fleece

White, Grey or Navy Socks or Tights

Blue and White Checked Summer Dress

Navy Cap

Nursery Only: Navy Joggers

### Boys Uniform

Grey School Trousers or Shorts

White Polo Shirt

Navy Sweatshirt

Navy Fleece

Grey Socks

Navy Cap

Nursery Only: Navy Joggers



## **P.E. Kit for Girls and Boys**

P.E. Bag

White T-Shirt

Navy Shorts

Navy Joggers

Black Plimsolls

Juniors Optional: Trainers for Outdoor

P.E.

## **Our Results**

For detailed information about our results at Hook Lane please visit our website:

[www.hooklaneprimary.co.uk/Our-Data-and-Results/](http://www.hooklaneprimary.co.uk/Our-Data-and-Results/)

## **Our PTA**

The PTA is made up of a group of friendly and proactive parents, who work together to raise valuable funds for our school. Every parent is welcome to join the PTA.

The PTA works together to organise events throughout the school year. These include school discos, Christmas and summer fetes, regular tuck shop sales and the organising of purchasable keepsakes such as tea-towels and Christmas cards.





# Enrichment

At Hook Lane we value providing the children with a wealth of experiences throughout their time with us and we aim to develop the whole child - the academic, social, emotional, cultural, moral.

Staff organise regular themed weeks to enhance the provision. Recently these have included Money week (with a Maths and personal development focus), STEM week (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) and Book week (developed around World Book Day).

Every class aims to plan two trips or visits for each term. In Year 5 the children have a week away at a PGL centre in East Sussex. In Year 4 the children have a one-night sleepover in the school hall and in Year 6 we organise a two-night camp under canvas on the school field!



We are lucky to have wonderful school grounds: three playgrounds, a large field and a forest school area. We have a double decker bus which we have transformed into a cosy and exciting library space. We also have a dedicated music room.

We have several sports clubs available to the children as well as offering lessons for learning to play a musical instrument.





# Inclusion

Inclusion is a real forte of Hook Lane. We have an ASD resource provision for 16 children with each child following an individualised programme providing the appropriate balance of provision teaching to mainstream class teaching based on the specific needs of each child.

For more information about inclusion at Hook Lane please have a look at our [website](#).

# Helping your child at Home

Helping your child at home can have a huge impact on your child's ability to understand, retain and develop their learning at school. At Hook Lane, we not only ensure that homework is set on a weekly basis, but we also encourage our children to read regularly and practice maths fluency and times tables each day. Every child in KS2 has a chrome book which they use for some of their learning at school each day and for some of their home learning too.



# Transition into Reception

It is a wonderful privilege and responsibility to be trusted by parents to provide the best possible start for your treasured small people. We want them to have a great experience from their very first day at Hook Lane - a time that can sometimes be challenging for the children, but is often more difficult for their parents.

We make sure that every family has a home visit before the children start - this enables the children to become familiar with the adults in their own environment. At Hook Lane, our whole-school home visits set the tone for strong, trusting partnerships with families from day one. Meeting each child and their family in their own home at the start of every year helps us understand them as individuals and build genuine connections. It's the start of a shared journey where school and families work hand-in-hand, creating a true sense of community with every child's best interests at heart.

When it is time to start school we phase the children in for the first week so that they do a few days of mornings only and then get used to staying for lunch before staying for their first full day.



# Wraparound Care

Breakfast Club runs from 7.45 in the morning and After School Club finishes at 6 in the evening. The staff are also Teaching Assistants at Hook Lane so they know the children really well. They are trained in food hygiene and safeguarding. The purpose built building gives the children space to eat, play and relax before and after school. It is worth noting that the wraparound care is usually oversubscribed so it's best to get your child's name on the waiting list early if you'd like them to have a place.



# Our Parents Say

*"My daughter loves going to school. Not only has she made some good friends but she has also learnt so much since September last year when she started school -- she didn't know the letters of the alphabet and now she can read a book and write me messages. Her excitement to go to school is fantastic to see so please keep on doing what you are doing because it's inspiring her to do her best and she is enthusiastic and happy to learn "*

*"The excellent caring nature of your staff, the ASD resource provision, the lovely videos your staff make, the use of Google classroom to keep students connected to the class, the regular communication via email and message board, the half-termly newsletter, the calm caring nature in general, the way your school is not all exam driven. Keep doing all you are doing."*

*"I love the community feel, never feel that I can't speak to a teacher, so approachable. The topics covered are great and the different ways in which they are delivered. I like the homework delivery of worksheets, this really works for us."*

*"Reception teaching staff are fantastic and it is also lovely to see a friendly face at the gate at pick ups."*

# Our Children Say

*“Games Gang is where the Year 6 children help the little children to play nicely at lunchtime and make sure that no one is left out”*

*“Hook Lane is great because the teachers and TAs are so supportive and kind”.*

*“PE lessons are really good because the sports coaches come in and teach us”.*

*“Everyone is included. The provision helps some children who have different needs”.*

*“School dinners are tasty and we get stickers for trying different food - especially vegetables”.*

# Admissions Process

You must apply online via the [Bexley Council](#) website. Hook Lane Primary School follows the [Maritime Policy for School Admissions](#).

We would love for prospective parents and carers to visit the school so that you can feel the warm, friendly atmosphere for yourselves and meet some of our children and staff.

## Oversubscription Criteria

When more children apply for places than are available at the school, priority is given to children who are: children of staff members, looked after children, children who have a statement of special educational need or EHC plan and children who have a brother or sister already attending the school. The remaining places are allocated to those children who live closest to the school.

## ASD Provision

The school has 16 places within its resource provision for children with ASD. These numbers are within the school admission numbers. Admission to the provision is only available to those children who have Hook Lane Primary School ASD Provision named on their EHC plan, and only when a vacancy is available.

## Social Media

Please visit our Facebook page where you will find a host of photos and videos of Hook Lane in action. We update our social media feeds daily so that we can stay connected with our parents/carers at all times.



## Contact Us



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