



Prospectus 2019



Moredon Primary and Nursery School are proud to be part of The White Horse Federation Multi-Academy Trust

The White Horse Federation (TWHF) is a high performing Multi-Academy Trust, which supports primary, secondary, special and teaching schools across Wiltshire, Gloucestershire, Swindon, Oxfordshire and Berkshire. At its heart is a belief that we want to develop the type of schools that we would be proud to send our own children to. We do this with a relentless drive for academic excellence blended with a shared moral purpose and shared values but also with an awful lot of fun and happiness in our schools.

With a track record of improvement in standards and attainment, TWHF believes that every child should achieve all that they are capable of and more, regardless of background, culture, heritage or ability. We genuinely believe that partnership working with our schools, students and their parents, as well as the wider community, helps create the best possible outcomes for all our young people.

Dr Nicholas Capstick OBE
CEO and Board Member





A Warm Welcome

Dear parent or guardian,

Welcome to Moredon Primary and Nursery School. I have the pleasure of providing you with our school prospectus. Whether you are considering a new school for your child after moving home or this is your child's first step into the world of full-time education, you are at an important and exciting time in your child's life. This prospectus has been designed to help you appreciate all that Moredon Primary and Nursery School has to offer your child, and I very much hope you enjoy reading it. Should you require more information about our policies, they are available on the school website.

As you can appreciate, there is only so much information that can be gained from reading our prospectus. However, there is no substitute for visiting the school. If you would like to take a look around the school and see our teachers in action, we would be delighted to show you around.

To arrange a visit, please contact the school office.



Mrs Claire Leach
Principal





Our Vision and Values

Moredon Primary and Nursery School is committed to creating a happy, positive environment where all children thrive academically and socially. Our children become confident, independent learners who are determined to succeed and have a love for life and learning. We believe everyone in our school should demonstrate respect for themselves, their peers, and the wider community, taking increasing responsibility for being the very best they can be.



Values play a big part in everything we do in school and are modelled by all, while behaviour is of a very high standard due to the high expectations we have of all children.

Teachers and staff recognise the importance of supporting children across all aspects of their life, which is why we offer strong pastoral support alongside our focus on academic achievement. All children have access to a learning mentor, and families receive support from trusted outside agencies as well as our family support worker.



Early Years Foundation Stage

In the foundation stage, children deepen their knowledge and understanding by playing, talking, observing, planning, questioning, experimenting, testing, repeating, reflecting, and responding to adults and each other. As its name suggests, this stage is the very foundation for all future learning.

The first stage of your child's learning journey at Moredon Primary and Nursery School is spent in our foundation stage unit. The unit is made up of a 52-place nursery (a mixture of 30-hour and 15-hour places) and a 60-place reception area.

Every child and every family is different, so we try and cater for all needs. We begin by getting to know your family before your child even joins our school. To do this, we offer to arrange a home visit in the nursery, which will allow you to get to know staff within the nursery setting. During this visit, you will be given the foundation stage booklet, which includes information about the early years foundation stage (EYFS) curriculum, the day-to-day running of our unit, and the way in which we work together. Children are also invited into school for a pre-visit to ensure a smooth transition when they join us.

When your child joins our reception, we will also offer a home visit, an open evening, and transition visits for the children to ensure they settle in well.



Our Curriculum



At Moredon Primary and Nursery School, we are committed to achieving the three core aims of the national curriculum enabling children to become:

Responsible citizens
Confident individuals
Successful learners

At Moredon Primary and Nurse English, maths, and computing are embedded within the school curriculum, supporting the development of children's learning and thinking and their personal, emotional, and social skills.

At Moredon Primary and Nursery School, we follow a creative curriculum that links subjects together through stimulating and exciting topics. Our curriculum offers opportunities to explore and develop a better understanding of our local area, where we are in the world, and the issues that affect us. Teaching accommodates the wide-ranging learning needs of each child and involves practical, hands-on learning experiences.

As part of our children's learning, we also utilise the skills and knowledge of experts from outside the school through topic-related trips and bringing in visitors to the school to provide unique learning experiences that support the aims of our curriculum. Children are also encouraged to experience life away from home on residential trips to dedicated outdoor centres, such as Arethusa Outdoor Adventure Centre in Kent.

The National Curriculum is organised into seven areas for learning, covering a wide range of subject areas:

- 1 Understanding English, communication, and languages: English and modern foreign languages.**
- 2 Mathematical understanding.**
- 3 Scientific and technological understanding.**
- 4 Computing, science, and design technology.**
- 5 History, geography, citizenship and religious education.**
- 6 Understanding the arts: art, drama, dance, and music**
- 7 Understanding physical development health and well-being: physical education, personal well-being, and economic well-being**



Celebrating Success

As a school, we believe it is vitally important for all children to feel successful and to have their achievements recognised and celebrated. We do this in a number of ways, including:

- A weekly achievements assembly, whereby children who have demonstrated our values or produced a good piece of work are recognised and rewarded. The children receive a certificate and a 'Star of the Week' medal that identifies their success. Achievements can be of an academic, sporting, or creative nature.
- Good attendance is celebrated at school each week, with the class that achieves the highest attendance being awarded the attendance trophy.
- Following sporting events, a 'Sportsperson of the Match' is nominated and celebrated in our weekly celebration assembly





Parent Partnerships

At Moredon Primary and Nursery School, we recognise and value the role of parents and carers as partners in their child's education, and we are continually looking for new ways of extending and developing this partnership. We endeavour to support parents in a number of ways, including:

Curriculum information sessions

These take place at the beginning of each academic year and frequently throughout the year. These sessions provide parents with an opportunity to come along to their child's classroom, to understand what their child is learning, and see how they can support at home.

Meet the Teacher

Taking place at the end of each academic year, this is an opportunity for parents to come along to their child's new classroom to meet their new teacher.

Parent/Teacher Meetings

Arranged in the autumn and spring terms, these meetings allow parents to meet with their child's teacher, learn about their child's progress, and ask any questions they may have.

Our School Website

Weekly updates from all teachers are posted on the website along with hints and tips for homework and termly topic plans.

Open Afternoons

Parents are invited to the school for an afternoon to share in their child's learning.

Monthly Newsletters and Termly Topic Letters

These communications are sent home to keep parents informed about what is happening in school, as well as providing key diary dates.

Talking to Teachers

Parents can talk to their child's teacher at the beginning or end of the school day, or by arranging an appointment. We encourage this to resolve any problems quickly and ensure they do not escalate unnecessarily.

Parental Support

We always welcome and really appreciate parents helping in school.

Friends of Moredon

This group exists to provide closer links between home and school and is an excellent way to bring staff, parents, and friends together, socially, in support of the school.



Governing Body & Friends of the School

We have a local board of governors who monitor the teaching and learning in our school. The board is made up of parents, members of the local community, and the wider employees of The White Horse Federation.

The governing body meets on a termly basis to discuss and monitor attainment, progress, teaching, and learning. Within the governing body, there are champions of different areas of school life. The champions visit the school at least twice a year to discuss their area of focus with the subject co-ordinator or lead teacher.

Two pupil governors also attend three meetings a year to bring forward issues and areas for development that have been raised in school council meetings.

Onto Secondary School

Moredon Primary and Nursery School has close links with local secondary schools, and children have the opportunity to visit these schools for partnership sport events, productions, or 'gifted and talented' days. Our pupils access a wide range of secondary schools across Swindon, including Nova Hreod, Abbey Park, The Ridgeway, and Swindon Academy.

Special Needs & Disabilities

Our school provides an inclusive environment for all children, regardless of their need. The SENCO at Moredon Primary and Nursery School is a fully qualified teacher, and all teachers have the support of the SENCO to ensure the good progress and attainment of all children. All teachers are expected to have, and committed to having, a good understanding and awareness of SEND. This is achieved through ongoing CPD. Throughout the school year, numerous staff training sessions are spent on SEND and new practices.

Teaching assistants are employed to support the learning needs of all the children, with the exception of targeted support for children with high needs, which enables them to access a mainstream curriculum. We also offer pastoral support for all pupils which, when appropriate, includes a learning mentor and family support worker.

Conversations with other professionals in formal meetings will happen prior to children starting at the school and upon them leaving the school. At these meetings with other professionals, we will check for funding, write any necessary plans, and look at ways of employing suitable staff.

There is a bespoke pathway for children coming into school dependent on their need and recognising the strength of parental knowledge and the information that they can share. Parental views are essential in this process. Pupils will always visit the school with their parents at least once before their start date.

Any child moving on to another school from ours will have a carefully structured plan created based on their individual need, and appropriate support is given to the receiving school.

Our year 6 pupils have a structured transition plan in place in term 6. If a child has an education, health, and care plan (EHCP), a transitional review will take place in year 5, and possible school options will be discussed.



Joining Our School

We believe that no two learners arriving at our school are the same. Students come from different backgrounds, bring different experiences, and have different needs and interests. From the moment your child arrives at our school, they can be sure of receiving a warm welcome and help and guidance from their teacher as they become part of a new family here at Moredon Primary and Nursery School.

At the heart of what we do is making sure our new arrivals:

- Are happy, settled, and secure.
- Feel part of school life as soon as possible.
- Are supported if English is not their first language.
- Enjoy their learning.
- Make friends.
- Know who to go to for those all-important conversations.
- Are ready to achieve outstanding success.

We believe our children deserve nothing less, and we will do the very best for them, whoever they are, wherever they come from.

Applying for a Place in Our school

The White Horse Federation subscribes to the Swindon Borough Council admissions procedures and policies. Parents can apply through Swindon Borough Council for primary school admissions. For the nursery, parents apply through the school office to register their child for a place.

Tours of the school available on appointment.

Please phone the school office to arrange a date and time.



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