



Richard Hill CE Primary School

Part of the Learn Academies Trust





Welcome

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I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a very warm welcome to our wonderful school.

Richard Hill Church of England Primary School is in the centre of the pretty and friendly Leicestershire village of Thurcaston. We are privileged to have close links with our local parish church, making regular visits, and the Diocese of Leicester. We feel privileged to have a wide reaching catchment and to have a families and children from a range of faiths and cultures.

Our school's Christian Ethos works hand in hand with our values, and we enjoy a network of church schools within our multi-academy trust, Learn Academies Trust. Our community is incredibly important to us and strong relationships with all underpin everything that we do. Our school staff are committed, enthusiastic and approachable. Our parents are very supportive, keen to help their children at home and ensure the children are ready to learn at school. We feel this partnership is vital to ensure that every child can be the very best they can be.

We currently have 4 classes. Some children are in mixed year group classes which is similar to other local schools. We have times where year groups are taught discreetly. Children at Richard Hill thrive in these mixed classes learning from each other and developing enhanced social skills by being with children that are different ages.

Core learning is the foundation to our curriculum so we place a high emphasis on this. Being confident in reading, writing and maths opens doors and gives your child access to wider opportunities. No matter what ability your child is working at, we ensure they have the right resources, the right level of challenge and the right support in order to develop an absolute love of learning.

We have a teacher led pre-school and accept applications from all children aged 3-11 years. We welcome pupils from our catchment area and beyond.

I hope you enjoy reading our prospectus which gives you a brief overview as to what makes Richard Hill special. We would love you to come and visit our school and I look forward to welcoming you.

Mrs McVeigh
Acting Headteacher.





Vision and Values

“You will know them by their fruits.”

Matthew 7:16

We believe, as did our founder Richard Hill, in helping prepare the children for the challenges and opportunities of life. We believe in giving every family the best opportunity to flourish.

Our Christian Vision is “You will know them by their fruits.” Matthew 7:15 which links directly to the values of the Fruits of the Spirit. The Fruits of the Spirit are values of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. These are values that we uphold in everything that we do.

Situated in the heart of Thurstaston we look to combine our Christian Values with our forward-thinking vision for the school. The children at Richard Hill are a credit to our school. They show our Christian values and excellent learning behaviours in the way that they behave and they work hard.



Ofsted - 2025

The Ofsted inspectors were with the school for two days in May, and during that time looked into every aspect of school life – from how the curriculum is built and delivered to how well supported the children feel academically and emotionally. The school was considered 'good' in all areas.



The report highlighted the following:

This is a happy school where pupils are enthusiastic about their learning. Behaviour in the school is calm and orderly. Pupils feel safe and well supported. The school takes great care to include all pupils in everything that it does. This includes pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND).

Effective leadership provides a clear sense of direction. The school has high expectations for all pupils' achievement.

Pupils are attentive and enthusiastic learners, achieving well across the curriculum. They enjoy relevant and interesting learning activities.

The school enriches the curriculum to make learning exciting.

Children in the early years get off to a positive start in their learning. They engage well with activities, working and playing together. Staff are attentive to children's individual needs. They provide clear guidance to help children learn and practise new knowledge.

The school provides a well-designed personal development programme. Pupils have opportunities to broaden their horizons through a range of learning experiences.

Parents and carers hold the school in high regard. They praise both the standard of teaching and the quality of pastoral care.



History and Legacy of Richard Hill

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Richard Hill School was founded in 1715 by the then Rector of Thurcaston, Rev. Richard Hill. Our Founder desired that his school should prepare its scholars for life's opportunities and challenges. Richard Hill saw education as a balance between social, academic and religious learning. We still adhere to his guiding principles – they have served us well for nearly 300 years.

As a school we visit All Saints Church regularly for Collective Worship led by Reverend, Matthew Gough. We also welcome parents and families to celebrate Harvest, Christmas, Easter and our Year 6 leavers service with us.

As a legacy to the pupils of Richard Hill School the Richard Hill Charity was set up. Any pupil of the school up to the age of 25 can apply to the charity for support. this has included the support for PGCE courses, gap years and technology for pupils.

The legacy of Richard Hill is also continued with our support of two pupils at Alpha and Omega school in Uganda. Our Pupil Communication Team share and send updates of our sponsorship with the wider school community.





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Scheme

When Mr Big
got on the
everybody
got off

Both - a
made from
sugar and
Purils - small
puffed pancakes
There are lots of
Divall parties. These
sorts of nuts, sugar and
savours and toast rice.

Curriculum



We use the following schemes of work to make our Richard Hill Curriculum engaging, exciting and inclusive for all!

Our curriculum has been structured very carefully from the Early Years to year 6 based on our changing class structure. Teachers are very knowledgeable, skilled and they work closely with subject leaders in other schools. As a result children at Richard Hill love learning. They are curious, joyful and resilient learners.

More information about the way we teach and the curriculum subjects in more detail can be found on the school website.



We have more to offer

Whilst we have an excellent core curriculum we believe strongly in preparing children for life with a range of experiences as part of the wider curriculum including families and the community as much as possible.

Getting out and about

At Richard Hill the children will regularly visit church and they will go to an additional place of worship across the year. They will go on walks around the local area. There is one class trip a year and a whole school trip. Year 6 go on a residential each year.

School Events

Families are invited to a range of events across the school year including Christmas and Summer Fairs, school Open Events. We have class assemblies that celebrate a range of celebrations from all faiths and share the children's most recent work

Visitors

We have a range of visitors come into school every year including the Fire Service to talk about Fire Safety, the Dogs Trust, Leicester Riders to name a few.

In addition through the Charnwood Education partnership we have poets, historians, meteorologists and geologists visit our classes each year.

Additional Skills

The children learn basic first aid with a paramedic in years 5 and 6, they learn how to use a balance bike in EYFS and do Bikeability in year 6. We encourage our children to be advocates of areas of interest such as being on the Junior Ethos Committee. All our children have the opportunity to have music lessons.



Our Before and After School Club

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Breakfast Club

Our breakfast club runs everyday, with flexible online booking, from 7.45am. Children of all ages can attend and we have a range of breakfast options on offer



After School Club

We are delighted to offer you our Amazing After School Club here at Richard Hill School everyday until 5.45pm.

Our aim is to ensure your child is well cared for in a happy, stimulating environment.

During their stay at the club we offer activities for the children to take part in such as painting, games, crafts and sports. These are all designed around the children's enjoyment whilst also providing important social and academic opportunities.

Payments are made online and more details will be provided if you wish to book a place for your child. We also accept both employee scheme childcare vouchers and tax-free childcare vouchers.



Admissions

Richard Hill CE Primary School is a thriving and popular school serving the village of Thurcaston, Leicestershire. Our catchment area can be viewed on our website but we also welcome applications from outside this area and have many families in school from across the region.

We operate a single time admission for all children joining us at Foundation Stage. At the age of eleven, many of our pupils transfer to the following schools: The Martin High School, The Cedars Academy and Rawlins Academy.

Parents and carers need to apply for a place at our school via the local authority by mid- January and places are confirmed in April. It is important to apply on time to have the best chance of securing a place at your preferred school.

Our admissions policy and information about how to apply for a place are on our website.



What our parents say

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"A safe haven for children to learn and grow and be supported in a lovely environment."

"Since my sons mid term transfer to the school, his academic ability has improved so much. He loves his new school and now enjoys learning which is amazing to see and confirms we made the right decision in picking Richard Hill."

"We have found the school community to be one that is welcoming, friendly and down to earth. It's approachable atmosphere allows for both parents and pupils to feel settled and well looked after."

"My daughter has had a wonderful start to school and we couldn't be happier with staff and children at Richard Hill. We really appreciate the time the class teacher has spent getting to know our daughters interests and making sure she feels settled in her new school."



We can't wait to meet you.

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At Richard Hill our door is always open. Families are welcome to book in for a tour at any time, and we offer Open Days and Stay & Play sessions during the autumn term. To book to come and see us, or to find out what spaces we have available in our Preschool, Foundation class and older classes, please call 0116 234 0212 or email office@ric.learnat.uk



Richard Hill is a member of Learn Academies Trust, a multi-academy trust which oversees and supports all of their schools, allowing them to share expertise, pool their administrative functions and provide the best possible education for their pupils.

At Learn Academies Trust, all our schools are highly inclusive. Children and families from all faiths and none are welcomed, respected and embraced equally at every one of our schools. We provide nurturing and inclusive school environments where every child in the Trust is encouraged to flourish academically, socially and emotionally.

We believe in the power of education and learning to transform lives.

We commit, in courageous fellowship, to the restless pursuit of our core aims of equity, wellbeing and excellence.



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