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# Walton and Lees Hill CE Primary School

## School Prospectus



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## Welcome

We warmly welcome you to Walton and Lees Hill Church of England Primary School. We are all proud to be part of this happy, caring, community school where children are at the heart of all we do.

We try to live out our vision of caring, sharing and always learning in all that we do, which creates a close-knit school community which feels like an extended family.

We are an inclusive school and welcome anyone to join us in any capacity they can. Our class sizes allow us to get to know our children and their families really well, which means we can tailor the curriculum and learning environment to their specific needs and interests.

We pride ourselves in offering a broad and rich curriculum, with high quality teaching and lots of opportunities to enhance that learning with extra-curricular activities.

We hope that this information gives you a flavour of what WLHS can offer, but would encourage you to pay a visit and see for yourself.



*Lynn Rooney, Headteacher*

*"The family-like community and unique class size has helped my child grow in so many ways." - Parent*

Welcome to Walton Lees Hill Church of England Primary School which offers an enriched, broad and balanced curriculum within a small, caring, safe and happy family atmosphere.

The dedicated staff provide an education that helps the children to develop lively enquiring minds, ensuring them of equality of opportunity so that they may achieve their potential with opportunities to further develop their individual strengths.

Visits outside school and visitors to school support work in the classroom and there are opportunities to take part in extra musical, sporting and art activities.

All the children are valued as members of the School Community and their successes are celebrated. Parents are encouraged to be active partners in their children's learning.

*Mary Alston, Chair of Governors.*

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## Vision & Values

### Caring

Supporting and respecting each other to learn and grow.  
Valuing themselves and others with humility, compassion and forgiveness.

### Sharing

Providing opportunities to develop children's spirituality and morality by promoting Christian and British Values within our school family and wider community.

### Learning

Enabling enquiring minds for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences throughout life, by learning, reflecting and persevering in a stimulating and creative environment.



Our hope for our children is that they achieve great success, both in the classroom and beyond.

We aim for our children to be happy, enthusiastic and to enjoy every day here at school.

Here at Walton and Lees Hill, we are not just a school, but a family too.

*'Our love should not be just words and talk.  
It must be true love which shows itself in action.'*

*1 John 3:18*

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## Meet the Staff

Our School is set out into two classrooms, Acorn Class for the Early Years and Key Stage 1 and Oak Class for Key Stage 2.

Our KS1 and Early Years Lead is Mrs Stobbart and our KS2 Lead and Headteacher is Mrs Rooney.

Mrs Rooney and Mrs Thomson are our Key Stage 2 teachers, and they are supported by Mrs Ritson.

Mrs Stobbart and Mrs Stephenson are our Early Years and Key Stage 1 teachers, and they are supported by Mrs Batey.

Each week, we have a Sports Coach delivering our P.E lessons and a our lunchtime sports club, and individual music lessons are available with a peripatetic music teacher.

We have Mrs Lyons and Mrs Rawlings who work in the school office, and Mrs Blair who is our school cook.

We are a friendly team, who are lucky enough to get to know our pupils and their families very well and pride ourselves on delivering the best learning opportunities possible to our fantastic pupils.

## Our School

Walton and Lees Hill Primary School is set in the picturesque, peaceful countryside, just six miles from Brampton.

We are a unique school in that our our staff to pupil ratio is 1:5, which means that we can offer smaller class sizes and more individual support for pupils than many other schools can.

We boast expansive outdoor school grounds and also have a large school hall, perfect for gathering together for our School Lunches, Collective Worship and Community Events.

*"To us, WLHS is more than a school, it is an extension of our family." -Parent*

## Uniform

A simple uniform is helpful in establishing a sense of community and a good standard of appearance.

Only our school sweatshirt is branded and the rest of our uniform is readily available from high street outlets. It can be purchased online from B.E Uniforms and we operate a uniform swap-shop in school.

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*"Pupils and their families feel valued and part of a caring and happy school." -SIAMS*



## Outdoor Learning

Our school grounds are large, enabling us to have lots of outdoor learning opportunities. From opportunities for structured sports, to free-play such as den building, outdoor snack time at our picnic benches, worship and outside teaching in our amphitheatre and calming moments in our sensory garden, we have a wealth of opportunity available for all our pupils.

We encourage all children to reach their full potential across the curriculum, regardless of age, sex, race or ability by aiming to develop positive attitudes and promoting enjoyment and fascination of every subject through interesting, stimulating and varied tasks.

## Curriculum

### Inspiring Learning

Our curriculum is broad and is designed to inspire learning in all of our pupils by reinforcing key skills and using varying learning strategies to engage all types of learner.

Subjects are delivered using a central topic as our focus, which allows cross-curricular links to be developed, deepening understanding and creating relevance.

Some subjects are taught discreetly, where appropriate e.g Maths to ensure that key skills and strategies are developed to promote progression.

### Keeping you informed

Each term parents and carers will be invited to meet with their child's class teacher to discuss their progress.

At the end of the academic year, a written report will be sent out describing learning, progress and development over all curriculum areas.

Parents and carers are welcome to make an appointment with teachers anytime and staff are always happy to chat with you and answer any queries. Good communication between home, school and external agencies means that we can facilitate the best possible provision for each child.

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## Curriculum

*"Staff are committed to all pupils." - Ofsted*

### Extended Curriculum

As well as the diverse range of learning we present within our day-to-day teaching, there are many extra curricular opportunities offered here at Walton and Lees Hill Primary School. These opportunities help enhance our pupils already rich curriculum and increase their cultural capital.

Our after school and lunchtime clubs provide great opportunities for pupils to develop key skills such as cooking, team work and leadership skills and developing their sports and fitness.

We try to compliment our in-class learning with visits from specialists who can help us to improve our skills and understanding, and by going on trips to bring our learning to life.

Recent trips have included Beamish, Samye Ling, UDance, TalkinTarn, Brampton Fire Station, Lanercost Priory and weekly swimming which allows the children to see their learning in a different context and gives them first-hand experiences.

KS2 also go on a residential trip each year, and we offer a movie night and sleepover in school during the school year as well.

### Grow your own project

We have been making the most of our fantastic grounds by sowing seeds in our greenhouse and planting vegetables and fruit in our gardens. We also have two hens who lay eggs for us each day.

This is an exciting project for our pupils to see their food grow, which they will later prepare and eat in school, but it also benefits our wider area as we hope to grow enough to share with those in the local community too.

### Church Connections

As a Church School, links with our parish Church, St. Mary's, Walton are important for our school and community. We attend community services to worship alongside the congregation, to celebrate and acknowledge significant dates in the Christian Calendar, such as Harvest, Christmas and Easter.

Reverend Angela conducts a weekly worship in school and Rachel from NISCU visits half termly.

We also try to visit other places of worship, to help us deepen our understanding of other faiths.

*"It's fun gardening and keeping chickens." - Pupil*



*R.E work by pupils  
- on display*

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## School Hours

Our school day begins at 8:55am, but parents and carers are welcome to drop pupils off from 8:30am.

The school day ends at 3:25pm and each school week is 32.5 hours.

There will be a member of staff in school from 8:15am if you need to contact them. The school office opens at 8:30am.

Mornings usually consist of Reading, SPaG, Maths and English, with a healthy snack and break mid-morning.

After lunch and second break, lessons will include Music, P.E, Art and Humanities.

*"Walton & Lees Hill Church of England Primary School is a happy school." -Ofsted*

## School Meals and Snacks

Hot, nutritious school lunches are available for pupils each day. All KS1 children are entitled to Universal Free School Meals.

Children are welcome to bring a packed lunch into school if they prefer, however we do not allow pure confectionary and are a nut-free school.

# School Day

## Wellbeing Wednesdays

On Wednesdays to encourage wellbeing and positive mental health, we have an extended snack time, where we offer a range of snacks to encourage pupils to try new foods.

We use this time to encourage children to talk to staff and each other, and give an opportunity for show-and-tell, if there's something pupils would like to share.



## After School Club

We run after school clubs on two afternoons a week until 4:30pm. One club is usually with a sports coach, and the other with staff. The clubs change from term to term but have included Lego Club, Cookery and STEM Club. If there is not enough uptake for after school, we offer a lunchtime club instead.

We do not currently have any requirements for wrap-around care, however, this could be made available by arrangement with the Head Teacher but will incur a small charge.



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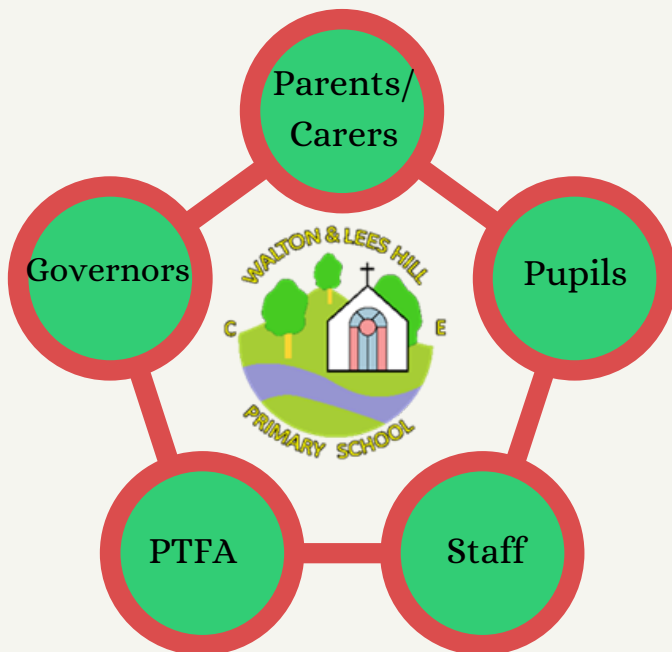


## School Family

### We're all connected

In our school, it's not just our pupils and teachers who are part of the school family. We're all connected at Walton and Lees Hill and pride ourselves on our family-like environment.

Due to our unique size, we are able to form close bonds with our pupils, and those around them who are important in their lives.



### PTFA

All parents and carers are automatically a member of our PTFA when their child joins the school.

Our PTFA is very active and funds many of our extra-curricular activities. They meet every half term and all are welcome to attend these meetings.

If you have any fundraising ideas or would like to know more about our PTFA please email [PTFA@leeshill.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:PTFA@leeshill.cumbria.sch.uk).

### Open door policy

As well as our regular termly meetings with parents and carers, we operate an open door policy here at Walton and Lees Hill.

Parents and carers are encouraged to speak with us anytime they have a question, query or concern. This could be either by scheduling a meeting with a staff member of your choice or having a chat at pick-up or drop-off time, whatever you feel comfortable with.

We do however ask that parents and carers do not use staff members personal social media accounts as a means of communication.

We are always here to speak with anyone, should they wish to.

*"Everyone is friends with each other. We get lots of experiences." - Pupil*



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## School Family

Our School is made up of two main classrooms, Oak Class, which is Key Stage 2, and Acorn Class, which is made up of Key Stage 1 and the Early Years.

Our class sizes mean that we are able to offer each pupil the support or challenge they need.

### Oak Class

Oak Class is our Key Stage 2 classroom for pupils in Year 3 to Year 6. The classroom is spacious and contains fantastic facilities, such as our modern ICT equipment.

The Oak Class classroom adjoins our super school library, ensuring pupils always have access to a plethora of books to support their learning and research.

*"WLHS has helped my children to thrive in both their learning and their confidence. They get an abundance of support from all staff." -Parent*



### Acorn Class

Acorn Class consists of our Early Years and Key Stage 1 pupils.

Acorn Class have a large classroom, with lots of learning and play opportunities combined, plus a covered outdoor area, ensuring they can get outside even on the wettest of days!

Acorn Class have their own toilets and cloakroom which are connected the class to encourage independence and self-care.

### Sapling Class

We have a fantastic classroom space situated in the school grounds, known Sapling Class. We use this Classroom for KS1 pupils more structured work, so they can access a space that is independent to our Early Years cohort.

Sapling Class is a brilliant, quiet learning zone for our pupils and is a great resource to have access to!

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*Oak Class*

## Ofsted

We are an Ofsted rated 'Good' school and inspectors found that this is a happy school with a strong climate for learning.

They found that pupils like to try new things, they feel safe and they are enthusiastic about their learning.

Staff have high expectations of all pupils, they promote a celebrations of books and reading and they are very proud to work at this school.

Leaders of the school are highly committed and dedicated and are clear and confident about the curriculum and parents say that the school is like one big family.

*"Children demonstrate kindness"-*

*SIAMS.*

# Safeguarding

## Safeguarding

Walton and Lees Hill are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff, visitors and volunteers to share this commitment.

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead at school is Mrs Rooney and our Deputy Safeguarding Lead is Mrs Stobbart.

If you have any safeguarding concerns we are always here to listen and assist you with these.

This school takes its responsibility to protect and safeguard the welfare of pupils and young people seriously and we aim to work in partnership with parents and carers to support pupils and families.

