



Welcome to John Wood School & Nursery

Creating bright futures

John Wood School & Nursery is part of the Chancery Education Trust and is located within the heart of Croydon within beautiful, green, secluded grounds.

We have spacious modern buildings with disabled access and good transport links. We have an onsite breakfast club from 7.30am and after school care until 6.00pm. We serve a multi-cultural community and are proud to have a committed and talented team of staff and governors that enables us to foster and nurture all the talents of our pupils.

We believe in nurturing children's curiosity to create a life-long love of learning. We also aim to promote creativity and provide a wealth of opportunities for expressive young minds. We place emphasis on the importance of social and personal growth and strive to ensure that our children are happy, healthy and responsible members of our community.

We are fortunate in having dedicated staff who give their time generously to ensure that your child's years with us are enjoyable, stimulating and successful. We pride ourselves on our reputation for meeting all children's needs. All are welcome at John Wood School & Nursery.

We believe that choosing the right school for your child's primary education is one of the most important decisions that you will make. We are confident that in choosing John Wood School & Nursery, you will be making the right choice.

Through providing an inspiring curriculum our children learn how to problem-solve, think relatively, work collaboratively, and communicate effectively with confidence.

“Nurturing children’s curiosity to create a life-long love of learning.”



“Every child has one opportunity to receive a great education.”



Our Vision

Through our strong family ethos, the Trust, staff, parents, governors, and friends of John Wood School & Nursery are committed to working together to provide the highest quality of education, that will meet the needs of every child and enable them to achieve their personal best.

We are committed to promote our core values so that every child will:

- Have good learning habits and the tools for life-long learning
- Have the skills to adapt to future challenges and make a contribution as a successful citizen
- Know how to be a good team player and have aspirations
- Be independent and resourceful
- Take responsibility for their own choices and actions
- Have self-belief and enjoy healthy relationships because of well-developed social skills
- Be the best that they can be
- Have the core skills and knowledge necessary to support them in the next stage of their learning journey, setting the foundation for them to secure their economic well-being

“Leaders and staff in Early Years have created a rich learning environment, indoors and outdoors. As a result, children make good progress from their starting points.”

Ofsted 2019

Core Values

Ambition

Be aspirational in all that we do and have a strong desire to succeed.



Independence

Work hard to achieve on our own.



Kindness

Be friendly, generous and considerate of others.



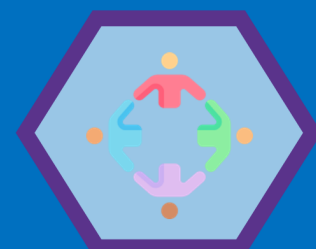
Perseverance

To persist in our learning, even when it is difficult.



Respect

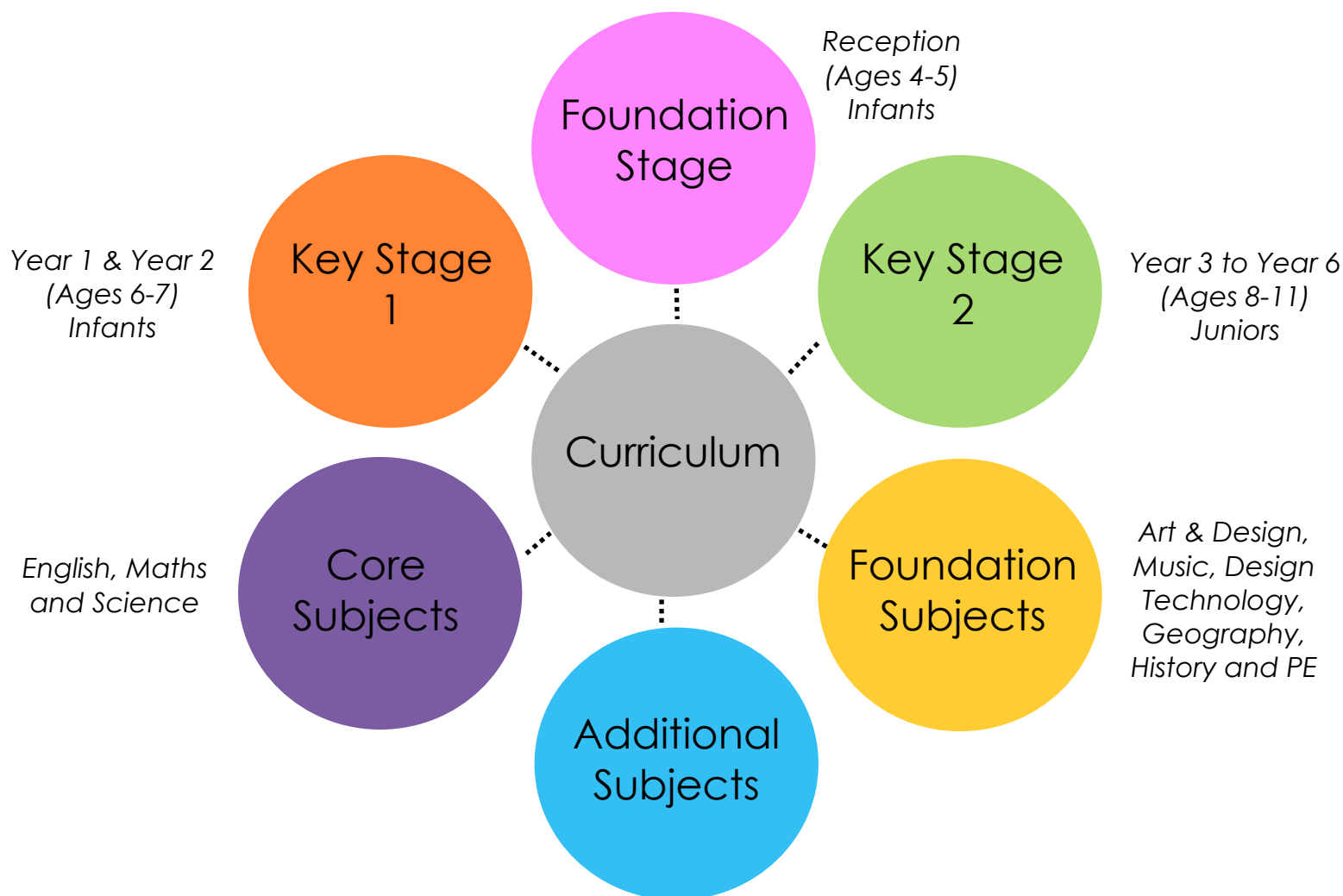
To be polite and treat others as we wish to be treated.



Teaching and Learning

At John Wood School & Nursery, we teach through an exciting and creative curriculum that takes account of the latest research on how children learn and think. Our aim is to encourage our children to achieve their personal best and to ensure that they develop their skills and talents in all aspects of intellectual, social and physical development.

The curriculum is divided into the following phrases:



Religious Education, Foreign Languages, Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education



“Learning in a safe, creative environment.
I could not want more for my child.”



Creative Curriculum

We aim to develop adaptable, flexible and free-thinking individuals with enquiring minds and a thirst for knowledge. We also aim to expand learning beyond the classroom to stimulate and inspire thinking and learning.

The curriculum is designed to allow children to link their learning locally, nationally and internationally. This makes learning relevant and meaningful.

As a platform readily understood by today's children, computing is used creatively across the curriculum to enhance children's learning. We feel it is important that our learners are encouraged to develop their own learning. Therefore, we hold Enterprise days on specified days where child-led activities encourage ownership and freedom when learning.

There is significant focus on engaging children to focus on their writing skills. Extended writing develops imagination, celebrates creativity and encourages writing for a sustained period of time.

In addition, there is a great emphasis on enrichment days, focus weeks and workshops to develop independence and risk taking in a secure environment.

“The highest quality of education that will meet the needs of every child and enable them to achieve their personal best and develop a love of learning.”

P4C (Philosophy for Children)

P4C develops thinking skills to encourage children to work collaboratively, be critical, apply creativity, and care for each other. Children create their own questions and select from them democratically. The questions raised come from a stimulus that is shared with the children and can take the form of objects, artefacts, pictures, photographs and videos. The children can even bring in their own stimulus to share with the class.

Some important features are:

- Children work as a team
- They can express their own opinions
- Children value and respect each other and their opinions
- Different viewpoints are embraced
- They have the opportunity to question each other and the world around them

P4C deepens children's understanding of other subject areas and the wider world which helps to develop a sense of community.

Children also have the opportunity to work with each other across the whole of the Academy year groups. Each week, each class develops their thinking skills through a P4C session. This ranges from “Wonder Time” in Reception through to philosophical enquiries in Years 5 and 6.





“Every new day is a chance to change something in your life.”

Forest School

Children from John Wood School & Nursery attend Forest School sessions at our Forest School site within the school grounds. Children build self-esteem and independence through exploring and experiencing the natural world.

The child-led focus of Forest School means the children can choose what to participate in, carefully supported and encouraged by trained adults. The role of the adults at Forest School is to facilitate and observe.

Children are encouraged and supported in recognising and managing risks for themselves. Children learn at their own pace by working on small achievable tasks, uninterrupted and choosing to move on when they are ready. They can move freely within the boundaries of the site.

Groups of classes of children will have a series of regular Forest School sessions so that they can build on previous experience and develop an understanding of the outdoor environment.

Forest School promotes holistic development through experiences that use every area of development - use of the senses, emotional well-being, social development, health and fitness, fine and gross motor skills, i.e., multi-sensory, real life learning.

Activities include:

- Hunting for mini beasts
- Identification of animals and plants
- Art and crafts using natural materials
- Using knots and lashing to create structures
- Building shelters
- Whittling
- Fire building and toasting food on a campfire



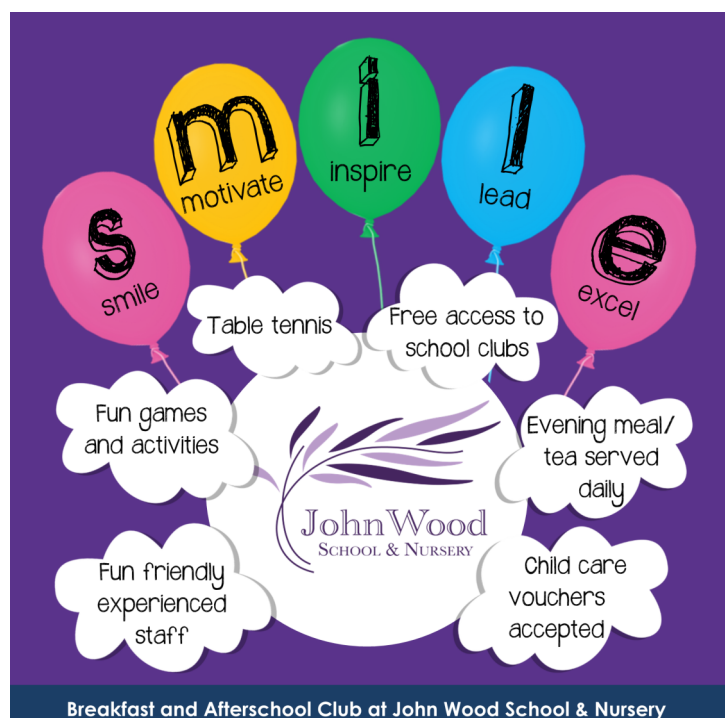
Sports, Clubs and Activities

Sport plays a large part in daily life at John Wood School & Nursery. With a dedicated Sports Team, we are able to offer a wide range of sports, both as part of the curriculum and in the after-school clubs.

Our sporting achievements are a testament to our commitment to sport and the Academy annually takes part within the Croydon Athletics Competitions at the Croydon Sports Arena.

On site, we offer a fantastic breakfast club and after-school club, S.M.I.L.E. These clubs are run by John Wood School & Nursery staff and places can be booked as either a one-off place or a regular place for your child.

There is also a large range of clubs available for the children to enjoy, both during the school day and after hours. These include a variety of sports clubs, foreign language classes, creative art & design, drama and singing.



“A specialist sports coach helps teachers to deliver high-quality physical education lessons. Play leaders run active sessions at lunchtime, and pupils enjoy the variety of sports activities on offer.”

Ofsted 2019



“So many clubs and groups to support and encourage learning.”

Equality Matters

At John Wood School & Nursery we believe that every child matters. We celebrate all children regardless of gender, disabilities, race, ability and backgrounds. We create a positive atmosphere based on a sense of community and shared values, where pupils are enabled to achieve academically and socially.

Equal opportunities are at the heart of our ethos, recognising the importance of the diverse needs of our learners. There is zero tolerance for bullying and racism.

Achievements, both academic and creative, are recognised and celebrated throughout school life. This includes children who are recognised as gifted and talented in any area.

We help to develop the children's understanding of the social and emotional needs of themselves and others through a creative programme of Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning (SCARF) work. Through our Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education (PSHCE) curriculum, we aim to make our children responsible citizens preparing them for the decision they may need to make both now and in the future.

We adopt a positive approach to behaviour with good behaviour celebrated and rewarded. A clear structure has been created to manage any negative behaviour issues that may arise. We strive for all children to achieve their full potential and become independent, confident learners.



Parent Partnership

Home school links are a fundamental part of the work at John Wood School & Nursery with parents kept fully informed of aspects of their children's time at the Academy including work attainment and behaviour.

Parents are strongly invited to attend parent teacher evenings every term with an open afternoon at the end of the year. These opportunities are invaluable in understanding children's progress and next steps for learning.

We actively encourage parental engagements and welcome volunteers who can donate their time to help out with a whole range of different activities from hearing readers to helping out with art projects or cooking. At various points in the year the school holds curriculum workshops for parents which always prove popular and informative and receive very positive feedback.

There is an active and dedicated Parent Teacher Association who work tirelessly to organise fantastic fundraising activities to further enhance and enrich the opportunities for all learners.

Good communication is seen as a key to effective engagement with our parents and we regularly update events and diary dates via the Academy website and email these to parents. There is also the Principal's newsletter, which is published every week. These are published on the Academy website and on our social media platforms.

Home learning is encouraged and we feel it is important that children engage with their school work at home to further enhance their learning. As well as the usual expectation of reading, spelling and maths, children are also given projects to complete, e.g., making a musical instrument. There is a reading record which is used as a contact book which ensures effective communication between home and school.

As a school, we believe in being an integral part of improving community cohesion. We hold community events such as coffee mornings and advice clinics.



We would love to hear from you

John Wood School & Nursery
Dartnell Road
Croydon
CR0 6JA

 Tel: 020 8654 1460

 office@johnwoodschool.com

 www.johnwoodschool.com

Follow us at

 [johnwoodschool](https://www.facebook.com/johnwoodschool)

 [@johnwoodsch](https://twitter.com/johnwoodsch)



- Follow our page.
- Click the like button.
- Receive updates on daily life at John Wood School & Nursery!

John Wood School & Nursery is part of the Chancery Education Trust

The Chancery Education Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.