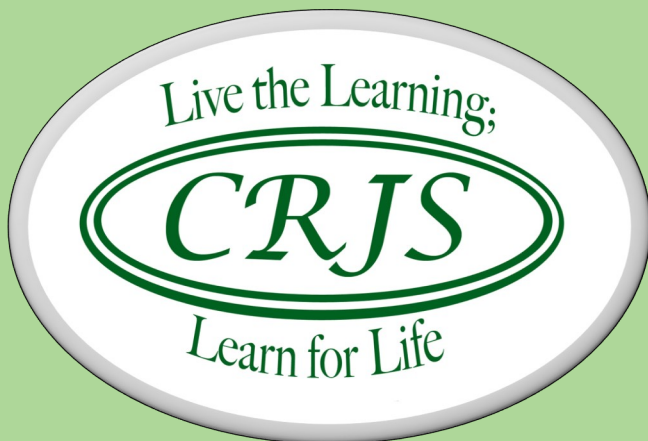


Crawley Ridge Junior School

Respect– Positivity– Belonging



Prospectus and Information
for Visitors



Welcome to Our School

On behalf of the Staff and Governors, it gives me great pleasure to give you and your family an insight into our school, and I hope this will be the start of a long and happy partnership with you. The aim of this prospectus is to provide you with information about our school and to extend a warm welcome to children and their parents who are considering joining us.

Crawley Ridge Junior School endeavours to provide a school day which excites, challenges and motivates each individual child. Our school believes that each child should have the opportunity to develop their capabilities to the full. We believe that this is achieved by developing and nurturing the whole child and that all aspects of development should be valued and acknowledged.

We believe that the education of children is a collaborative and shared responsibility between home and school and our vision is to work in partnership with you over the coming years and to support your child's transition into secondary school.

This prospectus can only touch on the richness and quality of the curriculum at Crawley Ridge Junior School. We look forward to meeting you and welcoming your child in the near future. Please do come and visit the school; our door is always open.

Vicky Egan

(Head Teacher)

Our Values

We believe that children who arrive at CRJS embark on a journey of exploration and discovery. Our pupils are empowered to learn through experiencing our past, present and future environments at first hand. Through this, they develop a thirst for life-long learning. We encourage learners to achieve their full potential in a supportive environment based upon mutual respect. We achieve this through successful and supportive communication which is at the heart of our whole school belief.

Our Values are at the heart of all we do.

Respect

We care for ourselves, others and our environment.

Positivity

We try our best in all aspects of learning and school life.

Belonging

We are valued members of the team.

What makes our school special?

- Our curriculum is personal to us. We have designed it to meet the needs of our children and embrace our local area. Our staff are passionate about the learning that takes place in each year group.
- We believe in providing rich first hand experiences. Our children take part in a range of trips linked to their learning and we invite visitors into school to enrich our curriculum.
- Our Forest School ensures that we make full use of our stunning grounds. All children have access to Forest School during the year and we offer an after school and holiday club. In fact, outdoor learning is a key feature of our curriculum.
- OPAL PLAY means that all children experience creative, fun-filled playtimes in all weathers!
- We pride ourselves on our excellent sporting achievements. Children have the opportunity to represent our school at events across Surrey.
- We offer a huge range of after school clubs. There really is something for everyone. Some of clubs include: Basketball, Judo, Chess, Young Engineers, Cross-country, Netball and Football.
- Graitney, our before and after school care provision, ensures that those who need wrap around care know that their children are being looked after in a safe and stimulating environment.

Our pupils say...

"We learn lots of interesting things each year. I love going on school trips; they help us to see what we learn about in class for real. My favourite memory is from Year 5 when we mummified fish in our Egyptian topic." Year 6 Pupil Parliament representative

Our families say...

" We love the school; it's caring and very nurturing. The staff are incredibly kind. " (Parent Survey 2024)

"We feel it is a very calm and supportive environment in which to learn. Our child has thrived both academically and socially since joining the school and their love of learning has flourished." (Parent Survey 2024)

Other special mentions...

"Today I had the pleasure of teaching workshops to your Year 5 pupils when they visited the Mary Rose Museum. They were some of the most well-behaved children we have ever welcomed to our museum and it was an absolute delight to teach them and show them around. Both myself and everyone else who taught them were impressed by their attitude, their eagerness to learn and their overall enthusiasm. They are an absolute credit to your school."
Representative from Mary Rose Museum.



Crawley Ridge Junior School is a caring school with a team of dedicated professionals who ensure that the children get the most from their education. Every member of staff is committed to providing the children with a happy, well-disciplined environment where all children can make the most of every learning opportunity offered to them.

The whole school curriculum is carefully planned to challenge all children and to give continuity and progression through their time at Crawley Ridge. Building upon previous successful experience, children become more confident and independent in their learning. Central to our curriculum is the development of reading, writing and mathematics skills which underpin all we do; ensuring that our pupils leave us able to communicate effectively and contribute fully in today's society.

Other subjects that we learn are:

- ◇ History
- ◇ Geography
- ◇ Religious Education
- ◇ French
- ◇ Physical Education
- ◇ Personal, Social, Health Education (PSHE)
- ◇ Science
- ◇ Computing
- ◇ Music
- ◇ Art
- ◇ Design technology





Homework

All children have some form of homework each week and we believe it is an important part of learning, where children can reinforce what is learnt at school; develop independence and good work habits; involve the family in a child's schooling and prepare children for the next stage of education.



Special Educational Needs

It is the policy of the school to ensure early identification of SEN and to support the child in the most appropriate way. Support may include one or more of the following : individual programmes of work within the classroom, inclusion in small intervention groups, advice and involvement of one of the learning support services, assessment and advice from the educational psychologist. Our experienced Inclusion Leader leads, monitors and reviews provision for SEN pupils and ensures consultation with parents.



Educational Visits

All our learning is supported by our commitment to ensure high quality trips and visits take place. These are an integral part of our curriculum and ensure that learning is brought to life for each child. All children visit a place of worship each year linked to their learning in RE; through this they build a greater understanding of the beliefs and practices of different religions. Other trips include: Butser Farm, Henley Fort, Wisley Gardens and Hampton Court Palace. We also welcome visitors into school to carry out workshops and assemblies. These have included: author visits, Ancient Egyptian and Greek workshops, and a zoo .

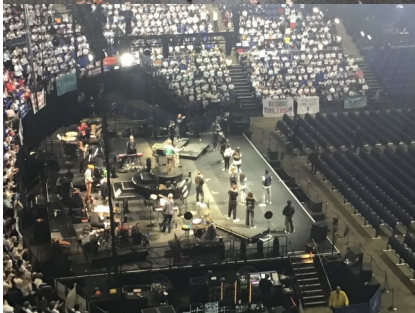
Residential Trips

We organise over-night residential trips for the children at Crawley Ridge. This begins in Year 4 with a sleepover opportunity to build confidence in staying away from home. We then visit Portsmouth with our Year 5 for two nights. This trip is closely linked with their Tudor topic and they spend each day visiting local attractions. In Year 6 a two night activity residential provides children with the opportunity to develop vital team building and resilience skills ready for the transition to secondary school.



Resources

We are incredibly lucky at Crawley Ridge to have vast grounds in which to learn and play, this includes; our playground, field, Forest School and pond area. Our large hall space plays host to our annual Carol and Spring concerts, Year 6 Leavers' performance and other class assemblies throughout the year. The Studio provides space for music lessons, cooking and a well-resourced library. In order to fully support our curriculum, we have high quality resources for all subject areas and have a large number of laptops for use across the school. Each class also has access to iPads to support teaching and learning.



Forest School

Our Forest School is an inspirational environment offering children opportunities to develop social skills, self-esteem and confidence through hands on learning experiences in our woodland environment. At CRJS, activities are linked to the curriculum and are designed for child-led learning in order to encourage our children to explore their thoughts, feelings and relationships and understanding of the world around us. Our Forest School offers children opportunities to be successful, take risks, make choices and initiate learning for themselves.

OPAL

OPAL play is an initiative that we have launched to ensure that children at CRJS have the most imaginative, fun playtimes possible. The children have access to a range of areas and resources across our site including a mud pit, woodland trails, scooters, soft toys, den building, trim trail, climbing wall, quiet space and more. The children love the freedom they have and the opportunity to be totally creative in the outdoor area.

Pastoral

We are a small school and take pride in getting to know every person in it for the individual they are. Every member of the staff team feels a responsibility to each child and works hard to ensure that emotional well-being is nurtured throughout their time with us. Our three highly skilled Emotional Literacy Support Assistants (ELSAs) are on hand to support children to deal with difficulties in all aspects of life. From friendships to issues around bereavement and loss, they are there to listen and to offer practical strategies to help children manage their emotions, so that their learning can continue. For those children starting school in Year 3, we always pair them with an older child who acts as a buddy and mentor. This buddy supports the child during those first few weeks while they settle into the routines of our school.

Pupil Parliament

We believe that there is a leader in every child. From the simple day to day leadership of organising oneself or leading a small group in a presentation to representing the school more widely. Our Pupil Parliament, which is made up of 4 councils, plays an active part in developing our school. The Learning Council works with senior leadership to think about learning, behaviour and curriculum. The Eco-Council supports the school community to work sustainably, our Well-being Council promotes the importance of mental health and well-being and our Digital Leaders support the use of technology across the school.

Extra- curricular

At Crawley Ridge we offer a range of extra-curricular opportunities. Clubs or specialist teaching take place before, during and after the school day. Specialist music tuition includes piano, flute and fife. Other clubs on offer include: Judo, Chess, Football, Netball, Cross-country, Basketball, Drama, Choir, Young Engineer and Crafts. This is just a sample of what we have to offer. We continue to add to the range of activities all the time.

Our staff say...

"Working at Crawley Ridge feels like being part of one big family. "

"Our children make us proud everyday."

"Everyone at CRJS works hard to make sure that we provide the best education for the children."

Our Headteacher says...

"It is a great privilege to lead a community where the children are at the heart of all we do. The team are committed to providing the very best environment for children to flourish."



Working Together

Parent Partnership

We believe that a positive relationship between school and parents is crucial for our pupils to achieve to the best of their ability and to empower them to develop as confident and caring individuals. We welcome parents' involvement as this helps our understanding of the individual child and, together, enables us to develop them into rounded individuals.

Links between home and school form an important basis for helping children feel secure in their learning environment and parents add so much by assisting both in and outside the classroom. At the start of each term we provide an overview of the curriculum and we send regular newsletters to keep parents informed of day-to-day happenings. The school also offers parent consultation evenings each term, as well as an annual report to keep you informed about your child's achievements.

A variety of parent workshops are offered throughout the year to enable parents to support their children in subjects such as reading and mathematics.

The Alliance Multi-Academy Trust

Crawley Ridge Junior School is part of The Alliance Multi-Academy Trust (TAMAT). This is a trust of five like-minded schools in the Surrey Heath area who have come together to work in partnership with a focus on enriching the education of every child in the trust. Further information about TAMAT can be found at www.tamat.org.uk

PTA

A very important way in which parents help is through the PTA. This team of parent volunteers organise and run fundraising and social events which raise money to support the children in school.





Local Academy Board

At Crawley Ridge we have a committed team of Governors who bring a broad range of skills to the Local Academy Board. Governors have a general responsibility for the effective management of the school. The full governing body meets each term and roles are shared so that Governors can focus on the curriculum, finance, resources, premises, community links, staffing and special needs provision in the school.

A message from our Chair of Governors– Fiona Torley

Crawley Ridge Junior School provides a wonderful environment with beautiful grounds in which your children are able to learn and develop during their time with us. Every child is important to us and we have a responsibility to ensure that they receive the best possible education in a safe, caring, and fun environment. Our dedicated team of teaching and non-teaching staff, together with a supportive Governing Body, share the same ambition and team ethos which is so very important in carrying out a wide range of responsibilities for the benefit of our children and parents/carers, as well as an engaged local community.

Our school's ethos and values are at the heart of all our decisions. It is very rewarding to support a school whose wonderful children and staff care for each other. Our school development plan ensures the school continues to move forward as we build upon our successes and identify our areas for improvement. All staff and governors work closely to review and evaluate the school's progress and plan future priorities.

We look forward to working with you as part of 'Team Crawley Ridge Junior School'.

Wrap-around Care– Graitney

Graitney aims to provide high quality, affordable, reliable and accessible before and after school childcare for children aged between 4-11 years who attend Crawley Ridge Junior and Infant Schools.

Graitney cares for up to 40 children at the Breakfast Club and up to 50 children at the After School Club, providing a play centered environment where children feel safe, secure and happy.

The team of staff at Graitney endeavour to meet every child's individual needs. Playworkers understand the value of play; that it is essential in every child's life and vital to their development. Graitney therefore aims to create a fun, exciting and safe environment, where children are inspired and motivated through structured and informal activities. Older children are even encouraged to get involved in the planning for the following week, which gives them the opportunity to make choices on how they wish to spend their free time. More information about admissions to Graitney can be found on the school website.

CRJS Staff

A school is only a building without the people that make it all happen. At Crawley Ridge Junior School we have a dedicated team who work together to ensure the very best for your child.

Leadership Team

Head Teacher— Mrs Vicky Egan
Assistant Head Teacher (Inclusion)- Mrs Lisa Culligan
Assistant Head Teacher— Ms Laura Smart
Senior Leader—Miss Catherine O'Connor
Graitney Club Supervisor— Mrs Diana Buzura

Teaching Staff

Year 3 Oak— Mrs Rio Brenzini
Year 3 Elm— Miss Gomm
Year 4 Chestnut— Miss Sarah Chick
Year 4 Maple—Miss Laura Smart & Mrs Rachel Taylor
Year 5 Rowan— Miss Charlotte Wescott
Year 5 Hazel— Miss Rebecca Scrivener
Year 6 Sycamore— Mrs Sarah Cherry
Year 6 Beech— Miss Catherine O'Connor

Teaching Assistants & Play Workers

Mrs Geraldine Ashley
Mrs Mandy Athwal
Mrs Suparna Biswas—Graitney
Mrs Deborah Bland
Mrs Fran Brotherston
Mrs Aman Dhaliwal (ELSA/ Graitney)
Miss Ruwanthika Fernando
Mrs Sarah Fitzjohn
Mr Lewis Herzog
Mrs Aimee Irons
Mrs Barni Kagitci
Mrs Danielle Keeler
Mrs Sarah Matthews
Mrs Linda McDermott—Graitney
Ms Leanne Petre—Graitney
Mrs Sharon Phillips—Graitney
Mrs Lisa Sandells
Mrs Suzanne Scott
Mrs Amanda Smith (HLTA)
Mrs Sandrine Timms
Mrs Cristina Zaffari

Admin Team

Office Manager— Mrs Sam Hadlington
Admin Assistant— Mrs Caroline Roberts
Admin Assistant—Mrs Maria Mancuso

Caretaker

Mr Bob Phillips



Admissions

As a junior school, we admit children to Crawley Ridge in the September after their seventh birthday.

Our admissions policy is published on the school website and provides more detail about how to apply for a place.

We work closely with our local infant schools to ensure that transition into Year 3 is a positive experience. We also hold a transition morning in July. On this day, the new Year 3 children are invited to spend a morning in their new classes and meet their teacher. There is also an information evening which parents are encouraged to attend.

We welcome in year admissions to other year groups following the admission policy. Visits to see us in action are welcomed.

Visiting the School

During the Autumn Term, we hold a number of Prospective Parent sessions. Dates of these are published on our school website and you can book a place by contacting the school office. If you cannot attend one of our tours, we are always happy to arrange a more suitable time to see us in action.

We look forward to meeting you soon and warmly welcoming you to the Crawley Ridge community.

Please visit our school website or contact the office for more information.



A prospective parent said...

"It was a pleasure to be shown round the school by your Year 6 children. They talked enthusiastically about what it is like to be a pupil at Crawley Ridge. They were a credit to the school. We are looking forward to our child starting in September."





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