

# Northgate Primary School



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# Welcome



Northgate Primary School is set in extensive grounds which, along with its location close to the town centre, offer many learning opportunities outside of the classroom. Our beautiful grounds have an allotment, sensory garden, Forest School area, ponds, basketball and football pitches, a large field, Early Years and Year 1 outside play areas and lots of space for exploration.

I am privileged to have joined a team of committed, enthusiastic and passionate staff, children, governors, parents and members of the local community. Together we are responsible for growing the future leaders of the 21st century.

We value every child individually, encouraging them to develop a deep curiosity for the wonder of learning. A great emphasis is placed on creating imaginative opportunities for children to discover their own strengths and talents, across a breadth of experiences. This is when children flourish and make excellent progress, and most importantly learn the vital skills they need for a successful future.

Mrs Amanda Harrison  
Headteacher

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# Our Vision

We want our children to grow to become respectful individuals who are curious learners and resilient in the face of a challenge. We have the highest of ambition for all of our learners so they can reach their maximum potential.

We want Northgate to be the primary school of choice for parents and carers, where teaching is excellent and learning experiences inspiring.

At Northgate, we believe that children growing up, in an ever-changing diverse society, need to develop skills so they are prepared for an unknown future. Having self-belief, that anything can be achieved, is fundamental to all our learning at Northgate Primary School.



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# Our Curriculum

## Curriculum Vision

The Northgate curriculum prioritises teaching the knowledge and skills to ensure our children are fully prepared for life beyond our school.

We are proud to be an energetic, diverse and nurturing community school. We celebrate the differences that make us unique and the similarities that make us part of the Northgate family. Our curriculum is designed to help our children develop the knowledge and skills to help them take the next steps in their learning, both in school and in the wider world. Our values of Respect, Curiosity, Resilience and Ambition are shown throughout our curriculum and support all children to become independent and collaborative learners.

The main emphasis of our curriculum is to foster independence, nurture ambition, develop resilience and to stimulate a sense of personal pride and creativity. We want all of the opportunities we provide to have a purpose and relevance for children's learning; helping them to see and make links across the curriculum and in the wider world. Our children will leave Northgate as confident readers, writers and mathematicians and with an ability and confidence to share their opinions and views both orally and in their written work.

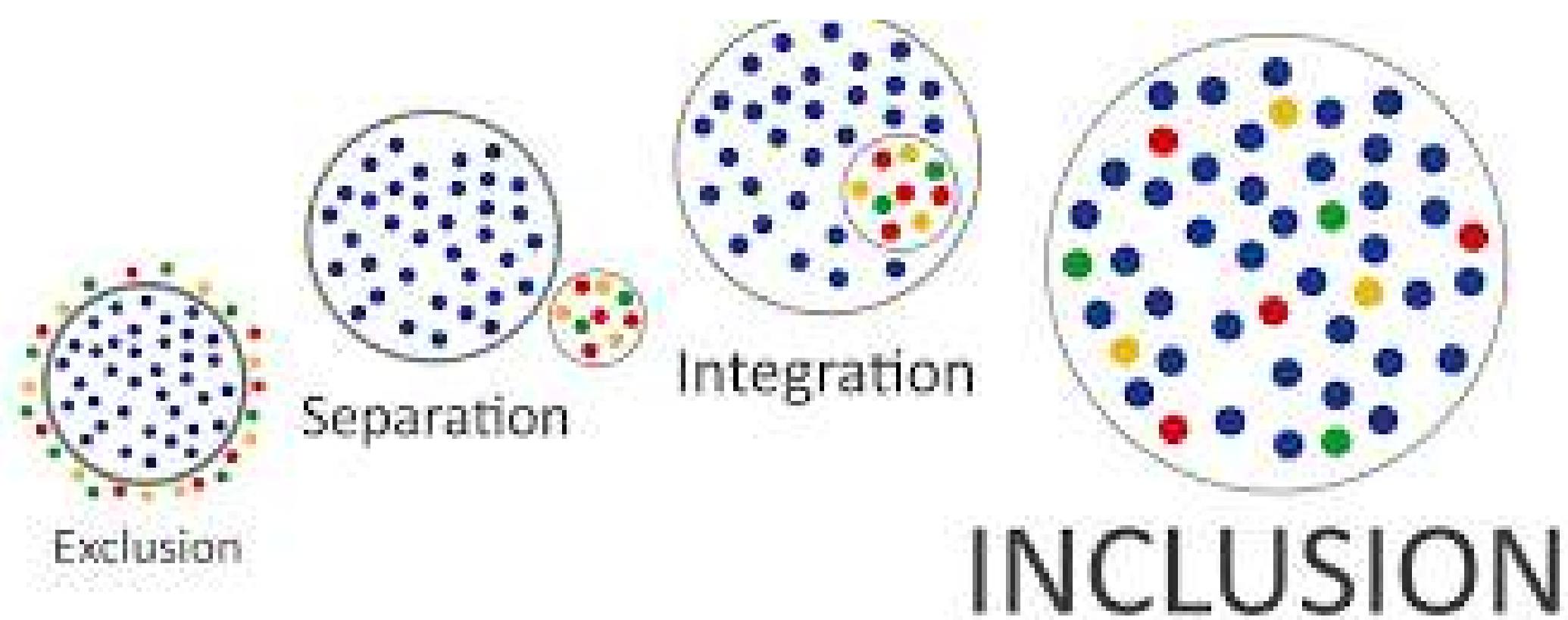
We have designed our curriculum to provide opportunities for exploration of our community, culture and the current world around us. Children ask questions, challenge themselves and respect the opinions of others around them.



# Inclusion

At Northgate Primary School, Inclusion means that every child and every adult who learns and works in our school is valued and their educational and personal needs are met.

Inclusion is about parents and the community in which the school exists. Inclusion is not about treating everybody the same, instead, it's about meeting individual needs and being prepared to be different. It's about equality of opportunity within an inclusive framework which carries through all our policies and actions.



We are very lucky to have an exceptional team including: SEND trained staff, Play Therapists, a Learning Mentor, a Family Link Worker and inclusion assistants. We have recently opened a Nurture Room and appointed a Nurture Room Leader. This room supports children who have social, emotional and mental health difficulties and struggle to access learning within the classroom.

Our Special Support Centre (SSC) for children with hearing impairments, is run by highly qualified staff. The children who attend the SSC learn within the mainstream school, being well supported by our team of dedicated special support assistants.



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Respect is at the heart of our school values. Pupils, staff, governors and parents are expected to treat each other with respect and to base their behaviour on being empathetic towards others.

We are aware that everyone is different but that everyone is equally important and this is promoted through our whole school ethos.

We help our children to develop an awareness of individual differences and similarities and to value the rich diversity in our school community and the world.

There is a strong commitment for staff and children to feel valued and supported. Great efforts are being made to create an environment where adults are attuned to the needs of the children and children feel heard.

Staff survey October 2020



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# Resilience

At Northgate Primary School we never give up, even when we are faced with a challenge. We always reflect on our mistakes, seek out and listen to advice and use the experience in a positive way to do even better next time.

All staff know how important it is to learn from the things we find difficult. Children are encouraged to overcome each challenge, supporting each other to find solutions to problems. This is when learning really happens - finding a way out of the 'learning pit' helps all children to feel a real sense of achievement.

Staff encourage you to do your best and they are good at helping you to solve problems.

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# Pupil Leadership

## Digital Leaders

Digital leaders support our computing lead to help their peers use technology to aid learning and to solve any problems with devices in their classes.

## Eco Council

Eco councillors benefit, not only from learning about environmental issues, but from learning other skills, such as leadership, collaboration and goal setting.

## Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 Librarians

The class librarians have the important role of looking after our class book corners. Their main role is to help to foster a love of reading in their classes.

## Learning Council

The Learning Council were appointed on Democracy Day in the autumn term to support Mrs Harrison and the leadership team to further improve the learning opportunities at NGPS.

## Sports Council

These children represent their class in meetings with PE staff to discuss ways in which Physical Education, physical activity and health and wellbeing can be improved through lessons and collaboratively as a whole school.

## School Council

Our School Council is an important part of the school community. The School Council representatives from each class are elected by their peers to listen to the views of all the children at Northgate and report back with ideas for making the school a better place for everyone.

## Young Interpreters

Our Young Interpreter scheme encourages the children to use their skills and knowledge to support new learners of English so that they feel safe, settled and valued from the start.



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# Curiosity



We want to instill a love of learning and a sense of wonder within all members of our learning community.

We believe that when learners are curious, they ask questions about the world around them and learning becomes a part of their whole life, far beyond the walls of the classroom and the school gates. Curiosity builds a love of learning and a drive to discover answers for themselves.

Einstein said, "I have no special talents, I am only passionately curious."



The reason Northgate is amazing is because of the incredible teachers, they help students with their learning and I'm confident to ask them anything.

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# Ambition

We believe that through hard work and determination we can achieve the goals we set ourselves to become the best we can.

We want all of the members of our community to be motivated and driven, to take pride in their work and to have the courage to challenge themselves to take risks. We recognise that success comes as a result of hard work and that all of our learners are able to achieve if they believe they can.

Learning is fun, interactive and enjoyable.  
Everyone is always happy to welcome new people to our school.

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# Outdoor Learning

Northgate is most fortunate to have a wealth of outdoor space and learning beyond the classroom forms an integral part of our school curriculum.

We have a dedicated garden and allotment area that is looked after by our Gardener, Mr Stringer and we have a Forest School area on site where the children have Forest School lessons with Mr Harder, (Bluebell Bushcraft and Forest School Association Director).

Forest School sessions are all about encouraging learning and curiosity, rather than giving instructions. Allowing children to think for themselves helps them to develop their independence, especially when solving problems.



Children have the chance to develop and grow a deep connection to the world and with the people around them, improve their understanding of nature and practise physical skills which are useful in later life. They make crafts, role play, discover, and most importantly, develop a sense of their important place in our ecosystem.

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# PTFA



## Who are we?

All parents / carers and teachers at Northgate Primary School are members of the PTFA; how involved you are is completely up to you!

## What do we do?

We organise events for the school, some to raise money and some just for fun.

## Past events have included:

- School discos
- Summer fetes
- Christmas fairs
- Easter egg hunts
- Movie nights

## What do we raise money for?

We help to improve the school, paying for extras that the school budget might not otherwise allow. In the past, we have helped to fund:

- The pond and allotments
- The playground sports markings
- Playground equipment

## How can I help?

We always need people to help us organise events, from planning and preparation to running a stall at an event, or helping set up or clearing away. Even half an hour of your time can help us greatly and is always very much appreciated.

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# NGPS Charter

Be kind to everyone

Listen the first time

Take care of the school environment

Always try your best

Follow the school values

Our Learning Council members worked with their classes to agree expectations which they felt were important to our school. The top 20 expectations were chosen by the council and then each class, including staff members, got to vote on their top 5.

**Together we are powerful and together we will continue to grow**



A friendly school and a great space for all children to grow and learn.  
Parent survey December 2020

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# Contact us



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**In year transfer and admissions:** For all in-year transfers and general admissions, please contact the Pupil Admissions Office to apply for a place.

Email: [admissions.north@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:admissions.north@westsussex.gov.uk)

Telephone: 0333 014 2903

Once a place has been offered, please contact Mrs Sainsbury in the Northgate School Office.

For all nursery applications, please contact Mrs Sainsbury directly. For all other queries, please call to speak to a member of our friendly office team who will be happy to assist you.

**For more information please visit our website:**

<https://www.northgate.w-sussex.sch.uk/>

**We look forward to you joining our Northgate Primary School community**



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