Silkmore Primary Academy

New Parent Information Pack



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Welcome to Silkmore Primary Academy

A message from the Head Teacher

Welcome to our fantastic school, Silkmore Primary Academy. We are a one form entry school that welcomes children from age 2 in Nursery right through to Year 6.

We like to think of Silkmore as a family that embraces everyone in its community, from pupils and staff to governors, parents and carers. As a school, we live and breathe our school motto: 'Aim High, Achieve Together'. This message underpins everything that we do, be that in the classroom, on the sports field or in the wider school community.

Our curriculum enriches children's learning experiences and ensures that a love of learning is fostered in every child, in every classroom, every day.
It is delivered through building links with prior learning and small steps towards key skills and knowledge through a wealth of learning opportunities.

Our lively curriculum is designed to be varied and engaging and as a result, children are absorbed in their learning, actively seeking ways to overcome any obstacles that they meet.

Silkmore pupils are resilient: they relish a challenge and use mistakes as further opportunities to learn. They are encouraged to become independent, autonomous and confident learners who direct their own learning and who take every opportunity to 'Aim High'.

Every member of the Silkmore team believes passionately in the importance of learning in a caring and nurturing environment so that all children develop and achieve their best as valued members of the Silkmore family. We strive to ensure that every child fulfils their potential in all areas of school life and look forward to welcoming you into our happy school.



Miss Rachael Trickett
Head Teacher

About Our School

Introduction

At Silkmore Primary Academy it is our aim that all children achieve the following before they move on to the next stage in their educational journey.

All children will:

- be competent and confident in their self
- act with integrity and spirit
- be ready to take responsibility; to support and nurture others
- be fascinated by the natural world
- recognise human achievements and failings
- enjoy creativity, sport, culture and innovation
- appreciate cultures, sensitivities and orientations
- be qualified to take on the next stage of their learning
- be fueled with a desire to learn

At Silkmore Primary Academy, we aim to be a thriving school community that provides first class learning and enrichment opportunities for all: to nurture confident, happy and independent children who aim high to attain personal and academic goals and who are equipped with lifelong skills for successful futures.

Enriched Experiences and Opportunities for all at Silkmore

Providing enriching experiences for all children is at the heart of our curriculum.

A child leaves with a wide range of enriched opportunities, including watching a show in London, paddling in the sea, climbing a mountain, singing around a campfire, skiing and playing in the snow and the opportunity of visiting a foreign country.

We ensure that our children attend a variety of trips; at least three a year. These trips range from visiting RAF Cosford, Residentials to Laches Wood, Space Centre and France to name a few.

We ensure that children leave Silkmore as successful, thriving British Citizens. The British Values are embedded into the curriculum and cultural appreciation and diversity is celebrated across the school.



AIM HIGH, ACHIEVE TOGETHER

Our Curriculum

Our inspiring and engaging curriculum is designed to engage children in their learning, and teach the valuable knowledge and skills that enable them to move forward with their learning journey, to AIM HIGH

Each unit of work is carefully planned and sequenced to build on skills and knowledge. Each classroom is a language rich environment, reflecting the current learning and relevant prior learning. Discrete subjects ensure depth and breadth of learning and key themes are returned to regularly, enabling children to make links to prior knowledge and skills.

Our curriculum follows and builds upon the National Curriculum and gives children a vast array of knowledge to draw upon, and transferable skills which will help them further along their education. Units are meticulously planned to ensure they include the key elements of learning.

Children are effectively scaffolded and challenged within their learning through carefully prepared and attractive resources. Our curriculum is centered around key knowledge, effective pedagogy, language-rich exposure and quality resources, ensuring every child is effectively supported and no potential is limited.

Governors

School governors are volunteers who help to run the school, called the 'governing body'.

Governors are involved in the strategic decisions of the school; for example, running buildings and budgets, ensuring health and safety measures are in place, supporting staff and setting standards of school discipline. They also contribute to the school's long-term goals. They support the Head Teacher and make sure the school in always heading in the right direction.

Graham Cole – Chair of Governors
graham.cole@silkmoreacademy.co.uk

Parent Governors

Are you interested in becoming a parent governor? If you would like more information about what the role involves then please contact Graham Cole or the school office. We look forward to hearing from you!



Parents, Teachers and Friends Association (PTA)



PTA is a friendly group of parents, teachers and volunteers.

Over the past few years, they have held many fun events to help raise extra funds for school including Summer and Christmas Fetes, school discos and Easter bingo.

The money raised has contributed towards school trips, breakfast for Year 6's SATs week, and other projects. PTA are always on the lookout for new members so please come to one of their meetings to find out more. You can also enquire at the school office.

School Uniform

- Purple sweatshirt or cardigan (Silkmore logo available)
- White polo shirt or white shirt
- Grey trousers or skirt
- Grey pinafore dress or purple/white summer dress
- Tartan dress/skirt
- Black school shoes

(All school uniform can be purchased from local supermarkets, or branded school wear from Crested School Wear)

PE Kit consists of:

- White T-shirt/polo shirt
- Black shorts/leggings
- School logo purple hoodie (Crested School Wear) or a plain black unbranded black hoodie.

In Key Stage 2 pupils will go swimming and so will need a swimming costume, trunks and swimming hat.

Please can you make sure that all children have the correct school shoes and not trainers. Please ensure all school uniform and PE kit are clearly named. We pride ourselves on always looking presentable at school.



Home - School Communications

Pupils are greeted each morning at external doors by staff members and messages can be passed on to relevant teachers.

Teachers will be available to discuss anything with you on the school playground from 3:20pm-3:30pm. The Senior Leadership Team will also be available to discuss any concerns you may have. Please speak to the school office to arrange an appointment outside of these hours. Regular letters are sent via email, and our school App.

Tapestry

Nursery and Reception use Tapestry, an online journal recording all the learning and fun of your child's early years education. Please talk to your class teacher for more information and see the consent on the admission form.

DoJo's

ClassDojo is a school communication platform that connects teachers, students, and parents to share classroom information. It allows teachers to share photos and videos of student work and activities through "Stories," and enables direct messaging between parents and teachers. The platform also uses "Dojo Points" to reward positive student behaviors, and parents can view their child's online portfolio and be informed about school events.

Parent Pay

We are a cashless school. All booking for lunches, trips, clubs, nursery fees are done electronically through ParentPay and Childcare Bookings.

Special Mentions & Assemblies

We have weekly AIM HIGH assemblies to celebrate pupils' achievements. These are held at 9am on Monday mornings and you will receive an email on the previous Friday if your child is to be the Aim High Star.

We celebrate:

- Aim High Star of the week
- Attendance
- House points
- Handwriting pen licenses
- Any out of school achievements

Behaviour

At Silkmore Primary Academy, we expect all children to be the best that they can be and to 'Aim High'.

Our Behaviour Policy clearly demonstrates how we nurture children and proactively work with our families at Silkmore. We promote a high standard of behaviour and have a positive ethos where all members of the school community are valued as individuals. We believe in encouraging the development of self-esteem, respect for others and self-discipline.

Emphasis is placed on positive reinforcement of behaviour through praise in accordance with the Behaviour Values of 'Aim High'. Children's confidence and self-esteem are developed through encouragement, incentives and rewards, both verbal and written. Please read the full version of the Behaviour Policy on the school's website.



School Dinners

Our school dinners are prepared and cooked on site using fresh ingredients. There is a wide selection of choices available. If you would like a menu, please look on our website.

School dinners are charged at £2.70 daily. If you would like your child to have a school meal booking and payment can be made via ParentPay.

Children eligible for Pupil Premium are entitled to a free school meal. Please complete the attached form if you think you are eligible.

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are eligible for Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) and will receive a school meal free of charge if requested.



Attendance

School attendance is vital for pupils' physical, emotional and social development.

It is important that your child attends every day and on time.

We reward positive attendance in a variety of ways across the school year.

Children should only be kept at home if they have a serious illness or injury. If this is the case, parents must call the school by 8.45am.

Pupils should miss as little time as possible—every learning opportunity matters!

The school will implement strategies to improve attendance for any child whose absence is falling below 96%, who has a pattern of erratic attendance, or persistent lateness. Our full policy can be found on the school website. We look forward to working in collaboration with you to ensure your child is present in school.

Pupil Premium

Pupil premium is additional funding given to school for extra support and to help close the attainment gap between disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged pupils.

Please read the information within the Pupil Premium statement on the website which gives details of our Pupil Premium Grant and how we allocate the funding. The Pupil Premium Grant is a sum of money that is allocated to school to ensure that all children have an equal chance to succeed. Your child may qualify for Pupil Premium. If you qualify your child will receive free school meals, discounted school trips and classroom targeted interventions.

Please complete a Pupil Premium application form from the office if you think you are eligible to receive Pupil Premium funding.

Nursery Provision

At Silkmore, we offer Nursery provision that starts from 2 years old.

You can apply for our 'Outstanding' Nursery the term after your child turns 2 years old. We currently offer the Think2, 15 and 30 hour funding depending on your eligibility.

Wrap Around Care

We offer extensive wrap around provision to support all our families.

Breakfast Club

Our breakfast club starts every day at 8am. The children will be provided with a selection of cereals, toast and fruit juices as well as a variety of fun activities. The cost of this is £4.00 a session.

Silkworms

Our After School Club, Silkworms', runs from 3.15-5.15pm and is £5.00 for an hour and £9.00 for 2 hours. Late collection fee £5 per child.

Children will be provided with a healthy light snack and a drink, and there are lots of fun activities for them to enjoy. The club is open for the whole school year.

Payment and Booking

For Breakfast Club and Silkworms, we require bookings and payment 24h in advance via Childcare bookings. Places are limited so will be allocated on a first come first served basis. The full terms and conditions will be provided within the Extended Services Policy which is provided upon booking. You can read the full policy on the website.

After School Clubs

We provide a number of after school clubs each night free of charge.

Clubs include: Science Club, Reading Club, Art Club, Coding Club, Music Club and different Sports Clubs to name a few.

These are subject to change in terms of content. Bookings are made via Parent Pay. Children have the chance to sign up to new clubs each term.

Emergency Contact Details

When you fill in your application pack you will fill in the emergency contacts and collection form details. If someone other than the adult on this list is collecting your child, please inform the school office and use your chosen password.



Contact Information

To stay up to date with information from school please visit our Silkmore Primary Academy, REAch2 Facebook Page and Twitter Page.

Find more information on our website www.silkmoreacademy.co.uk

A member of the school team is always happy to help you. Miss Wilson and Mrs Pritchard, our admin team, look forward to hearing from you. You can contact us via the number or email below.

If you require any information that is related to Special Educational Needs, please contact our SENCo Mrs Addison on 01785 333930 or email Senco@silkmoreacademy.co.uk

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