

Delight in living, learning and celebrating together



HIPSWELL CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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*'Live generously and graciously
towards others, the way God lives
towards us' (Matthew 5:48).*



WELCOME TO HIPSWELL

At Hipswell Church of England Primary school, we are experienced at integrating children from service and non-service families into our setting. Children who attend Hipswell 'settle quickly when they join the school. Leaders ensure that there is strong support for pupils' emotional well-being' (Ofsted 2023). Hipswell is a small school with a 'family feel' where we 'delight in living, learning and celebrating together.'

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STRONG LINKS TO ARMED FORCES AND THE CHURCH

Based on Catterick Garrison, many of our children come from a military background. This is recognised by staff who work hard to ensure smooth transitions between Hipswell and other settings. At Hipswell, we know that children who come to our school may need additional social and emotional support and have a trained emotional first aider to work with children when required. Hipswell Heroes, which runs on a lunchtime, is another support system in place for children who may require additional time to talk about events in their lives such as parents being deployed, or potential moves.

As a church school, we have close links with St. John's Church in Hipswell village. Our core values, which we live by, are the golden rule - being kind, helpful and polite, perseverance, respect, love, generosity, truth and forgiveness.. We have daily collective worship in school and time for reflection throughout each day.

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In Reception, the children learn through play based activities. Although we have some 'topics' over the year, we primarily follow the children's interests when planning. This ensures children stay motivated and enthusiastic about learning.

Highly skilled adults work closely with the children in areas of provision, inside and outdoors to support interactions and move learning forwards. We pride ourselves on how well we know the children's interests, current attainment levels and next steps.



The children are encouraged to live by the Christian values of the school and build supportive relationships through sharing, being kind and respectful and helping each other. Adults support children with interactions through discussions and modelling appropriate ways to problem solve.



At Hipswell, we follow the Little Wandle Letters and Sounds revised scheme for phonics and early reading. Children quickly learn letter sounds and how to blend them for reading. If a child has difficulty at any point in the year, they are quickly identified and additional support is put in place to help them keep up, not catch up, with peers.

We know that for children to flourish academically and socially, they need to be happy, settled and have good relationships with staff and peers. That is why your child's happiness is our number one priority.



If you have any further questions about Hipswell C of E Primary School, please visit our school website <http://hipswell.n-yorks.sch.uk/> or contact us either by telephone or email.

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