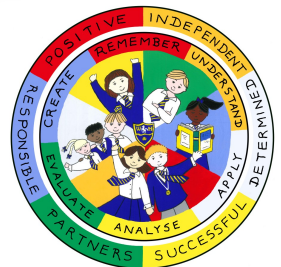


# Warden House Primary School



# Headteacher's message

I have great pleasure in welcoming you to Warden House Primary School. I hope that you enjoy reading our Prospectus; it will introduce you to the enriching, nurturing and high-quality education that our pupils enjoy.

Warden House Primary School became a Primary Academy in 2013 and has been judged by OFSTED as an outstanding school. The school has a deep heritage as a primary school offering the highest quality of education for children in Deal. As a Primary Academy, Warden House has a curriculum that targets excellence, not just in English and mathematics, but in all subjects.

Our aim is to make learning irresistible; we want all children to develop a thirst for learning and push themselves to be the best that they can be.

Our values underpin all aspects of school life. Children are taught to be **positive** in all they do; to understand the importance of being good **partners**; to be **independent** in their learning and be **determined** in always striving for their best. Children are taught to be **responsible** members of the school community and society and ultimately **successful** in their studies.

I am proud to be the headteacher of such an amazing school, one where children work in partnership with talented and dedicated staff to promote a culture of positivity, respect and responsibility.

Should you wish to find out more, or would like to arrange a visit, please contact our school office.



**Rob Hackett**

*Headteacher*





# Veritas Multi Academy Trust

## Veritas Multi-Academy Trust

Graham Chisnell is Chief Executive Officer of Veritas Multi Academy Trust and Executive Headteacher of Warden House Primary School. Veritas MAT works in a collaborative partnership with schools with an uncompromising focus on quality education, strong academic standards, high expectations and aspirations for all our pupils. This is achieved through our three core values:

**Innovative** - Through strong collaboration across the Trust, our academies and staff uphold an **innovative** approach to staff development through a deep commitment to being research active. Through a positive and dynamic approach to research based pedagogy, staff across the Trust continuously reflect on their practice to create an environment where innovation leads to **irresistible learning for all**.

**Inclusive** - With a firm belief that as a Trust we are stronger together; we create an **inclusive** environment across our academies where staff and pupils feel emotionally and physically safe. Our academies are outward facing and create an environment where differences in gender, culture, disability and educational needs are embraced and celebrated; leading to **irresistible learning for all**.

**Inspirational** - Through **inspirational** leadership, teaching and learning; our academies create a climate where children, staff and parents strive to achieve and aspire for greatness. With strong collaborations we share practice and challenge one another using the principles of mentor-coaching to celebrate success and support improvement. High standards across a rich and diverse curriculum delivered in each academy leads to **irresistible learning for all** that is individual to each academy but reflects the shared ethos of the Trust.



**Graham Chisnell**

*Chief Executive Officer*

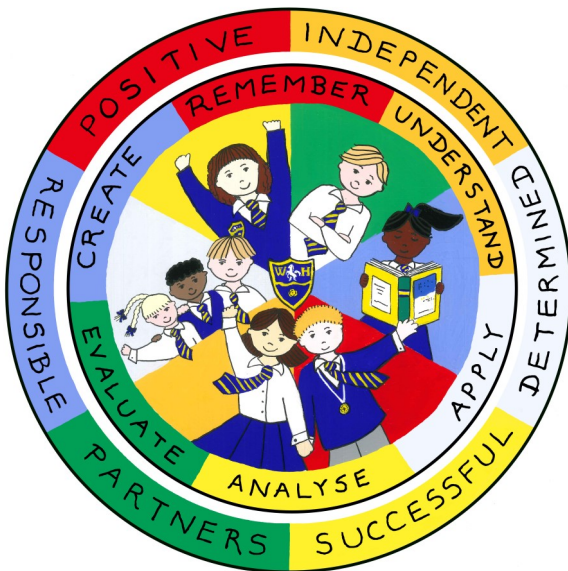


# Why Warden House?

Our inspiring school environment includes extensive grounds, dedicated music room, expansive library, breakfast and after-school club, on-site nursery, two football pitches, woodland area, environmental pond and a range of play equipment to keep our children active and engaged. Such resources enable our children to become confident and well-rounded individuals with a deep capacity for learning. Lessons are engaging and follow a rigorous curriculum with regular intervals of assessment to ensure our children are embedding their learning. As a result, our children make strong progress across the curriculum.

Our children make strong progress as they move through the school because of the excellent teaching they receive. Each class has at least one Teaching Assistant supporting the learning. As a result children receive a high level of guidance and challenge in their learning.

We recognise the importance of extra-curricular learning and host a varied program of after school activities. Clubs include dance, football, chess, Lego, golf, choir, multi-sports, science, art and cricket. We also host a range of music tutors who use our dedicated music rooms to tutor children in a variety of instruments. We also have three after school tutorials to develop our children's skills leading towards the Kent Test.



Warden House also believes in involving you in the journey your child takes with special opportunities across the year to spend time in school with your child. You will be invited to join us for class assemblies, Olympic days, family activities, class showcases and productions, and you will be welcome at a range of events organized by our Parent Teachers and Friends Association.

Why not come along and see Warden House for yourself?

# Getting the basics right

Ensuring your child has the strongest opportunities for the future, all children are introduced to early reading and writing skills. Reading skills are supported by a phonics program called 'Letters and Sounds'; this enables your child to develop a strong understanding of phonics and as a result become a competent reader, speller and writer.

Your child is also encouraged to develop a love of reading with structured books that encourage your child's reading and comprehension to grow. Once your child reaches a reading age of 7 years, they are placed on the Accelerated Reader scheme where they choose novels from our extensive library and use our laptop computers and iPads to complete comprehension quizzes that review their progress.

We also encourage your child to become exceptional writers, with regular opportunities to write extended pieces of work in a range of writing genres. Teachers ensure that children are exposed to a range of high-quality, rich, subject-specific vocabulary that children are encouraged to use in their independent writing and spell accurately using a range of strategies.

Your child is encouraged to experience real-life situations in their mathematical learning. If children see a purpose for maths in their lives, they are more likely to excel in the subject.

We also encourage a high level of maths homework, allowing children to rehearse their mathematical skills and become secure in their knowledge of times tables as soon as possible.



# Nurturing an enquiring mind

## Computing, Science and History

Warden House Primary School has an extensive range of computing resources. We use laptop computers across the school, iPads, Google Chromebooks, Kindle Fires and a range of online programs to support our children's learning across the curriculum. We want your child to understand the power of computing in their learning and to recognise the safe use of these technologies. We teach computer coding so children acquire programming skills that equip them for a diversely changing technical world.

Through our science curriculum, your child is encouraged to explore their enquiring mind. Scientific questions are posed and your child will use their skills and understanding to make sense of our remarkable world and universe. Philosophical thinking is encouraged in science to encourage our children to ask deep questions about the world and their place within it.

Historical enquiry will offer your child opportunities to develop their analytical mind as they solve historical problems and learn about the past with a range of British and world history. Wherever possible we make our historical topics practical, visiting a range of historical sites locally and further afield.

As an academy, we are free to devise our own curriculum content and we do so with relish, utilizing our diverse historical heritage in the local area; this makes historical learning both engaging and fun for our children.





# Nurturing a cultural mind

## Religious Education, Geography and Primary Languages

We believe your child will thrive with an understanding of the cultural diversity of life in multi-cultural, modern day Britain. With our school curriculum, we aim to increase children's awareness of the range of religions, languages and cultures globally. We recognise that our job market is becoming increasingly global and we see cultural education as a powerful route in preparing your child for the future workplace.



We follow the Kent Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education, and children are taught to learn about and learn from a range of world religions. We teach children the importance of tolerance and understanding and to challenge discrimination.

Once they move into Key Stage Two, children will learn French as our lead modern foreign language.

In geography, children learn to appreciate and understand the world in which we live; how it has evolved and how it continues to evolve. Geography at Warden House explores the relationship between the Earth and its people through the study of place, space and environment.

# Nurturing a healthy heart and mind

## Physical Education and Personal, Social, and Health Education

Your child's sporting excellence and good health are encouraged through a wide range of engaging activities. We develop early mobility skills through the active use of our extensive outdoor environment.

As an academy, our sports curriculum is enhanced through specialist teaching with a curriculum that includes golf, tennis, cricket, geocaching, street dance, maypole dancing and fencing. Children also enjoy a range of specialist clubs including, cricket, football, tag rugby, speed-stacking, dodge-ball and multi-skills. Your child will also be involved in special "Olympic" days and sports' days across the year where they experience a range of different and varied activities.

Children are taught to swim during regular lessons at Tides Leisure Centre.

Children's safety is paramount at Warden House and your child will be taught in a school where their interests are at the centre of all we do. We have a strong anti-bullying policy and we do not accept poor behaviour.



Our experienced staff have high expectations for all our children and have firm expectations of positive behaviour.



# Nurturing an artistic mind

## Art, Drama, Music and Design Technology

Your child will explore their creative minds at Warden House. From the early experiences of using role play to develop their communication and story telling skills to the impressive final year production. The arts offers your child a powerful outlet for their creative learning. In art, your child will develop their understanding of and love for the visual arts. Exceptional artists will also be developed through our gifted and talented Art Club.



If your child has a flair for music, we will develop this further through our curriculum and additional music lessons. Your child will learn a range of instruments as they move through the school. Class instruments lessons include the recorder, ocarina, ukulele and trombone. We have a dedicated music practice room where private tutors will teach children in small groups or individually tutor in a range of instruments. Our choir club also meet weekly to perform several times a year.

Your child's ability to solve problems in design technology will enable them to build their spatial awareness while constructing a range of exciting projects including building dioramas, Tudor houses, vehicles and picture frames.

# Jungle Club

Warden House Primary School provides a popular Breakfast Club, Afterschool Club and Holiday Club for all pupils on a first come-first served basis. Jungle Club is based in it's own dedicated building and is located by the London Road entrance to the school.

## ***Breakfast club***

Breakfast Club is held every morning term time only. It runs from 8.00 a.m. until 8.45 a.m.

## ***Afterschool Club***

After School Club runs every afternoon term time only from 3.15pm - 6.15pm

## ***Holiday Club***

Our Holiday Club runs every day of the holiday (apart from between Christmas, New Year and Bank Holidays) between 8.00 a.m. and 6 p.m.



If you would your child to attend the Jungle Club there are charges for the sessions.

Please see our school website for the session prices and for the Jungle Club registration form.

# Applying for a place at Warden House

## Admissions Procedure



Published Admission Number: 60

Warden House is a popular school so you must put us as your number one school when completing the Common Application Form.

Acceptance of an Admission Form by the school does not guarantee a place at the school. The governors agree to admit up to 60 children to the Early Years Foundation Stage Class, each year.

Should the number of admission forms submitted exceed this number, preference will be given on the following basis:

- ⇒ **Children in Local Authority Care**
- ⇒ **Health and Special Access Reasons**
- ⇒ **Current Family Association** (E.g. having a sibling at school on the date of admission)
- ⇒ **Nearness of children's homes to school**

A full explanation of each criteria above is given on the admissions section of our website.



# For further information

Visit our website at:

[www.warden-house.kent.sch.uk](http://www.warden-house.kent.sch.uk)

or follow us on Facebook at [@Wardenhouse](https://www.facebook.com/Wardenhouse)

e. [office@warden-house.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@warden-house.kent.sch.uk)

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## How to find us:

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