



## Luckington Community School

**Learning, Living, Laughing**

**At Luckington Community School, our aim is...**

.... to be a happy and caring community where all individuals are valued and encouraged;

.... to enjoy, stimulate and challenge learning through a creative curriculum;

.... to work closely with our local community and to learn from our local environment;

.... to equip our pupils with skills for a diverse and developing world.

**At Luckington Community School we believe that each child will be able to achieve his or her potential through experiencing:**

- A bright and stimulating learning environment;
- A curriculum which gives creative and meaningful contexts to learning;
- High quality teaching by enthusiastic staff;
- High quality resources that are up-to-date;
- Support and challenge to motivate and inspire;
- Effective partnerships between home, school and community.

**Luckington Community Primary School, The Green, Luckington, SN14 6NU**

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## Luckington Community School Prospectus



**Luckington Community School** is a thriving and successful rural school, serving the village of Luckington and the surrounding area. The school team works closely with Luckington Pre-school, who share the site. The school enjoys being at the heart of the local community and benefits from very supportive parents, governors and friends.

Originally a charming Victorian building, the school has been extended recently to include a bright, modern hall and reception area and library. A new computer suite was set up last year, with computers linked to the interactive Smart Boards in both classes. The school has attractive outdoor space, with gardens, play equipment and a quiet area. School lunches are freshly cooked each day by the chef at The Old Royal Ship, the local pub, and served to the children in the school hall.

The school has between 40 and 50 pupils in 2 classes: one Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 and another Key Stage 2.

There is a high adult: pupil ratio, with 2 full-time teachers, a Higher Level Teaching Assistant, another part time TA and a head teacher who teaches in both classes. The staff are all passionate about teaching and learning and determined to make the curriculum as exciting as possible, whilst maintaining the highest standards in core subjects.

Pupils are caring, very well-behaved and keen to learn. Luckington links with other small schools in the area for a variety of activities, such as sports tournaments, music festivals and a residential visit.

### **Attainment and Achievement**

Pupils at Luckington School attain above the national and local authority averages in Key Stage 2 SATs tests in 2008 in English and Maths. As a small school our results are not published, but we have a rigorous focus on the progress that individual pupils make throughout each Key Stage. We are currently working to raise the "value added" score of pupils at Key Stage 2 and the school's Development Plan highlights the steps being taken to achieve this.

### **Organisation**

Pupils join the school in Early Years Foundation Stage in Class 1, where they learn at their individual pace through Key Stage 1. In Year 3, they move to Class 2 for Key Stage 2. The majority of pupils leave in Year 6 to go to Malmesbury Secondary School.

### **New Admissions**

When your child begins school we continue the teaching and learning that you, as parent or carer, began. Your views will be listened to and respected.

Various activities are organised to make starting school a happy experience. In the summer term pre-school children come into school regularly for story and activity times, including school lunches. An information evening is held for parents and carers, where teachers and support staff are on hand to answer any questions. The Early Years Foundation Stage teacher will also arrange for a home visit for parents who would like this opportunity.

The school's admissions policy, which can be viewed on the school website, follows the Wiltshire policy. Admission forms can be obtained from the school office or from the County Admissions team at County Hall.

## School Year

**As at all Wiltshire schools, the school year is divided into six terms. The school year begins in early September and ends in late July.**

### The School Day

8.30 a.m.	Staff supervision on playground
8.45 a.m.	Key Stage 2 lessons begin
9.00 a.m.	Foundation and Key Stage 1 lessons begin
10.30 – 10.45 a.m.	Break
12.15 – 1.15	Lunch
2.15 – 2.30 p.m.	F.S. & KS1 Break
3.00 p.m.	End of school day

### Lunchtime

Hot, freshly cooked lunches are provided daily by the Old Royal Ship, giving a balanced weekly menu. This is displayed on the school website & notice board for pupils and parents to view. A school lunch will cost £2.20 per day, but if you book a whole week it will cost only £10. All school meals must be booked by Friday for the following week and paid for weekly, or termly in advance. Free school meals are available for those children whose parents are on Income Support, Income Based Job Seekers Allowance or Child Tax Credit. Application forms are available from the school office and all applications are dealt with in the strictest confidence. Children may bring a packed lunch to eat with the other children in the hall. No drinks – water is provided at the tables. Our policy as a Healthy School is to encourage healthy eating, including healthy lunchboxes.



### Drinks

Children are entitled to free milk until the term after they reach their fifth birthday. For all children milk or juice is available at morning break if required. This costs 15p daily or 75p weekly.

Water is always available throughout the day for all children.

### Fruit

All pupils at Luckington School also have free fruit at break time each day.

### Office Hours

The School Administrative Officer is in school at the following times:

Mondays: 8 am - 2 pm

Tuesdays: 12 pm - 4 pm

Wednesdays 10 am - 2pm

Thursdays: 8 am - 11am

Fridays: 12.30 pm – 3.30 pm

## Communication



As we are a small, friendly school, parents feel that they can speak to members of staff informally on a daily basis. There is also an open door policy to speak to the head teacher. Appointments can always be made for more confidential discussions with class teachers or head teacher. We encourage parents to talk to us about any concerns at an early stage.

Children in both classes have homework and reading diaries, which may be used to communicate between home and school, e.g. how well children did on homework tasks. However, it is not possible for teachers to check these daily, so any urgent concerns should be communicated directly with a member of staff or by letter or phone call.

### Parents Evenings & Reports

Parents Evening are held three times each year with class teachers to discuss each child's work and progress. An annual report is written for each child.

### Attendance

If your child is unable to come to school because of illness, please let us know as soon as possible by telephone. Dental and medical appointments should, wherever possible, be made out of school hours. If you do need to collect your child from school during the school day, please ensure that school staff are informed. Please ensure that the school has up-to-date contact details for you.

Holidays should only be taken during school holidays.

## Health

We need to know if your child has any medical conditions which could affect his or her health at school, e.g. asthma, allergies or diabetes. Inhalers for the relief of asthma must be labeled clearly.

Generally children who are taking medication for an illness are considered too unwell to be at school. In the event of a child who is otherwise recovered finishing off a course of antibiotics, we ask that parents come in to school to administer it. Staff at school are not allowed to administer medicines. Those who volunteer to do this may only do so with written permission from the parent or carer. Any medication must be in its original box or bottle with the dosage indicated by the pharmacy.

### Child Protection

All regular helpers who may work unsupervised with children have enhanced CRB checks. All staff receive regular training in Child Protection procedures.

### Charging Policy

Activities offered wholly or mainly during teaching time are available to all pupils regardless of parents' ability to pay. We invite voluntary contributions from parents to support some activities organised by the school. No child will be excluded from an activity because of inability to pay. However, certain activities will be liable to cancellation if sufficient funds are not available to cover costs.

Please send all monies to school in named envelope with a "Check Me" card on a Monday morning. Cheques for dinner money only should be made payable to 'Luckington Community School'.

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### Uniform

We encourage all parents to follow the school's policy on uniform.

#### Boys



Winter – Grey/Black trousers, black shoes (not trainers), white/grey or burgundy polo shirt and burgundy sweatshirt. Fleeeces are available for outdoor wear only. Waterproof coat.



Summer – Grey/Black shorts or trousers, black shoes (not trainers) white, grey or burgundy shirt or polo shirt.

Hat for sun protection.

Waterproof coat.

P.E. Kit (Kept in drawstring bag) White short-sleeved T-shirt or polo shirt, black shorts, gym shoes, tracksuit, trainers for outdoor games.

#### School Bags & Equipment

Each child is given a book bag when they start school. Apart from this and a drawstring bag for P.E. kit, your child will not need to bring any other equipment to school daily.

Wearing of jewellery is not permitted.

**A lost property box** is kept in the school hall.

#### Girls



Winter – Grey/Black skirt or pinafore dress or trousers, dark shoes (not trainers), white /grey blouse or polo shirt and maroon sweatshirt or cardigan.

Fleeeces are for outdoor wear only.

Waterproof coat.



Summer – Red or burgundy check/stripe dress or black/grey shorts and white, grey or burgundy polo shirt; school shoes or sandals (not open-toed or trainers please)

Hat for sun protection.

Waterproof coat

P.E.Kit (in a drawstring bag please).

Short sleeved white T-shirt or polo shirt, black shorts, gym shoes,

tracksuit, trainers for outdoor games.

It is important that your child has a waterproof coat in school each day, even in summer.

Most items can be bought from any clothing retailer. Branded items, such as sweatshirts and fleeces are available from: **'Scholars'; 25, Market Place; Chippenham, SN15 3HP Tel: 01249 656600.**

It is usually necessary to order.

**Please ensure that all items of clothing are clearly labelled.**

## Curriculum

### Learning for Life

We see ourselves as a learning community at Luckington School and we are committed to equality of opportunity for all our children. We believe that every child has the right to an enjoyable education of the highest quality, matched to his or her individual needs.

We want our pupils to develop a love of learning that will stay with them for life.

Our curriculum supports the 5 outcomes of Every Child Matters as identified in the Children Act:

- **Be healthy**
- **Be safe**
- **Enjoy and achieve**
- **Make a positive contribution**
- **Achieve economic well-being**

### Core Subjects

The primary curriculum includes the core areas of learning and experience which are essential to the child's development. These are defined within the National Curriculum and are:

- **English (Literacy)**
- **Mathematics (Numeracy)**
- **Science**
- **Religious Education (R.E.)**
- **Information Communication Technology (I.C.T.)**

The following subject areas are also included: **Geography, History, Design Technology, Personal, Social & Health Education & Citizenship, Physical Education, Music, Art and Modern Foreign Languages.**

The curriculum at Luckington is designed to put learning into meaningful and enjoyable contexts for the pupils, with learning themes running through each term for the whole school. As a small

school we are able to offer a distinctively creative, active curriculum which makes links between subjects and uses the school's rural surroundings as much as possible. It is based on the key skills, as identified in the National Curriculum. Pupils are encouraged to extend and deepen their understanding through regular theme days and weeks are also held.

### I.C.T. (Information & Communication Technology)



We see I.C.T. as a valuable and exciting tool, which gives pupils skills to support their learning across the curriculum. The school has a carefully planned and controlled internet access policy, which allows the children to explore the world beyond their immediate surroundings in safety.

### Special Educational Needs

Luckington School is committed to supporting the individual needs of each child. Teachers are skilled at structuring lessons so that each child is able to work at an individual level. At times it may be necessary to give additional support to enable children with special educational needs to access the full curriculum, or to help them to practise basic skills. The high adult: pupil ratio at Luckington means that additional support in small groups or one-to-one can be given regularly if necessary. Parents are kept fully informed and involved in any decisions regarding

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Special Educational Needs. The school's Special Needs Policy is reviewed regularly and follows the established procedure called the SEN Code of Practice. The head teacher is the school's SENCo (Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator), who monitors provision for pupils with additional needs. The school is able to provide 1:1 support programmes with the experienced HLTA (Higher Level Teaching Assistant) and can also access a range of specialists from external agencies if required.

### Inclusion

The school will endeavour to remove any barriers to full participation by people of all abilities. In response to individual circumstances steps will be taken to ensure that any disabled pupil or adult will not be treated any less favourably due to their disability. Access arrangements will be reviewed and monitoring will be undertaken to identify and address any areas of inequality.

### Sex & Relationships Education

The school's governing body has agreed that sex and relationships education should be treated naturally from a young age and our aim is to answer questions as they arise. Therefore learning about sex and relationships begins in an age-appropriate way from Reception. We see this as a joint responsibility between school and parents. In Years 5 & 6 meetings are held to discuss and review the curriculum with parents and carers.

### Religion

Luckington Community School is not a faith school, but we do hold assemblies which are of a broadly Christian nature. We teach the children about the major world religions and festivals to foster respect, understanding and empathy of other faiths as well as of those of no religion. Our curriculum also reflects the

cultural diversity of our society. Parents have the right to withdraw their child from assemblies or religious education lessons. Requests to do this should be made in writing to the headteacher.

### Homework

Homework is given to all children at an age and ability appropriate level. The school's policy on homework is reviewed regularly and is available from the school.

### Extra-curricular activities

There is always a range of clubs run by staff and parents available to pupils after school, for example tag rugby, kwik cricket, netball, ICT, art, parachute games. Pupils are regularly consulted about which clubs they would like to have. For sporting events the school regularly joins with other small schools in the area.



### Visits and Visitors

The Luckington curriculum is enhanced by trips to places of interest and visitors coming into school to work with the children. Class teachers will also plan visits within the local area and community as much as possible. Each year the Year 6 pupils have the opportunity to go on a residential visit with pupils from Sherston School. The health and safety of pupils on visits is paramount and staff follow the county procedures to ensure that any risk is assessed and managed appropriately.