



Welcome to Upton Heath

A very warm welcome to Upton Heath Church of England Primary School. Upton Heath is a friendly and inclusive primary school in Upton, Chester with a varied and exciting curriculum. As a church school, we provide a caring, nurturing and stimulating environment for your child, ensuring they feel safe and secure as they learn. Upton Heath is a happy place where your child can make new friendships and take part in a wide variety of learning experiences. Please come and visit us, we'd love to meet you and show you around our lovely school.

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Upton Heath, Clutton and Little Sutton C of E Primary Schools joined together to form The Samara Trust in March 2018 and Upton Heath became an academy. Our school being part of The Samara Trust has many benefits for your child such as collaboration of skills, resources and expertise, and increased opportunities for pupils and staff within a child focused environment. As part of The Samara Trust, we have access to the Ignite Teaching School Alliance which provides evidence based professional and leadership development for teachers and leaders. You can find out more about The Samara Trust at www.thesamaratrust.co.uk.



Curriculum

Upton Heath offers rich and memorable learning experiences that motivate and inspire our children to become independent and confident learners. We follow the national curriculum across all subjects. In maths there is a focus on fluency, reasoning and problem solving, and children enjoy using our additional resource Rock Star Maths. In writing, we provide phonics teaching that is rigorous, structured and enjoyable, whilst reading is taught through spelling, punctuation and grammar (SPAG) activities, child led groups and independent reading. Our curriculum at Upton Heath provides exciting learning opportunities to prepare happy, confident children for the future.



BRANCHING OUT FOREST SCHOOL

At Upton Heath, we are lucky to have an in-school forest school provision called Branching Out and an extraordinary forest area. As a pupil at Upton Heath, your child will have the opportunity to experience forest school with Branching Out during the school year, from reception right through to year 6, led by our qualified and experienced forest school practitioners. Forest school has huge benefits for children, providing the perfect environment for holistic child development through essential life skills such as resilience, communication, problem solving and self-confidence.

Wraparound care

Upton Heath C of E Primary School is pleased to offer wraparound care for our families through our in-school provider S4YC, an OFSTED outstanding provider. Breakfast club begins at 7.45am and after school club runs until 6.00pm. Find out more about S4YC and book at www.s4yc.co.uk. Upton Village Pre School is an independent pre school located within our school building. Upton Village Pre School work closely with our EYFS team at Upton Heath to ensure a smooth transition for your child when it is time to start school. Find out more at www.uptonvillagepreschool.co.uk



Uniform

Uniform: Grey skirt, trousers or shorts. Blue shirt or polo shirt. Upton Heath cardigan or jumper. Summer: blue and white checked dresses or short sleeved blue shirts with grey shorts. For the health and safety of your child, strong, black school shoes are required. PE: White polo shirt or t-shirt. Navy/black shorts or gym skirt. Black plimsolls. Winter: A plain tracksuit for outdoor games. Children should bring their PE kit into school each week. The embroidered sweatshirt/cardigan is available from Uniformity in Handbridge www.uniformityschools.com. School book bags are available directly from our school office or Uniformity. Older children may use their own choice of school bag.



The school day

The school day starts at 8.45am for all children with registration at 8.55am and first lesson at 9.00am. All children have a morning break from 11-11.15am and reception, year 1 and year 2 have an afternoon playtime also. Lunch is 12.00-1.00pm for reception and year 1, whilst year 2 to year 6 have lunch between 12.15-1.15pm. Collective worship takes place daily. The school day ends at 3.15pm for foundation stage and key stage 1, and 3.30pm for key stage 2. We actively encourage children to walk/cycle/scooter to school and have a storage area which is locked during the school day.



Values and ethos

When choosing a primary school for your child, it is often helpful for you to understand the values and ethos for the school. At Upton Heath, our ethos is 'learning together' reflecting our family orientation and our belief that children learn best where there is a strong partnership between school and home. Our vision is 'inspiring a love of learning', our core professional purpose is 'to provide exciting learning opportunities to prepare happy, confident children for the future', and our principles are 'belief', 'resilience' and 'respect'.



Clubs and activities

We have a whole range of lunchtime and after school clubs at Upton Heath which are run by staff and outside companies and vary each term. These have included netball, cheerleading, multi skills, cross country, construction, Times Table Rock Star Club, art, ukulele, dance, floral design, drama and indoor athletics. Our School Parliament has an important role in the decisions made at Upton Heath Church of England Primary School. Representatives from each class meet regularly to discuss any issues or concerns that have been brought up by the children in school and to discuss new initiatives and ideas such as fundraising activities.



Learning

Children learn best where there is a successful partnership between parents/carers and school. This partnership is something we promote at Upton Heath in order to nurture children's interest and enjoyment of learning. We believe that home learning should be relevant and purposeful, linked to current programmes of work and designed to enhance, enrich and reinforce learning. We are fortunate at Upton Heath to have a learning mentor who is available to talk to if children have an issue that is making it difficult for them to learn at school. Parents and carers can also speak to our learning mentor to get support for their children and families.



Sport

Our aim at Upton Heath is for every child to enjoy and look forward to their two lessons of PE each week. We achieve this through our strong links and coaching from local sports teams and organisations such as House of Dance, Cheshire Phoenix Basketball, Warrington Wolves Rugby, Chester FC, Hoole Tennis Club and All Star Cricket. We also offer a wide variety of sports clubs, with opportunities for your child to enter competitions through their school life. During lunch times, sports coaches provide a timetable of sporting activities that all children can access, with regular inter-school competitions.

