



# Tannery Drift First School

Enjoyment – Achievement – Respect



## School Prospectus



Artsmark  
Gold Award  
Awarded by Arts  
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## Welcome

I hope this brochure will give you a flavour of who we are and what we do. For more information please refer to the school website, telephone, email or visit the school, you will be most welcome.

Our school actively promotes the Tannery Drift ethos of **enjoyment**, **achievement** and **respect** in all that it does. We believe in the development of the whole child.

We aim to make sure that every child in our care enjoys their time at school and provide a safe and secure environment.

At Tannery Drift we adapt activities to allow all children to show their strengths and encourage every child to feel capable, be independent and love learning.

We carefully assess the strengths of each child when they join us. We then ensure that they achieve well by regularly reviewing targets that provide just the right amount of challenge.

The staff prides itself on developing strong partnerships between the school and families, to support every child in making maximum progress.

**Mrs Anna Greetham: Headteacher**

## Our Values

**We strongly believe in encouraging children to become independent learners who will try new challenges and persevere with new or difficult tasks.**

We operate a system where all class teachers encourage and praise children who have tried something out of their comfort zone. This encourages a growth mind-set and allows all children to develop confidence in their own abilities.

## Curriculum

We have a creative curriculum that enables children to develop their cognitive skills by exploring, investigating and making connections between all areas of their learning.

Topics are planned for each term which embed science, geography, history, computing, design and art opportunities. English and maths are carefully planned to be as relevant as possible to the topic, with key skills taught separately as needed.

## Standards

Our children achieve very well at all levels in the school. All class teachers regularly review children's progress and parents and carers are kept involved and informed of their child's achievements. We have an established staff who are dedicated to ensuring that all children make extremely good progress. This is achieved through our high quality teaching and clear expectations of behaviour and learning.

## The Extended School

The school has an established Breakfast Club and there are on-site After School Club facilities. This high quality extended provision allows pupils to be at school from 7.40am – 6pm.

## Challenge

All children are encouraged to take risks with their learning.

They are encouraged to become independent learners.

Challenging, open-ended questions, tasks and topic work are encouraged to allow children to investigate and develop the skills of learning.

### OFSTED QUOTE:

**"In all classes visited during this inspection, pupils' behaviour was very good. Relationships between pupils and staff are strong and this lends confidence to their learning"**





## FAQs

### Q: Do you offer any clubs?

A: A wide range of interests and skills are catered for with sport, art & craft, cookery, construction, gardening, music and many more clubs throughout the year.

### Q: What opportunities are made for outside visits and visitors?

A: Learning is enhanced with a wide variety of visitors, including writers, vets, artists, drummers, astronomers, fire-fighters and storytellers. There are regular whole school trips and class visits. In their final year children are offered the opportunity of a residential trip.

### Q: What is your uniform policy?

A: Pride in appearance is important. All children wear uniform and there are clear expectations regarding neatness and the wearing of correct uniform.

### Q: What musical opportunities are there?

A: All children regularly participate in singing and musical assemblies. All children in Year 3 have weekly free guitar lessons and there are also opportunities to learn a range of musical instruments.

### Q: What can my child eat for lunch?

A: Parents can provide a home packed lunch or children can select from three hot meal options each day. We can cater for dietary and allergy requirements.

### Q: How will I be able to find out about my child's progress?

A: Termly parents' evenings are held where targets and achievements are shared. There are also open classroom days with the opportunity to look at work and progress.

### Q: What is your approach to the teaching of religious education?

A: Children are encouraged to become caring, supportive and respectful towards each other and the many religions of the world.

## Partnerships

Children do best when everyone around them is supportive, works together and has similar goals. We encourage parents and carers to talk to teachers, visit the school for open classrooms and to become involved in topic work. We provide regular information evenings and information leaflets to support and consolidate home learning. We also want to hear from you about what your child is interested in and how they are engaging with their learning at home. We aim to develop strong partnerships based on mutual respect.

### QUOTE FROM ARTSMARK ASSESSOR:

**"The school has an energetic, creative and original approach to developing the arts for all pupils"**

## Behaviour and Safety

We have high standards of pupil behaviour. Our golden rules give the children a clear code of expectations.

### Our golden rules are:

- We are gentle
- We are kind and helpful
- We listen
- We are honest
- We work hard
- We look after property

Our school is committed to providing a safe environment for children to learn in and has robust safeguarding procedures. We have a well-equipped and recently refurbished school with a securely fenced perimeter. We operate a buzzer system for entry and have a rigorous system for collection that aims to ensure safety and security for all children at all times.

### Parent quote:

**"I am very proud of my daughter's accomplishments and her excellent achievements are a reflection of the high standard of teaching and values you uphold"**

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