



**Orchard
Academy**

Welcome

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to Orchard Academy, a proud founder member of the East Midlands Academy Trust. At Orchard you will find a positive, family atmosphere in which we develop friendly, welcoming, confident and independent young people.

We do this through high quality teaching and excellent pastoral care delivered by a passionate, hardworking team who really do want the best for every child at the Academy.

Academically, we have a fine reputation for the good progress our children make. Challenging lessons mean pupils of all abilities are stretched in an atmosphere which allows them to be confident and comfortable enough to take risks and make mistakes. Our children's attitudes to learning are excellent. As the pupils journey through the school they reveal their strengths and develop their interests, inspired by our excellent curriculum.

Together with strong community links, we share leadership, teaching and administration with our neighbour, Shepherdswell Academy, allowing us to offer the pupils a continuing broad and balanced curriculum at both key stages 1 and 2.

We aim to sustain a happy, caring, supportive and positive learning community where each child can develop and extend their potential and achieve success.

The first line of our school creed begins: "Every journey begins with a single step." An exciting journey awaits all of us and we are so proud to be a part of it.

Enjoy the journey. Enjoy success. Together, we will achieve!

Mr Callum Brown
Headteacher



Curriculum

At Orchard Academy, we aim to provide a bespoke curriculum that is built on the needs and experiences of our children. Our curriculum is designed to encompass and combine the statutory requirements of the National Curriculum, inspired by our sponsor the East Midlands Academy Trust, with our own tailor made, child and teacher generated topics.

Our curriculum is built around three drivers. These curriculum drivers reflect what we consider to be important to our children and our school.

Possibilities

At Orchard we want to develop children's thirst for learning so they become children who show curiosity, don't give up and aspire to life's possibilities.

Community

At Orchard we see ourselves as an integral part of the wider community. We see ourselves as a place where children learn and understand the importance of how communities can bring people together.

Diversity

At Orchard we want to broaden the children's horizons so they learn how to be tolerant and respectful of others.

When children leave Orchard Academy at the end of Year 6, they should be fully equipped with the full range of skills and experiences that enable them to become successful and lifelong learners and fully prepared for the challenges and opportunities provided by secondary education.

Extra-curricular Opportunities

Orchard Academy offers a varied programme of extra-curricular clubs for all pupils who wish to participate. The programme will change from term to term, and a timetable and booking form is given to parents at the beginning of each term giving full details of the clubs.

We are proud to offer nearly twenty clubs each week, thanks to our extremely dedicated staff.

The extra-curricular clubs run from 3.30 to 4.30pm, and at the end of the session all children will be escorted to the playground where they can then be collected by their parent/ carer.

We provide a full range of educational visits and place a high importance on out of classroom learning, the types of trips that have been chosen offer a wide variety of essential learning experiences from outdoor pursuits and independence skills to social and life skills.



Performance

Orchard Academy was rated a 'good' school by Ofsted in its most recent inspection.

The inspection team found:

"Pupils spoke about their school in glowing terms, The overwhelming majority said that they enjoy learning and that they feel safe."

"The headteacher enjoys the support of the staff and rightly has high ambitions for the school, aspiring for it to provide the best education possible."

Performance data

- 79% of pupils achieved the expected standard in writing
- 61% of pupils achieved the expected standard in reading
- 73% of pupils achieved the expected standard in maths



School Day

Our school day follows this timetable:

- 7.30am-8.30am Breakfast club
- 8.35am Registration
- 10.15am Break time
- 12.30pm-1.30pm Lunch
- 3.25pm End of the school day



School Uniform

Orchard expects the boys and girls to wear school uniform and PE kit.

The uniform displays the school logo, and therefore the Academy will direct you to purchase from our supplier. The school can place orders on your behalf providing you submit payment either by cheque or debit card (no cash sales).



Pupil Welfare

Orchard Academy and Shepherdswell Academy are committed to delivering good outcomes for children and young people by providing a safe learning environment that promotes their welfare and helps them to develop socially and emotionally so that they can make the most of their life chances.

Orchard Academy and Shepherdswell Academy will ensure that arrangements are in place to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people by:

- Providing a safe, healthy learning environment that allows them to develop to their full potential
- Safeguarding their welfare, particularly those children and young people who are most disadvantaged
- Providing young children and young people with opportunities to discuss issues and report problems affecting their safety and welfare
- Ensuring safe recruitment practices
- Ensuring robust procedures for recognition and referral where there are welfare or child protection concerns
- Raising awareness amongst staff of child protection issues and ensuring staff are equipped to deal with concerns
- Monitoring and supporting children and young people who are subject to child protection plans and contributing to the implementation of their plan
- Promoting partnerships working with parents and professionals

About East Midlands Academy Trust

East Midlands Academy Trust was incorporated in September 2012. East Midlands Academy Trust is a Multi Academy Trust based in the centre of Northampton. Since incorporation, the MAT now includes five primary academies, one secondary academy and one all-through 4-19 Free School. East Midlands Academy Trust's key ambition is straightforward - to create excellent academies.

Vision, Values and Purpose

'Every child deserves to be the best they can be'

We are driven by a strong moral purpose that every child has the right to outstanding teaching and leadership. It is our mission to work with our children, their parents and carers and our staff to create excellent schools. Schools that demonstrate integrity of purpose through high aspiration for every child. We set high expectations for our leaders and teachers to support and stretch every child. We ensure that they make excellent progress and build the skills, knowledge and attributes that will prepare them well for secondary school and beyond.





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