



Preston Primary 2010 – 2011

Dear Parent,

Welcome to our school. If your child is about to join us for the first time, we welcome you warmly as parents and look forward to a happy and successful partnership over the coming years. If you already have a child at our school we are pleased to renew the link.

We hope you find the information in this brochure, both helpful and informative. No document or brochure however, can fully describe every aspect of our school, so if there is anything you are unsure about, then please don't hesitate to ask, either myself or one of the teaching staff, and we will do our best to help you.

Preston Primary School is a small school. As teachers, we view this as one of the great strengths of our school, because we know every child and are able to cater for his/her needs, both in and out of the classroom. We make time to listen to, offer advice and help to both children and parents. We view the happiness and security of a child as of paramount importance to their long term intellectual and social development. We encourage a happy, relaxed yet purposeful atmosphere within school, based on mutual respect, care and thought for each individual within our "school family."

Confidence in a good school comes from knowing and understanding what is happening within it. We hope that by regular contact with school through educational and social functions, parent/teacher consultative meetings, regular newsletters, open days and by visiting, that you will soon come to know all the members of the school team.

If you require further information, please visit our website at www.prestonprimary.co.uk

Preston Primary School is an "Open School" where you as parents are encouraged to support us, as professionals in what we do and consequently make the school a happy and successful place for your child to flourish. As teachers, we fundamentally believe that a supportive partnership between home and school will ensure the best rewards for your child's future, both academically and socially, in an atmosphere of shared responsibility.

We look forward to your child joining our school in the knowledge that he/she will be cared for and offered opportunities to develop his/her skills in a friendly, happy and educationally challenging atmosphere.

Yours sincerely,

Head Teacher and on behalf of the whole School Team.



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Comments from our Ofsted Report

'Preston Primary School is a real little gem.'

'This good school successfully places equal emphasis on pupil's academic and personal developments.'

'Pupil's enjoy school and their behaviour is exemplary. Their contribution to the school and the wider community is excellent.'

'The school provides outstanding levels of care, guidance and support.'

'All pupil's flourish in the excellent caring and inclusive atmosphere.'

'Outstanding provision is made to enrich the curriculum through clubs and sporting activities which are frequently organised by an excellent PTA.'

'There is a shared commitment by Governors and Staff to set challenging targets and to provide the best for each pupil.'

'Parents are very well informed and very supportive of the school. They appreciate the good levels of education and outstanding personal development and care they receive.'

Our Ofsted Report may be found on our website: www.prestonprimary.co.uk



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Overall Aims and Objectives

At Preston Primary School we aim to provide a safe, happy and ordered environment, where the children are at the centre of our planning and concern. We aim to develop self discipline and behaviour patterns which respect the needs of others. We organise and develop our teaching strategies around the National Curriculum using a variety of approaches which include whole class, individual and group teaching. Skills are developed through which our pupils can control and direct their own learning. We develop attitudes towards learning which encourage a willingness to question, listen, observe and concentrate on the task in hand, whether working as an individual or as part of a group. We aim to prepare our children for the future by giving them a broad, balanced curriculum which has relevance to their learning.



Educational Aims of the School

- To encourage pupils to develop their abilities to the full
- To give children equality of opportunities
- To develop fundamental skills in English and Mathematics
- To deliver the National Curriculum in an appropriate and effective way
- To help pupils to develop personal moral values, understanding of Christian beliefs and awareness of other races, religions and ways of life
- To participate fully in the community and to contribute responsibly to it
- To help pupils to understand the world in which they live, the need to care for our planet and the interdependence of individuals, groups and nations
- To participate in shared activities within school and with other schools.



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School Organisation

School Hours		
Nursery 8.55am to 11.30am 12.30pm to 3pm	Morning session Afternoon session	
Main School 8.55am to 12 noon 8.55am to 12.15pm	1.00pm to 3.00pm 1.00pm to 3.10pm	Key Stage 1 (Infants) Key Stage 2 (Juniors)

Staffing

Our staffing allocation for 2010/2011 is Head Teacher, Deputy Head Teacher and two Senior Teachers, two full-time Teachers, plus 4 part-time Teachers (one of whom is a specialist Music Teacher), a part-time Nursery Assistant and 12 Teaching Assistants. In addition to the above, we have visiting Teachers for learning support and music tuition.

Organisation for 2010/2011

The way our school is organised this year can be seen in the information table below. Our aim is to try to maintain classes as close to the ideal number as possible. Sometimes classes can be too small as well as too large, so we strive to achieve a balance based on the teaching resources we have available.

Year Group	Class	Staff	Class Size
Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 Nursery	Nursery Teachers Nursery Assistant	Mrs H. Coates Mrs J Doherty Mrs R. Murray	26 am 13 pm
Reception/Year 1	R / Y1	Mrs C. Platts	30
Year 1/2	Y1 / Y2	Miss F Blair	30
Key Stage 2 Year 2/3	Y3 / Y4	Mrs D. Cotton	28
Year 4/5	Y4 / Y5	Mr A. Robinson	26
Year 5/6	Y6	Mr D Clift	23



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Preston Primary School Team

School Based

Head Teacher:	Mrs Shirley Winters	Deputy Head Teacher:	Mr Duncan Clift
		Senior Teachers:	Mrs Caroline Platts Mr Andrew Robinson
Teaching Staff:	Miss Faye Blair Mrs Hilary Coates Mrs Debbie Cotton Mrs Jill Doherty Mrs Julie Shields Mrs Miriam Robson	Nursery Assistant:	Mrs Rachel Murray
		Teaching Assistants:	Mrs Elaine Boughen Mrs Marie Thompson Mrs Rachel Darley Mrs Dee Whitehouse Mrs Jacqueline Lockwood
Special Needs Assistants:	Mrs Amanda Doveston Mrs Fiona Steward Mrs Margaret Smith	Mrs Liz Blenkiron Mrs Dee Whitehouse Mrs Angela Wilson	Mrs Caroline Ennion Mrs Jane Nicholls
School Administrator:	Mrs Fran Matthews	Assistant School Administrator:	Mrs Caroline Ennion
Caretaker:	Mrs Debbie Outlaw	Cleaners:	Mrs Roz Falkner Mrs Kath Campbell Mrs Sharon Young
Kitchen Staff: (Cook)	Mrs Sandra Brown	Mid-day Supervisors:	Mrs Margaret Smith Mrs Jan Draper Mrs Caroline Ennion Mrs Louise Gowan Mrs Jean Little
(Assistant Cook)	Mrs Jackie Rose Mrs Gwenda Fraser		
Visiting Teachers:	Miss Claire Gail		

Support Staff from different Stockton Agencies can be called upon to offer specialist advice to staff, parents and children.



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Preston Primary School Governors

Chairman:-	Mr Angus Watson 552 Yarm Road Eaglescliffe
Vice Chairman:-	Mrs Fiona Oliver
L.A. Representatives:-	Period of Office
Mr Mike Cherrett	11.04.10 to 10.04.14
Mrs Andrea Mackie	14.10.08 to 13.10.12
Mrs Kerry Stockley	24.04.08 to 23.04.12
Parent Governors:-	
Mr Philip Hewitt	21.10.08 to 21.10.12
Mr David Portas	10.10.08 to 09.10.12
Mrs Jane Blyth	19.06.08 to 18.06.12
Mrs Fiona Oliver	22.05.08 to 21.05.12
Mr Andrew Quince	10.05.07 to 09.05.11
Community Governors:-	
Councillor Miss Margorie Galloway	02.11.06 to 01.11.10
Mr Angus Watson	19.04.08 to 18.04.12
Mr Ian Ross	02.11.06 to 01.11.10
Teacher Governor:-	
Mr Duncan Clift	05.11.09 to 05.11.13
Staff Governor:-	
Mrs Caroline Platts	23.09.08 to 22.09.12
Head Teacher:-	
Mrs Shirley Winters	



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Admissions to our School

Children may be admitted to the Nursery Class as soon as they have reached the age of three. As our Nursery is very popular, to ensure you have a place, we advise that you put your child's name on the waiting list as soon as possible. Visits to the class will be arranged prior to your child starting nursery to ensure that the transition from home to school is as smooth as possible.

Children who live in the admission zone of the school are guaranteed a place but those who live outside the zone must be placed on a waiting list until the numbers coming from within it, are known. Priority is given to children from out of area who will be continuing their primary education at Preston Primary School beyond the Nursery Unit.

Admission into Full Time Education is controlled by the Admissions Policy of the Local Education Authority (L.A.). The policy is:

Children whose fifth birthday falls between 1st September and the 31st August may be admitted full-time from 1st September of the academic year in which they will be 5 years old.

Should you require further information about the L.A. Admissions' Policy, you can obtain a copy of the booklet "PRIMARY EDUCATION IN STOCKTON-ON-TEES" from school, a Public Library or Health Centre or visit our website.



Parents who are considering sending their children to Preston Primary School are advised to contact the Head Teacher well in advance. They are warmly invited to visit the school to meet the staff and pupils. Appointments may be made with the Head Teacher, either before moving to the area, or on arrival.



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Curriculum

The 'Core' Subjects

English

Language is the main means by which children interpret the world around them and communicate with others and as such it is central to all areas of the curriculum.

We implement the National Literacy Framework which involves children in spelling, listening, reading and writing activities.

We make use of a number of reading schemes in school to ensure that children are able to evolve fully as readers, whilst at the same time developing a love of books. Many methods are employed by the staff to ensure that the children become confident, fluent readers. Extending vocabulary, comprehension and writing skills, as well as those of research and reading for pleasure, are nurtured. We have a wonderful Library facility which is well used by the children. Confidence is built by encouraging the pupils to talk, discuss and listen to other people's points of view.



Mathematics

We implement the daily Mathematics lesson known as the National Numeracy Framework. Throughout the school there are defined periods devoted to whole class teaching of Mathematical concepts and group work with differentiated tasks to suit individual children's needs and abilities.

Time is also spent developing strategies for mental arithmetic. Our aim is that children will be able to apply their mathematical knowledge to every day experiences and other areas of the curriculum.



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Science

Our children are taught to understand aspects of scientific processes through well planned topics including living things, the environment, forces, energy, materials, the world around us, space and ourselves. Learning is geared to the children's interests and matched to their understanding. Work is approached logically, giving the children the opportunity to acquire practical skills as well as learning to work co-operatively in the planning, preparing and carrying out of tasks. Work is prepared for the children which aims to develop skills and problem solving in an exciting and interesting way.

Information Technology

Our ICT Suite is equipped with the latest hardware containing 16 networked computers, an interactive board and printer plus 10 Apple Mac computers to deliver a creative ICT curriculum. Information Technology is taught as a subject in its own right as well as being used in many cross curricular subjects. We have full access to Broadband and each class from Foundation Stage to Year 6 is equipped with an Interactive Whiteboard.



Religious Education in the curriculum

At Preston Primary School we adhere to The Education Reform Act 1998 which states that *"the curriculum of each maintained school should be balanced and broadly based and should promote the spiritual, moral, mental and physical development of pupils at the school and in society; and prepare pupils for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of adult life"*.

Religious Education is part of the basic curriculum and is a non-denominational subject in its own right. It reflects the fact that religious traditions in the country are in the main Christian, whilst taking into account the teachings and practices of the other principle religions represented in Great Britain. In School, the main religions studied are Christianity, Islam and Judaism.



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At Preston Primary School we have close links with All Saint's Church and Trinity Methodist Church. We also invite representatives of other religious communities into school as well as visiting places of worship.

The "Foundation" Subjects

History and Geography

A theme-based, creative approach for teaching subjects such as History and Geography is implemented throughout the school. Art and Design may also be incorporated into the themes. Teachers aim to ensure that each theme is taught in a meaningful and stimulating way. Opportunities are taken wherever possible to relate it to first hand experiences by local studies of our immediate environment and through visits to sites of historical/geographical interest.

Music

Music plays an important role in school life. Children are encouraged to learn to play musical instruments and all are given the opportunity to take part in creative musical activities and dance. We employ a specialist Music Teacher who teaches Music to every class in the school and runs a School Choir. Guitar lessons are taught as an after school club by a Tees Valley Music teacher.

We are able to offer violin tuition via the Tees Valley Music Service. In Years 3 or 4 children take an aptitude test in Music. If the ability and interest are there, children may be offered instrumental tuition. The tuition takes place during school time but there is a cost to parents to cover the hire of the instruments and instruction. Groups are no more than four in size and each child will receive at least 10 half hour sessions per term.





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Physical Education

Our school is equipped for indoor activities, and outdoor skills catered for by having our own playing field, grass area and large playgrounds. Children have the opportunity to take part in a wide range of activities including soccer, cricket, athletics, rounders, gymnastics and orienteering. During their time at school they attend swimming lessons until they have achieved their 25 metre award. Our school hall provides excellent indoor sports facilities for our children. Information and photographs can be found on our website.

Art and Design

The children have the opportunity of working with a variety of media including paints, inks, pastels, collage, clay, wood, papier mâché and fabrics. The children enjoy the widest possible range of creative/artistic experiences including making use of artists in residence and visiting the Arts Centre Spark for special projects.

We also include the study of art from different cultures and this forms part of a number of cross curricular activities which we plan throughout the course of the year.

Collective Worship

Children take part in a daily act of worship, which is broadly Christian. Parents have the right to withdraw their children from acts of Collective Worship but we hope that they would take the opportunity to discuss this with the Head Teacher, before making a decision.

Health Education

During 2007 we were delighted to achieve the Healthy Schools Gold Award which recognises our commitment to promoting all aspects of healthy living.

This area of the curriculum often arises as a 'Cross Curricular Theme' in other subjects. We provide children with the basic knowledge and understanding of health matters relating to themselves and others, to enable them to make informed choices about healthy living.

We are part of the National Fruit Scheme whereby all children, throughout the school, are encouraged to enjoy a piece of fruit each day.





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Sex and Relationships Education

Aspects of human development are addressed naturally or incidentally as issues arise throughout the school but formally in Year 6. The School Nurse comes in to talk with Y6 children and this is placed in the context alongside all the changes that occur at puberty. Parents are informed of this in advance. We place full emphasis on moral considerations and give every support to the value of family life and relationships.

Complaints / Concerns Procedure

At Preston Primary School we are always available to talk to parents to try and resolve any problems, however small they may be. In the event of any parent having a complaint against the school which cannot be resolved in the first instance through discussion with the Head Teacher, a Formal Complaints Policy exists in school and a booklet outlining details of procedures, is sent to all parents.

Assessment and Record Keeping

Assessment procedures are implemented throughout your child's school life, starting with a Foundation Stage Profile in Nursery and Reception Class. Records are kept on the progress made by pupils, reports are sent home annually and consultation evenings are held each term to discuss your child's progress. Teachers are always willing to discuss progress either informally, or by making an appointment. Statutory Assessment at the end of the Key Stages (approximately age 7 and 11) will be fully reported to parents.





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Parent/Teacher Consultation

Consultation Evenings are held once a term to enable parents to talk with the class teacher and discuss their child's progress. If any parent has any cause for concern they should not hesitate to contact school. Parents may arrange appointments to visit school to discuss their child's progress at any time.

Annual Reports, which outline your child's progress, are issued towards the end of the academic year. You will have the opportunity to discuss these with the class teacher at a Consultation Evening. The children's reports build into a portfolio which they retain when they leave primary school.

Parents of Nursery aged children are actively encouraged to discuss their child's development with the Nursery Staff on a regular basis and the Nursery start and finish times allow for this to take place.

It cannot be emphasised too strongly that there is no such thing as a trivial worry as far as we are concerned. All the staff believe in the concept of the Home/School Partnership and we are always more than willing to discuss anything that is causing you anxiety or concern. If at any time you feel worried, no matter how minor it may appear to be, do not wait until the worry becomes a deep anxiety - contact the school as soon as possible to make an appointment with the Headteacher/Class Teacher.

We always have the welfare of the children at heart and we try to ensure that your child's time at Preston Primary School will be both happy and rewarding.

National Curriculum Assessment

SAT's Results

At Preston Primary we are concerned about meeting the needs of all children. From the moment your child enters full time education until they leave Year 6, they are assessed and their progress monitored.

The education we provide is tailored to each child's individual needs; this ranges from children with special needs to the very able. We make use of a number of intervention programmes which address areas of difficulty and also projects which challenge very able children.





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We acknowledge that each year our results may vary considerably. This is due to a number of factors:

- small year groups where each child carries a high percentage e.g. 25 children 4% each, 18 children 5.5%.
- the inclusive nature of our school
- a history of higher than national average number of statemented children



These factors reflect Preston Primary School and create the ethos that we find in school. It is therefore important to us that we focus on the development and progress of individuals rather than the particular year group.

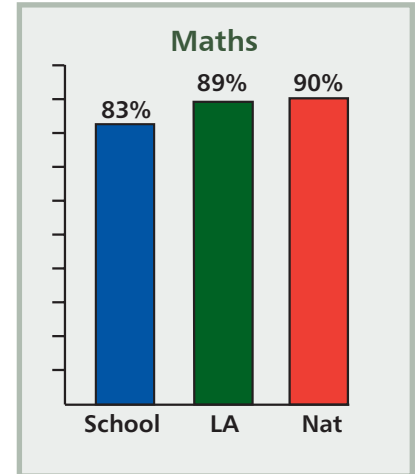
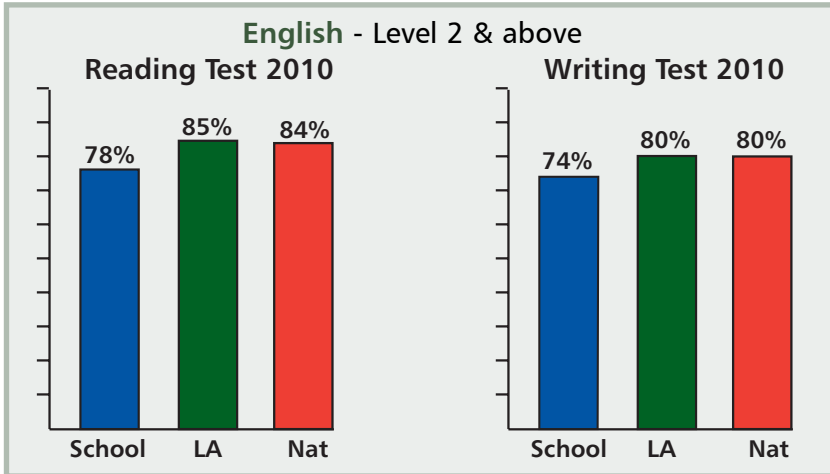
We have presented our results in a way which reflects these factors by comparing years 2009 and 2010.

Key Stage 2 Test Results	2009	2010
Published eligible pupil number	24	24
Eligible pupils with SEN statements: number	1	1
Eligible pupils with SEN statements: percentage	4%	4%
Eligible pupils with SEN without statements: number	8	3
Eligible pupils with SEN without statements: percentage	42%	12%
English		
% of pupils achieving level 4 or above in English	96%	92%
% of pupils achieving level 5 in English	50%	58%
% of pupils absent or disapplied in English	0%	0%
Mathematics		
% of pupils achieving level 4 or above in Mathematics	92%	92%
% of pupils achieving level 5 in Mathematics	50%	58%
% of pupils absent or disapplied in Mathematics	0%	0%
Science		
% of pupils achieving level 4 or above in Science	92%	92%
% of pupils achieving level 5 in Science	67%	54%
% of pupils absent or disapplied in Science	0%	0%

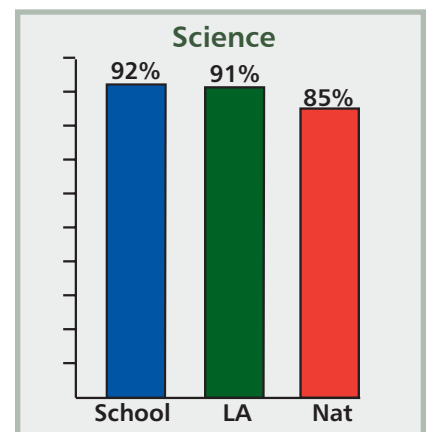
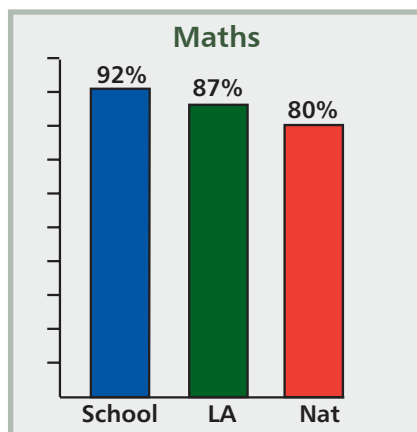
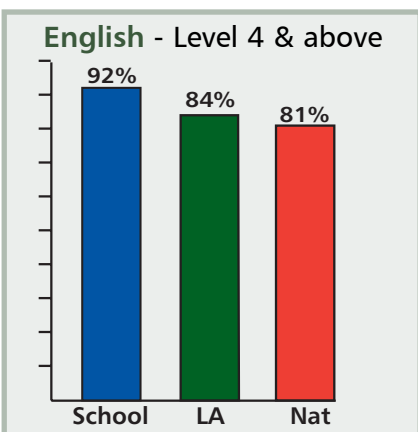


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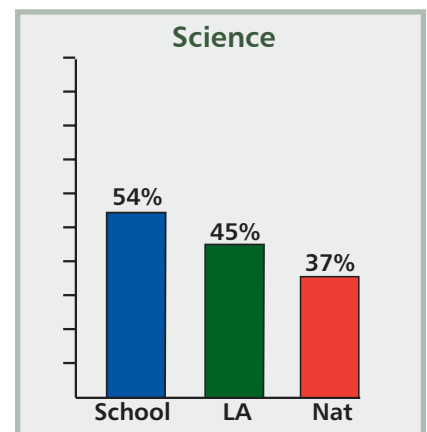
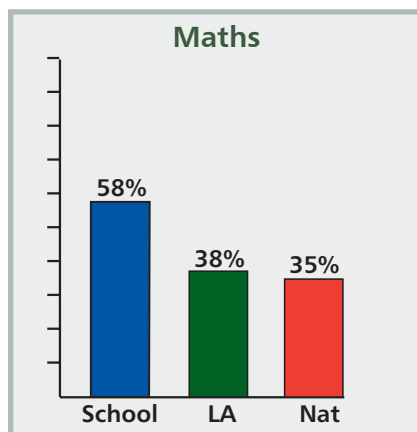
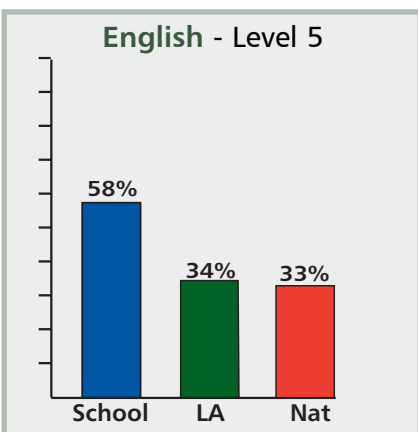
Key Stage 1 - 2010



Key Stage 2 - 2010



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Absence

Number of pupils of compulsory school age	164
% authorised absences	4.8%
% unauthorised absences	0.3%
Attendance	95.3%



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Inclusion

Preston Primary School provides a safe, happy and ordered environment for its pupils. We welcome all children and celebrate our diversity. We aim to provide the best possible support to enable every child within the school to reach his / her potential, whatever their ability.

We work closely with other agencies to ensure transition into Preston Primary is as smooth as we can possibly make it.

In May 2006 we achieved the Local Authority Inclusion Quality Mark. The first school in the authority to receive this recognition. The inclusive nature of our school was praised by Ofsted as were the staff.

The SEN Code of Practice sets out guidance and policies and proceedings aimed at enabling pupils with Special Educational Needs to reach their full potential, to be included fully in their school community and make a successful transition to adulthood. Access to specific learning programmes, support by staff and after school clubs ensures children are fully involved in both the academic and social life of the school including residential visits.

In accordance with the SEN Code of Practice, children who are encountering learning or behavioural difficulties may be placed on our Special Needs Register with their parent's consent.

The Special Needs Co-ordinator (SENCo) Mrs Caroline Platts, reports regularly to the Governors' School Improvement Committee. The Governors are responsible for monitoring the implementation of the Code of Practice and our Special Needs Policy to ensure that the curriculum is fully accessible to all children.

In accordance with the Disability Discrimination Act, we have a Disability Equality Scheme in place which was drawn up in consultation with parents, pupils and staff. It includes a three year action plan which outlines how we intend to make our school even more accessible to anyone with a disability. An Accessibility Plan also details improvements which have already taken place and proposed improvements for the next three years.

The school is fully accessible with ramped entrances, disabled toilets, on-site disabled parking, audio loop system, accessible play area, a library which houses a wide variety of inclusive books, an audio centre and tapes, an ICT Suite with adjustable workstation and specialised hard & software as well as school signs which meet the needs of visually impaired pupils and adults. Individual children's needs are met through a wide range of specialist equipment in school.





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Inclusion (cont.)

We continue to implement a number of programmes aimed at Gifted and Talented children. Liaising with Eggescliffe Secondary School a Mathematics Workshop is held during the Spring and Summer terms to challenge our most able pupils and give them the opportunity to work with pupils of similar ability from other local primary schools. Extension programmes also take place in school to further develop the skills of these children.

Our pupils have also taken part in 'Eurotalk' a Modern Foreign Language Programme which promotes the development of other languages. Able Year 5 and 6 children have worked closely with Eggescliffe School designing a robot using Lego Mindstorms – the children along with a number of other primary and secondary schools took up the challenge to create environmentally friendly energy powered vehicles.

We involve Gifted and Talented pupils in Local Authority projects and regional events run by the North East Regional Partnership for Gifted and Talented pupils which promote problem solving activities for able children.

At Preston Primary School we promote race equality. Our policy builds on the school's core values and ethos. Our School Covenant, Home School Agreement, Mission Statement and General Aims all promote race equality. In line with the Race Relations Act (2000) we communicate results of monitoring and assessment to parents and the Governing Body. Information relating to this is available in school for any parent wishing to see it.

At Preston Primary School we acknowledge the critical role parents play in their child's education. There are strong reasons for working in partnership. If parents are actively involved in their child's learning then the work of the school and other professionals will be more effective. Our aim at Preston Primary School is to ensure that all pupils have equality of access to both the curriculum and all school activities and facilities.





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Transition to Secondary School

At the end of their final year the majority of our children transfer to Eggescliffe School which has an excellent reputation, both locally and nationally. Our children visit the school as part of their induction programme, enabling them to become accustomed to secondary education. Some of our most able pupils attend mathematics workshops at Eggescliffe School where they participate in challenging, problem solving activities. Our children also benefit from close liaison with Eggescliffe's Department of Performing Arts. Some parents will wish to consider other secondary school provision. Whatever your choice there will be every opportunity to discuss your child's transfer to secondary school with his/her Class Teacher and / or Head Teacher. Our Special Needs Co-ordinator, Mrs Caroline Platts, is also available to offer advice.



Eggescliffe School

Eggescliffe School is an 11-18 mixed comprehensive school with 1400 pupils. It is also a Specialist School for the Performing Arts and the Beacon Secondary School within Stockton LA. When pupils transfer from the primary sector they are placed in one of eight mixed ability tutor groups. A lot of care is taken with the induction programme in order to ensure that all pupils make a smooth transition.

In October an information evening for parents is held at Eggescliffe, followed soon after by an open evening when pupils can look around the school with their parents. During the summer term Heads of House visit all the primary schools and meet Year 6 pupils. An Induction Day is held in July, when pupils spend a day in Eggescliffe meeting their form tutor and having taster lessons, followed by an Induction Evening for parents.

The school is proud of its strong pastoral system which ensures that all pupils settle in positively and are well looked after. All pupils who live in the Eggescliffe admission zone and place Eggescliffe as first preference on the LA admission form will obtain a place. If parents wish to discuss any issues about Eggescliffe School please telephone the Headteacher, Mrs Darnell.



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Medical

All children are seen by the School Nurse during their Reception Year. Parents are informed of these visits in advance and are invited to be present. Weight and height checks are also carried out, but as these are routine in nature, parents are not usually informed in advance but will be afterwards if any follow up is necessary.



Illness

If a child is ill and cannot attend school, parents are asked to inform school as soon as possible, preferably before 8.55 am.

If a child becomes ill, or has an accident at school we will make every effort to contact the parents. If a child requires hospital treatment we will ensure that the child is taken to the Accident & Emergency Department to be treated as soon as possible, whilst still attempting to inform parents.

When a child returns to school after an illness, please send a note to inform the class teacher of the nature of the illness. If any child requires medicine or tablets **prescribed by the doctor** to be taken in school time, then parents must complete a **Medical Administration Form** – available from the office or our website - but this must be brought in by the parent/carer and signed.

If the medicine is on going parents are asked to complete a new medical administration form at the beginning of each term.

Medicine can only be administered by the designated persons - Mrs Shirley Winters or Mrs Dee Whitehouse or by an individual child's Learning Support Assistant.

If your child has a medical appointment during school time, please send a note to school informing us of this. Children leaving school for such appointments must always be collected.



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School Meals

We encourage children to have a school lunch which is cooked on the premises. Menus can be viewed on our website. For those pupils who prefer to bring a packed lunch, provision is made for them to eat this in the Dining Hall.

You can help considerably by:-

- Paying for the full week on Mondays (Cheques made payable to Stockton Borough Council please. You can pay for up to a full term if you wish).
- Keeping to the same pattern of meals (either cooked or packed) for at least half a term. If you wish your child to change, please ensure that we receive notice in writing.
- Please try to avoid 'chopping and changing' during the week, unless this is due to exceptional circumstances.

The price of a school lunch is £1.85 per day, £9.25 per week. Termly newsletters also indicate the cost of a meal for the half or full term.

Free School Meals

Application forms for Free Meals may be obtained from Mrs Matthews at the School Office. This information is strictly confidential.

Pastoral Care

A family atmosphere is fostered throughout school and all staff are fully aware of each individual child's needs. We place great emphasis on providing a secure and happy environment where everyone is valued.

Homework

Our Homework Policy is sent out to parents every September, and outlines in detail, the expectations for each year group.





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School Rules

These are few and are explained to the parents and children on admission to the school.

Discipline

Our children are expected to have a caring, helpful attitude towards each other. It is hoped that this creates a positive environment. We have developed jointly (Staff, Governors, Parents, Outside Agencies and Children) a Code of Conduct called Assertive Discipline, which gives clear guidelines to both children and adults alike. We feel this enables everyone connected with Preston Primary School to understand and follow a consistent, sensible approach towards behaviour. You can read all about this approach in the booklet accompanying this Prospectus.

Extra-Curricular Activities

We offer a wide range of experiences to our pupils in the form of Extra-Curricular Activities. During this academic year we have offered Football, Chess, Guitar, Gymnastics and Table Tennis as permanent clubs. Taster sessions, which are available half-termly, include Arts & Crafts, Computers, Tennis, Hockey, Drama, Circus Skills, Chinese etc. It must be emphasised that some of these are seasonal and involve commitments by Teaching Staff or Members of the P.T.A. and invited Coaches. These activities rely on the goodwill of parents and staff and commitment by pupils to enable them to succeed.



Sport

Soccer teams are managed by Mr Clift and Mr Robinson. These teams play in various competitions. Children benefit from the expertise of qualified sports coaches, covering a variety of sports. Pupils from our school take part each year in the local Inter Schools Athletic Competition and do very well. Seasonal inter-sports such as Tag Rugby, Kwik Cricket and Hockey take place at different times of the school year.

Instrumental Tuition

This is provided by the Tees Valley Instrumental Service. Teachers come to school each week to give instrumental tuition to small groups of children. Children also have the opportunity to become members of the Stockton Schools' Junior Orchestra and other music ensembles. (Details are available in school).

Charging Policy

We may, on occasions, need to request a voluntary contribution to assist with the cost of Educational Visits, theatre groups etc. which broaden the childrens' experiences. These activities are often subsidised by our PTA. This enables us to keep the cost, we request from parents, as low as possible.



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Global Links

The school has established strong links with two educational settings. The 'Hands of Love Orphanage in Uganda and Wakefield Elementary School in Boston USA. These links provide an excellent opportunity for pupils to engage with children from very different cultural backgrounds.

Links with the Community

Our school has 'adopted' Preston Hall Museum, as part of the Stockton Borough Council Links with Schools Scheme. We were the first school to enter this Stockton initiative. We continue to support charities such as the NSPCC and the Macmillan Cancer Fund, Children's Society, Butterwick Hospice and one other charity each year.

We have very close links with All Saint's Church who are regular visitors to our school leading a weekly collective worship service. We hold an annual Christingle Service at the church and children also entertain the local community at Christmas.

Holidays during term-time

You will undoubtedly be aware of recent publicity regarding holidays taken in term time. The Governors' Policy is that the Head Teacher can authorise up to ten days absence per year during term time. This will only be granted if the absence does not take the child's/children's overall attendance below ninety per cent. If this is the case, and the absence goes ahead, it will be recorded as unauthorised. Following receipt of a holiday request, a child's attendance record is checked and a copy will be returned to you indicating whether:

- the absence is authorised,
- authorised by letting you know the attendance level or total authorised absences is at the threshold,
- or the absence is unauthorised in which case a copy of your child's attendance record would be attached.

Term time holidays continue to be the largest single cause of absence. School holidays are published at least one year in advance and we would ask, where possible, that holidays are taken outside term time to avoid unnecessary disruption to your child's/children's education.

Useful Addresses

L.A. (Local Authority), the School Nurse (Medical Queries), the Ed. Social Worker

Stockton Education Department
P.O. Box 228
Municipal Buildings
Church Road, Stockton-on-Tees
TS18 1XE
Tel: (01642) 393939

The School Nurse
Mrs Olivia Vasey-Raine
Ragworth Neighbourhood Centre
St John's Way, Ragworth
Stockton-on-Tees, TS19 0FS
Tel: (01642) 606591

Attendance Officer
Mrs Judith Gray
Wrensfield House, Wrensfield Road
Stockton-on-Tees, TS18 0AT



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Preston Children's Centre
Children welcome from 18 months old

We are now entering our 15th year in business, enabling us to offer:

Breakfast Club 8.00am until 8.55am including breakfast cost = **£4.00**

Morning Playgroup 9.00am until 11.30am = **£7.50**

Drop off service **£2.00** 8.30am to 8.55am

Lunch Club 11.30 a.m. to 12.15 p.m. **£3.00**

Lunch Club 11.30 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. **£4.00**

Lunch Club 11.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. **£6.00**

Lunch Club 11.45 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. **£5.50**

Afternoon Playgroup 1.00pm until 2.45pm cost = **£6.50**

After School Club runs from 3.00pm until 6.00pm offering two sessions:

- half a session = 3.00pm until 4.30pm cost = **£4.00** (includes juice/biscuits)
- full session = 3.00pm until 6.00pm cost = **£7.00** (juice/biscuits and a light snack are provided at 4.30pm to keep children going until their tea time).

We also offer Training Day Cover 8.00am until 6.00pm but children need to bring a packed lunch. We provide juice, biscuits, fruit and treats throughout the day, cost = **£25.00** for a full day and **£15.00** per half day.

We also cover all School Holidays except Christmas.

All our staff are fully qualified and police checked. We are also fully registered with Ofsted.

If you are interested in any of our services, please feel free to drop in for a coffee and a chat. We accept all child care vouchers.

I look forward to seeing you soon.

Mrs Broughton (Club Proprietor) Tel: **(01642) 785291** direct line to club.

Mrs Simmons (Club Manager)





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School Uniform

We have a school uniform which we encourage all children to wear. It is smart, serviceable and reasonably priced.

The uniform consists of:

- Navy Blue Sweatshirt
- White Polo Shirt
- Grey Trousers
- Navy Skirt/Culottes
- Navy Pinafore and for summer blue/white check dresses.

The sweatshirts and polo shirts are embroidered with the school logo and can also bear the initials of your child. They can be ordered from school. (See Appendix)



All clothing should be clearly marked with the child's name. In addition, parents are asked to provide:

1. A P.E. kit consisting of navy blue shorts, white T-shirt and plimsolls or trainers in a suitably named bag. **The school P.E. kit may also be ordered from the school office.**
2. A swimming costume, cap and two towels on swimming days.

The wearing of jewellery is not allowed for safety reasons. (This is in line with Egglecliffe School. We ask for your co-operation in these matters.) We feel that jeans are unsuitable for school wear.



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Preston Primary School Uniform Order Form

For _____ Class _____

	Child	Adult	Size	Quantity
Sweatshirt Navy For sizes see chart below Embroidery required	£8.00 Yes/No	£9.50	_____	_____
			My child's Initials are: _____	
Polo Shirt White For sizes see chart below Embroidery required	£7.50 Yes/No	£8.90	_____	_____
			My child's Initials are: _____	
Jogging Bottoms Navy Sizes available Embroidery required	£9.30 22-24" Yes/No			_____
			My child's Initials are: _____	
Sweatshirt Cardigans Navy For sizes see chart below Embroidery required	£11.10 Yes/No	£13.10	_____	_____
			My child's Initials are: _____	
PE Kits (T-shirt, shorts, plimsolls and bag) £10.50 depending on which size shorts are required				
T-shirt Size (For sizes see chart below)				
Shorts	Up to 30"	Short Leg in Navy Blue	£4.00	
	32" upwards	Short Leg in Navy Blue	£4.00	
		T Shirt	£4.00	
Plimsolls	Sizes: 6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,1,2,3,4,5		£4.00	
Child Sizes - Height	104	116	128	140 152
Child Sizes - Age	3/4	5/6	7/8	9/10 11/12
Adult Sizes	S	M	L	XL XXL 50p Extra

Total cheque/cash enclosed £ _____

Please make cheques payable to **Preston Primary Private School Fund**