

# Elm Grove Primary School

**At Elm Grove we want all our children to become confident, secure, caring individuals who achieve personal success and develop a lifelong love of learning.**



Working together



Outdoor learning



Celebration time





# Welcome to Elm Grove Primary School

At Elm Grove we believe in a child centred approach to learning that is firmly based on the principles of inclusion, equal opportunities, global education and cultural diversity.



Making shapes in PE



Girls football

**Our abiding aim is to work in an atmosphere where:**

- every child and adult is valued and can make a meaningful contribution to school life
- children can be stimulated through excitement and enjoyment to reach their highest standard
- a culture of care and respect is dominant
- we celebrate diversity
- we work in partnership with our parents and the wider community



Learning Journey project



Book time

# Together We Learn

At Elm Grove we believe in the concept of lifelong learning. We maintain that learning should be a creative, rewarding and enjoyable experience for everyone; it should be fun. Through our teaching we equip children with the skills, knowledge and understanding necessary to be able to make informed choices about the important things in life.

Underpinning our curriculum is the rigorous and systematic teaching of the basic skills; speaking and listening, reading, writing, numeracy and ICT.

Elm Grove is a fully inclusive learning community, providing a wide range of opportunities for all children. We have a highly skilled team including teaching assistants and individual needs assistants who are able to provide additional support for our children. We also have specialist teachers who provide 1:1 teaching for pupils in reading and maths.

**“Since our child’s diagnosis her confidence and abilities have flourished where they could easily have deteriorated. This is the direct benefit of the outstanding teaching and care our daughter has received.”**

Parents of a child with additional medical needs

Counselling sessions are available for children who need a trained professional to talk to and we have a learning mentor and specialist teaching assistants who can provide support for those children with specific barriers to learning.

Equally, we encourage all children to recognise their own strengths, and a number of children are identified each year as gifted and talented in different curriculum areas. We are committed to providing all children with a challenging curriculum which enables them to develop their learning further.



Specialist interventions



# Personal Development

We expect high standards of behaviour from all our children and reward positive behaviour in many ways including whole school reward systems, class rewards and individual merit certificates.

We help children to develop life long learning characteristics through our 'Learning Powers' work. These Learning Powers, chosen by pupils and staff, support our ethos of nurturing the whole child and remind pupils of their role as a learner.

They are:

- Aiming High
- Resilience
- Curiosity
- Making Connections
- Reflection
- Working Together
- Resourcefulness



Design technology



Practical maths



Research skills

**“Thanks for filling  
my daughter with a  
passion for learning!”**

Year 6 parent

# Healthy Lifestyles

Our school is fully committed to the enhanced Healthy Schools programme. We believe that emotional and physical health is crucial for children to be able to learn well and so the time we invest in these areas will result in greater achievements by our pupils. This means that we actively promote emotional and physical well being through high quality Personal Social and Health Education and a varied Physical Education curriculum.

All pupils will take part in age appropriate learning about healthy lifestyles including drugs and alcohol education, and sex and relationships education. Through our Circle Times and our School Council, our pupils will also have the opportunity to learn about being part of wider school and local communities and other aspects of citizenship.

Our commitment to healthy lifestyles means we have increased the lunch choices available to our pupils: there are several healthy school meal choices each day, and children can decide on a daily basis whether to have a school meal or bring a packed lunch. We do ask that parents support us in providing their children with a balanced healthy meal if they choose to bring their own.

All children are asked to bring in a water bottle from home as keeping hydrated significantly contributes to their concentration and learning.

Lewes Castle



Reception Class



Link school in Mexico



## International School

Elm Grove children are learning Spanish and to help us do this we have formed links with schools in Minatitlán, Mexico. Children in both countries have exchanged items of cultural significance and teachers from the Mexican schools have been to visit. Some Elm Grove teachers were also lucky enough to visit Minatitlán, to share work, pictures and questions from the Elm Grove children!



# Opportunities For All

We are an extended school, offering a vast range of services, including Breakfast and After School Club, plus a variety of lunch-time and after school clubs and activities.

Elm Grove is very much at the heart of the community, taking part in festivals, competitions, fund raising events and school partnerships. Many visitors are welcomed each year including authors, artists, story tellers, sportsmen and women, theatre companies and even a farm!

**“My child has blossomed this year, not only in abilities like reading, writing and maths but also socially and in confidence. I feel lucky that we are part of this wonderful, friendly and community minded school”**

Reception Parent



Children's Parade



Shows and productions

We are always looking for innovative ways of extending the range of opportunities available to our pupils.

We recognise the significant role of parents in helping their children to progress and greatly value the contributions parents make to the life of the school. We aim to encourage children to learn actively with adults at home. Our Learning Platform enables the school to communicate with parents and carers as well as continuing the learning process at home.

We welcome parents with our 'open door' policy and inclusive ethos. The school is fortunate enough to have an enthusiastic and active PTA.



Street party

**“My son has been really inspired by all the learning journeys. It’s great that he has done so well academically whilst having so much fun!”**

Year 2 Parent



Playground



WW2 evacuation project



If you go down to the woods today!



**We strive to foster good relationships in our school and to create a vibrant, positive and memorable learning journey for all members of our school community.**





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Friendship in the playground



Lunchtime fun