



Pott Shrigley Church School

"A place to learn, a place to grow, a place to be me"

PROSPECTUS 2018



Why is Pott Shrigley so special?

I like school because it's small like a family, and all our teachers are sweet and kind

I like school because we do lots of maths

I like the lunches

I like how everybody is kind and our teachers are lovely in our lessons. I find that it is special because we are like a family and the view is very special too!

One of my favourite part of school is going to tournaments. We are all a family here. I love we are interactive with all children. Pott Shrigley School is the best!

I like Pott Shrigley because everyone is respected and no one is excluded. If anyone needs help they get it.

I like that everyone is like a family and everyone knows each other really well. I like learning and my friends and teachers

It's easy to know everybody since it's small. The teachers are very helpful and kind, and you can get some individual attention. This school is amazing and I love it

We are a small school but that's good because we're all like a big family and everyone is friends with everyone. We all share the fun equipment. Sometimes like get a parachoot out in the summer and the school laughs and have's fun. The teachers, everyone has a smile on the face!

***Pott Shrigley is not
just another primary school.
We are very much a family!***

Situated on the edge of the Peak National Park, the school is the smallest in Cheshire and one of the oldest in the country, at over 500 years old.



With a maximum of only 45 children attending the school, they are able to benefit from one of the lowest pupil teacher ratios in the country. This provides the opportunity for them to experience 'truly personalised learning' and be part of a close knit school family.

The school has mixed year classes, and in this environment, our children are able to make the most of their potential, whatever their ability.

The school takes pride in its ethos, culture, uniqueness, and being able to create a loving nurturing environment.



A prospectus cannot fully reflect the school's ethos, culture, and uniqueness.

We recommend you visit the school and experience it in person.

Visitors are always welcome and regular open days are held throughout the year.

www.pottshrigleycs.co.uk

The school website provides a wealth of information on all aspects of the school. By visiting it you will also be able to access a recent article, published by the BBC which gives a glimpse of what the school is really like.



It takes a village to raise a child!

In Pott Shrigley, our family extends well beyond the school walls and into the whole community. The school building is regarded as the hub of the community and plays

a major part in village life.

Outside school hours, the building is also the Village Hall.

The Rose Queen, Christmas fayres and regular Church family services are among the many events that bind the community together.

When the school was under threat of closure in 2016, the whole community came together to help save the school and ensure its continued growth.

***Pott Shrigley Church School
is 'Voluntary Aided'
by the Diocese of Chester***



Pott Shrigley School has a long established link with the Parish Church of St. Christopher's, which in 1492 was known as 'Pott Chapel'. In that year, Geoffrey Downes of Shrigley provided in his will for a priest to teach the children of the village and thus the 'school' was founded.

Nowadays links with the church are still strong; The Priest-in-Charge, Rev. David Swales, visits the school regularly and takes a collective worship assembly once a week.

School families are always welcome at St. Christopher's and especially at the monthly family services during term time, which are usually on the 3rd Sunday of the month. The children are actively encouraged to participate with worship songs, Bible readings and prayers, to the delight of the regular congregation!



The Rose Queen festival is probably the most popular church-school event, usually taking place over the third weekend in June. Celebrations start on the Saturday afternoon with the Rose Queen processing from school to the Village Green with her entourage, then after the crowning ceremony the festivities begin with Maypole dancing. There are displays of the children's



work, the afternoon tea tent, stalls selling bric-a-brac, plants, cakes, lucky dip, guessing the name of the teddy; games of tug o' war, welly throwing, wheelbarrow racing and other fun activities.

New Reception Class facilities!



During the summer of 2017, with the help of grants, and the generosity of the local community, the school undertook major building work to improve its Early Years Foundation Provision.

The purchase of additional land allowed for a dedicated early years play area directly accessible from the classroom, allowing learning through free play. An additional washroom and toilet facilities were also put in place.



Reception places for September 2018 are in high demand, and the school is looking to appoint an additional teacher and full time Head.

Classes One and Two

Each class follows the national curriculum and they can be found on the school website.

Class One consists of years one, two and three.



In class 1 we encourage children to take chances and develop their independence to discover new things and challenge their horizons. Our topic and literary work covers a wide range of subjects to include different aspects of history, science and geography. We may explore space, rainforests, WWII, artists, musicians, myths and legends. We find literary inspiration from a wide choice of authors and poets to complement these topics. In maths, we develop a secure knowledge of the four operations and basic number facts so children can apply their understanding in a real-life context. We encourage the children to have respect for each other, to this end we practice mindfulness, peer-learning and enjoy collective worship so our children can engage and feel confident in their world.

Class Two consists of years four, five and six.



The transition into class 2 allows children to continue their journey of adventure and discovery. Here, children are increasingly made to develop their independence, resilience and confidence. Children are offered the opportunity to volunteer for key roles such as Head Boy and Head Girl, school council members and house captains. These positions allow children to develop their responsibility and leadership skills. As active learners, we foster inquisitive minds whereby children ask, and attempt to answer, fundamental questions about the world around them. Children develop the practical application of their skills during a rich variety of lessons including numeracy work which builds on the children's earlier conceptual understanding of number as we continue to develop our methods of calculation for more complex operations.

We want our children to be well rounded individuals prepared for transition from primary to secondary school

Flexi-schooling



At Pott Shrigley, staff and Governors appreciate that some parents may want their children to be home tutored part of the week. The school can offer a flexi- school arrangement, full details of the school policy can be found on the school website.

Achievement or Attainment?

The most recent Ofsted and Church inspections have rated Pott Shrigley Church School as ‘Outstanding’.

We want every child to reach their full potential by giving them the best start in life.

Whilst government performance tables are often used as an indicator of the school’s effectiveness, our very small class sizes mean that just one child can greatly affect our figures.

We recognise that children vary in their academic abilities and also a school’s performance is not just about ticking boxes. What really matters is that our children feel loved, included, nurtured and respected.

At Pott Shrigley, we are able to give every child something we like to call ‘personalised learning’; a system of learning tailored to their own individual needs.

*For more information
visit the school website
www.pottshrigleycs.co.uk
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