



# Grangewood School

A learning community



Our focus at Grangewood is on the 'whole child' and so we combine strong, multi-professional teams to integrate education with therapy, with an extensive range of activities for children and their families after school and during the holidays.



*Grangewood School is a primary school, based in Eastcote, Middlesex, for children with severe learning difficulties and physical and complex needs, including ASD.*



Grangewood School was one of the founding schools of the Eden Academy Trust.



The Eden Academy Trust is a unique MAT that embraces the variety of needs of all our pupils and provides the support and guidance to offer the best outcome for them and their families. It provides opportunities to combine knowledge and planning of all staff across all settings to work on challenges and solutions together for one common goal.



My ambition for Grangewood is to provide a clear vision and strong leadership to support the pupils and staff in a period of exciting transition, while ensuring there is coordination in outstanding provision to provide for all individual pupils needs.



*Liz Edwards  
Head of School*

## Our Values and Aims

We believe that pupils learn in different ways.

We provide a variety of rich learning opportunities and environments so each pupil is enabled to develop their skills and abilities to reach their personal best. Through our teaching we aim to:

- Ensure each pupil is a confident communicator.
- Promote children's self-esteem and their confidence in their own abilities
- Ensure that they have positive relationships with others
- Ensure each child behaves appropriately in a variety of settings and can manage change and transitions and personal challenges that may get in the way of learning
- Ensure they understand and participate in the communities to which they belong
- Ensure that each pupil develops individual independence skills

At Grangewood we have many facilities at our disposal to facilitate our learning such as:

- hydrotherapy pool
- soft play room
- sensory room
- sensory garden
- nature trail
- minibuses for off-site activities





## Free School Project

With the demand for places at Special Needs Schools' increasing, we are currently working with the Department of Education on an exciting free school project which will eventually mean that Grangewood will be re-built as an all-through school for pupils from aged 3-19.

During this time Grangewood will temporarily relocate all staff and children, on the former Penn School site in Beaconsfield.



85% of parents, carers and staff think the project will benefit their own children.

89% of parents, carers and staff think the project will benefit future generations of children.

93% of parents, carers and staff think the project will contribute to Eden's vision of becoming a centre of excellence.

## Events at Grangewood

### Celebrations

We celebrate many special occasions throughout the year and organise performances, workshops and fun activities, such as, Diwali, Chinese new year Christmas workshops with parents and enhancement week.

### Christingle

Each year the children and staff at Grangewood perform in a Christingle at a local church.

### Fundraising

Throughout the year Friends of Grangewood (FOG) hold various fundraising events such as, themed quiz nights, sponsored walks, fayres for staff to volunteer or participate.

### Academy day

An inset day which enables all the schools within the trust to collaborate together.



## Supporting our staff



We value the personal and professional development of all staff across the Eden Academy Trust.

Eden demonstrates a commitment to this by delivering a service that promotes staff skills, knowledge, understanding, confidence and wellbeing.

The PDSS offers a comprehensive and responsive suite of professional development opportunities. These are designed and created to maximise the staff's ability to ensure best outcomes and impact for pupils.

Please see some of our training programme below:

- Learning, Education and Achievement of Pupils in Special Schools (LEAPS)
- Middle Leaders
- Safeguarding
- 10 top tips – attachment in the classroom
- Visual Impairments
- Introduction to coaching
- Leading a team

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We also provide extensive in house training.

We hold introductory training on a weekly basis for all new staff, covering, systems used at the school, how to communicate with our children, as well as more specialised training from our therapy departments such as, SALT and OT.

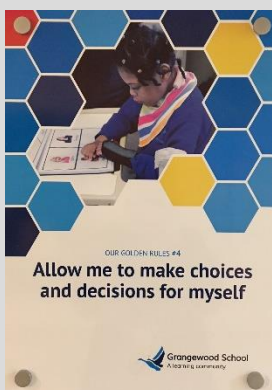
We also hold whole school CPD on Monday's targeted at improving classroom practice through whole school collaborations, also including therapy staff.

Some of our in-house training sessions are detailed below:

- Basic Sign
- Behavioural Eating
- Manual Handling
- Team Teach
- Behaviour Management
- First Aid and administering medication
- Bucket Time
- Curriculum



## Grangewood's 10 Golden Rules



## More Information

- ▶ Candidates are welcome to visit the school if they wish and this can be arranged by contacting Gemma Reynolds via email: [gemma.reynolds@grangewoodschool.co.uk](mailto:gemma.reynolds@grangewoodschool.co.uk).
- ▶ Please visit Grangewood School's website: [www.grangewoodschool.co.uk](http://www.grangewoodschool.co.uk).
- ▶ Please visit The Eden Academy's website: [www.theedenacademy.co.uk](http://www.theedenacademy.co.uk).