

## The Chalkwell Area

Chalkwell Hall Junior School is situated in the heart of Chalkwell: an area with its own individual identity and unique character, nestled within the Leigh-on-Sea area of the Borough of Southend-on-Sea.

The picturesque grounds of the beautiful Victorian Chalkwell Park hosts Essex County Cricket matches and 'Village Green' - a multi-art form and music festival that attracts around 20,000 visitors each year. The festival is produced by 'Metal', an organisation based at Chalkwell Hall within the Park, who take buildings of historic significance and turn them into vibrant cultural community hubs and support early career artists.

Chalkwell Beach is great for long refreshing walks, offering a relaxing getaway from the hustle and bustle. There are a number of cafes and kiosks selling all the usual seaside treats and supplies, as well as seafront restaurants along the Esplanades. To the west is the Cliffs Pavilion, a regional theatre and concert hall.

Leigh-on-Sea is justly proud of its artistic and cultural heritage. It plays host to successful annual community events, including Leigh Regatta, the Art Trail and the Folk Festival.

The Broadway and surrounding areas form the area's shopping and commercial centre, with many independent businesses, numerous places to eat and drink, and an impressive local library. There are four churches within one mile of each other and several pubs, four in the historic Old Town where Leigh Heritage Centre is a neighbour to the sailing club.

The area has an abundance of characterful, affordable, good quality housing stock. There are numerous nurseries, excellent schools and real appeal for families and couples alike.

The Thames Estuary is obviously a focus but, in addition, there are parks, woods and a golf course nearby. Southend Airport is a short drive away, offering a large choice of European destinations.

Chalkwell Station is just a five minute walk and London is less than one hour away by train.

It is no surprise that Leigh-on-Sea is regularly included in the list of 'top places in the UK to live' in the Sunday Times polls, and was voted 'Britain's happiest place to live' in Rightmove's Happy at Home Index in 2018.

