



### **Some Background Information about Annan School:**

Annan School was founded in 2001 and moved to its current location in November 2005. The school for 2-11-year olds provides a child-centred holistic education based on Froebel's philosophy of a curriculum based on first-hand experiences, active learning and purposeful learning.

At Annan we believe that the learning environment should provide practical learning opportunities and rich experiences for every child. We develop children's confidence and self esteem through talking, listening and sharing experiences and valuing each child as an individual.

There is a kindergarten for children aged 2 to 4 years which is part of the early years department which is called the Infant House. In addition to the kindergarten there is a class of Reception/ Year One children and a class of year Two children. There is a separate building which accommodates two classrooms for children in Key Stage Two.

Outdoor learning is very important within the school and we have large wooded grounds where children can observe and interact with nature. The school is set in two acres, children take part in weekly Forest school sessions in woodland adjacent to the school and look after their own vegetable garden. We also have an orchard and wildlife area with a wildlife pond. The school also has a hall for dance, gymnastics, music sessions and large indoor activities.

Our teaching staff are trained in emotional intelligence and we foster a culture of respect between children and adults. Children are listened to and helped to develop problem solving skills in a supportive and caring environment. We do not use extrinsic rewards or punishments. The school Principals are Mark and Debby Hunter who are both qualified and experienced teachers.

We have an average to slightly above average percentage of children with SEN and many are here because they thrive in the less pressured and more nurturing environment which Annan provides. Our small classes and high levels of adult support mean children can do really well and enjoy learning. We have two children with EHC Plans who are funded by the Local Authority. We employ Individual Needs Assistants to work with these children 1 to 1.

Our friendly and committed staff work well together to create a wonderful learning environment for our children, striving for high levels of achievement whilst ensuring a happy and nurturing environment. Our curriculum and ethos is inclusive and we value each child as an individual. We work closely with parents to engender a 'family feel' to our school.

Professional support from colleagues is excellent and Annan School offers a friendly environment in which to work: the job is interesting, professionally challenging and fun!

The school is also often used by local universities and researchers looking for a centre of excellence.