



# Chestnut Park

## Primary School

Dream – Achieve – Inspire

# A new beginning

Thank you for expressing an interest in Chestnut Park Primary School, the first of GLF Schools within Croydon. Choosing a school for your child is one of the most important decisions you will have to make and we hope the information in this prospectus, along with an opportunity to visit the school, will provide you with all the information you need to choose Chestnut Park Primary School for your child.

We are a new three form entry primary school which opened its doors to Reception children in September 2015. Each year the school will increase the number of classes, adding an additional year group until it is an all through primary school, with 630 pupils in 2021.

We are excited to be working with Croydon Council and the local community in the development of Chestnut Park Primary School and look forward to welcoming you to our school.





**Esther Brooks**  
Headteacher



# Dream-Achieve-Inspire

Chestnut Park Primary School will be a school of excellence where children are challenged and inspired to achieve beyond their dreams.

## Our Aims:

-  To provide an exciting, broad and challenging curriculum which encourages a love of learning
-  To ensure each child attains the highest academic achievements of which he or she is capable
-  To establish an inclusive and welcoming school at the heart of the local community
-  To create an ethos of respect which values and embraces diversity
-  To develop responsible and ambitious citizens
-  To encourage every child to set themselves aspirational goals; developing independent learners and thinkers who will achieve beyond their dreams



# Expectations

At Chestnut Park Primary School, we place the children and the community at the heart of our school. We actively encourage a community of learning and have the highest expectations for every child. The unique character of Chestnut Park Primary School is captured within our core values which will enable children to Grow, Learn and Flourish to become **STRONG**, responsible, forward thinking and confident citizens. Our **STRONG** values form the basis of our behaviour for learning policy:

Self-Control

Tolerance

Respect

Others, Awareness of others






No one left out

Growing Friendships



We reward and celebrate the achievements of the children through our 'Dream-Achieve-Inspire' assemblies. Assemblies are held every day at Chestnut Park Primary School. They add value to the curriculum whilst establishing a positive school ethos which develops respect and care for self and others. This enables us to work towards a pursuit of excellence.

Our assemblies focus on:

-  Stories and religious festivals from around the world
-  Singing
-  Learning about the world, our rights and responsibilities
-  Our school values
-  Celebrating our achievements

Class assemblies are held throughout the year for parents and carers to attend and enjoy.





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# An inspiring curriculum

Chestnut Park Primary School is committed to developing a love of learning through hands on activities in which children are inspired, excited and challenged. If the children enjoy their learning experiences, they will want to engage in these learning experiences again and again.

## Dream- Achieve- Inspire

Our philosophy is simple; if children enjoy learning, they will set themselves aspirational goals or dreams. Within an exciting, challenging and creative environment, children will achieve these goals whilst inspiring each other and driving their learning forward. Our 'Dream-Achieve-Inspire' philosophy towards the curriculum creates this community of learning.

Our curriculum is based on three key drivers:

## Basic Competence

Children will secure, retain and apply the skills of reading, writing, communicating and calculating to the highest standard.

## Enterprise

Children will be innovative, curious, questioning, embrace challenge and develop as independent and interdependent learners and thinkers.

## Diversity

The curriculum is developed knowing that children learn best when actively engaged in the world around them. Our curriculum embraces equality and diversity; developing international -mindedness within a language rich and nurturing environment.

The curriculum provides a strong emphasis on English (reading, writing and communicating), Maths, Science and ICT. In addition we teach: History, Geography, Art, Religious Education, Physical Education, Design and Technology, Music , Modern Foreign Languages and Personal/Social/ Health Education and Citizenship. Natural links are formed between subjects in a themed approach with a strong international emphasis. Most importantly, we aim to kindle a love of learning.



# Extensive Facilities

We are in a truly unique and exciting position as we work with Croydon Council in the design and finish of school. As a purpose built school, the design and finish will be vibrant, calm and energising; ready for learning in the 21st Century.

Chestnut Park Primary School boasts the benefits of a newly built school with state of the art ICT facilities.

We are passionate about providing children with opportunities to extend their independent learning and thinking skills; using a wide range of tools, media and apparatus to support every area of the curriculum.





# Ready to Learn

## Uniform

At Chestnut Park Primary School, we believe that uniform provides children with a sense of pride in their school and their academic achievements. Our uniform is available at Hewitts of Croydon.

## Safeguarding and Wellbeing

The wellbeing of the children in our care is of paramount importance. Our school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

## Attendance and Punctuality

The attendance pattern of all our children is monitored weekly with the school seeking to work actively with parents to ensure that a regular attendance and punctuality pattern is maintained. We believe that the most important factor in promoting good attendance is the development of good attitudes towards school and learning.

## Additional Support

Some children require additional support; this is planned with care to ensure that every child achieves the highest academic standards of which they are capable.

# A collaborative approach to learning

We know children learn best when we work in close partnership with our parents and the wider community. We work hard to develop this important relationship and ask that parents sign our Home-School Agreement to support this.

Our open door policy creates a warm and welcoming atmosphere for Family Learning and drop in events. Throughout the year we hold curriculum information sessions; providing guidance as to how the school curriculum can be developed beyond the school day.

We encourage every family to become actively involved in the school; this forms our community of learning as we work in partnership to ensure the children in Chestnut Park Primary School are able to...

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