



Alford Primary School



School Prospectus





Welcome to our School

Every day is filled with fun and exciting learning!

At Alford Primary School we **value** every child as an individual. Our philosophy in teaching is that children learn best from being **actively** involved in a **multi-sensory** way with a wide range of activities.

We are a thriving school community where high aspirations and a **caring** family ethos are at the heart of what we do. Pupils are offered a safe, stimulating and **happy** environment where learning is made fun and practical.

At Alford Primary School, we know it is both our duty and **privilege** to help **children** make the most of their precious childhood years, building a firm **foundation** for the rest of their lives.

The children are at the heart of our curriculum which is designed to excite, **challenge** and support every child, to find their strengths and to build their **confidence**.

We **pride** ourselves on our proven ability to ensure all our children reach their individual **potential**.

Guided by our clear **values**, governors, staff, pupils and parents all work towards our principal ethos – to learn well, have fun and be safe.

Mrs L Mackenzie-Snow

OUR HEADTEACHER





Caring Environment



Through our curriculum and values, we promote the lifelong skills required for healthy minds, **confidence** and resilience. Being an accredited PAWSb school, we use a **holistic approach**; giving children the strategies to manage their own well being.



By prioritising **Active Learning**, we nurture a culture of curiosity, confidence and **adventure**. We use our extensive outside spaces to teach children the value of exercise and **healthy** living.

Where children may need a little more support, our SENCO and **trained** ELSA team provide in-school counselling and **mentoring**. We work closely with Healthy Minds, BOSS, Speech & Language Services and other external agencies.

'A caring environment where my children feel valued and supported, thank you for all you do!'

Yr3/5 Parent



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Parent Partnership



Alford Primary is a **community** school and we like to involve parents in a learning partnership with your child. We **welcome** parents to our school events, such as parent open evenings, **musical** and theatre performances by our pupils and **sporting** competitions.



We like to keep parents **informed** about what is happening in school through our Parent Hub **communication** app, regular newsletters, and our Facebook and Twitter accounts.



Our website contains all the up to date **information** about what's going on in school and links to enable the easy purchase of school uniform and book school trips, **clubs** and wrap around care through our online shop.



'Teachers have gone above and beyond their roles, to support my child & ourselves'

Yr2 Parent



Our Values



At Alford Primary School, our **mission** is to develop pupils with a confident and **enthusiastic** attitude that will stay with them throughout their education and beyond. We offer a broad and **balanced** curriculum which contextualises subjects so that children can take what they learn and apply it throughout their lives.

Our school **values** provide the framework to our learning programme and take our children on a journey. It starts with teaching the children to **develop** themselves through organisation and communication. The next step is to move on to develop their **resilience** and **initiative**, the final step allows them to secure these attributes through developing **adventure** and teamwork. All our values are exemplified through our quirky leaf characters who join the children on their **journey**.



To compliment this journey, we balance the values with our Golden rules which teach the children to always show **respect**, take responsibility and make the right choice.

'My child loves the school, and I would happily recommend it to everyone'

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Curriculum & Learning



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All of our pupils are offered an **exciting**, varied curriculum with a **mastery** approach to learning, which supports as well as challenges, each individual child.

Our English curriculum develops children's **love** of reading, writing and discussion; **Inspiring** a habit of reading widely and often. We secure basics in literacy skills, as they are crucial to a high-quality education. We develop children to be **confident** in the art of speaking and listening, so they can build on existing knowledge, use discussion to clearly **communicate** their ideas and opinions, and also to use questioning to further their own learning.

In Mathematics, we use the **Powermaths** Scheme, which develops children's understanding through arithmetical **proficiency**, reasoning and problem-solving skills. Our pupils are confident mathematicians who understand the **relevance** of the subject in everyday life.

Our curriculum doesn't stop there, every subject is **valued** and benefits from this rounded approach, for more information on other subjects visit our website curriculum page..





Remote Learning



We have developed a great **online** learning **experience** for our pupils, through the use of Microsoft Teams, embracing technology to **support** pupils learning remotely.

During Lockdown, the excellence of our online learning offering was recognised by our parents and the Local Authority for its **exceptional** high quality. It included daily live lessons, pupil drop in sessions, group work and intervention programs, mirroring our in-school programmes.

'I love this school for my daughter. She enjoys going and even in this last year has come on in leaps and bounds. The homeschooling programme during lockdown was brilliant! Structured and just what was needed!'

Yr6 Parent

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In the Classroom

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Children are taught in **pure year groups**, with at least **two adults** in every class. This ensures a good pupil to adult ratio across the school providing **opportunities** for children to work in smaller groups; enabling **individualised** teaching and learning.

Our classrooms create a **calm**, safe, **environment** enabling pupils to confidently learn and contribute. We encourage **dedication**, hard work and **independent** learning whilst being caring and supportive to others.



Our school operates a house reward system, led by our Team Captains, who set a fantastic example to our pupils. This encourages **teamwork**, positive behaviour and a competitive spirit.

Pupils elect a councillor from their class to represent them on the School Council. Running school events, such as organising charity fund raising, they help promote **togetherness**, leadership and pupil voice.

Behaviour is excellent. This was recognised by Ofsted in our most recent inspection, you can read the report **here**.



Wrap around care



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Our school day runs from 8.45 to 3.15. However, we provide the following daily wrap around care:

Our affordable **Breakfast Club** is open from 7:45am every day, and is run as a pre-book and pay in advance service. We offer a variety of **nutritious** breakfasts, including a choice of **cereals**, toast and **fruit**, available daily. Supervised by members of our staff, children are taken to their class in time for registration.



We have wonderful **After School Provision**, available each day after school, until 5:30pm. Our staff supervise each fun session, providing **nurturing** care and play **activities**, enabling children to relax after their school day. The sessions are held **onsite** with a snack and drink included. This is also run as a pre-book and pay session.

During term time we run a variety of exciting **Extra Curricular Activities**. These start straight after the school day, for around an hour, and include clubs such as **Lego**, dance, sports, **science**, computing, **cookery** and many more.



Inspiring the Future



Throughout their time at Alford Primary, pupils experience many **opportunities** to work with local, urban and international settings. This allows them to form real relationships and **friendships** across diverse communities.

We have great **links** with our two local secondary schools, Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School Alford and John Spendluffe Technology College as well as Bishop Grosseteste University, Lincoln (BGU).

Each year we **support** our pupils through the **11+ exam** and administer the test in school.

Our Year 5/6 pupils visit the local secondary schools to **experience** a preview of life after primary education, including **opportunities** to watch school productions or take part in curriculum days; this helps to ensure a smooth transition.



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We love to hear about the successes of our former pupils, for example...

'Ashton is now a Tour Professional golfer who has successfully entered his 3rd full year as a **professional** Since September 2016. Competing on the 1836 Tour, the EuroPro Tour, the **Challenge** Tour and the European Tour, achieving 3 wins and 17 top tens.'

Victoria has recently returned to Alford Primary School as part of her **teacher** training from BGU Lincoln, enabling her to go on to teach the children of the **future**.



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School Community



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Together with the Headteacher, the Governing Board lead our school, setting the **vision** to drive the school forward, ensuring the best life chances are secured for every child. The Governing Board ensures the delivery of a **high standard of education** for pupils in its care.

Governors come from our local **community** to give their time and **expertise** on a voluntary basis. We are very lucky to have such a dedicated team of people supporting the school.

Through social and fundraising events, our PTA (the Friends of the School) work hard raising money to provide additional **resources** to enhance the children's lives in school.



Alford Primary Pupils also regularly support **Alford Town** events, such as performing at the Manor House and taking part in the Alford in Bloom **projects**.

At Alford Primary, we are **mindful** of our carbon footprint and have **invested** in energy efficiencies, such as LED lighting and Solar generation, contributing to a healthy **environment**.

'My child loves the variety of subjects & experiences on offer at Alford Primary'

Yr 3 Parent



Come and Visit



Come and see for yourself

Don't just take our word for it, we'd love to meet you and show you around our wonderful school.

Please contact the office to arrange a tour of the school and the opportunity to meet our amazing staff and pupils.

How to apply

You'll need to visit the Lincolnshire County Council website to apply for a school place.

<https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-admissions/apply-school-place>

Click on the link above and you'll find all the information required to apply.

We look forward to welcoming you to Alford Primary School

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