

Finchingfield St John the Baptist
C of E Primary Academy

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**School Prospectus
Academic Year 2021/22**

**Where we grow healthy bodies, loving hearts and inquisitive minds: living
'life in its fullness' John 10:10**

A welcome from Canonium Trust

Dear Parents/Carers,

Finchingfield St John the Baptist Primary Academy is part of the Canonium Learning Trust group of schools.

The Trust's mission is to create a sustainable future for learning in challenging settings through the strength of collaboration and by creating the environment in which each individual school can thrive.

What this means is that Finchingfield will be supported to be financially sustainable through creative problem solving and their collaboration with the Trust so that teachers, pupils and the local community will be able to deliver the unique learning experience that they want. Finchingfield will remain a unique school, but will not be alone.

Teachers will have the opportunity to develop their teaching skills and thinking by training with a wider group of teachers and by sharing good practice and experiences. There will be more opportunities for teachers to develop their careers without having to leave the school. Pupils will have the opportunity to share their learning with children in other schools.

The Trust will achieve this by living their values:

Respect - Valuing the contribution that every employee and volunteer makes to learning

Honesty - Working as a team to support each other to deliver an inclusive education

Perseverance - Relentlessly finding ways to remove the barriers to teaching and learning

Trust - Continually seeking improvement for every school at a local level

I very much look forward to being part of your child's learning journey and in watching them thrive throughout their time at Finchingfield.

Best wishes,



M Walsh



Mr M Walsh CEO Canonium Learning Trust

Welfare and Care

Health:

If your child is unwell, it is important that you follow the instructions from your GP regarding exclusion from school. However, there may be occasions when we ask you to collect your child from school or keep them at home.

Please ensure that you inform the school of any medical conditions or allergies your child may have. In accordance with County guidelines on the administration of medicines, parents may ask the school to administer prescribed medication. A written request must be provided, which includes all relevant details about the medicine and the time and amount of any dosage. School can only administer medication if it has been prescribed by a doctor and is clearly labelled.



First Aid:

All staff are trained in basic first aid skills and ensure that first aid kits and mobile phones are always taken when off premises. There is always a fully qualified First Aider on site. If your child has an accident, you will be informed via an accident slip in your child's book bag or directly by an adult.

Life outside of Finchingfield St John the Baptist CofE Primary Academy

School Clubs:

The school offers a rich variety of weekly clubs throughout the year. The age at which pupils can join these clubs varies, as does the availability of clubs. Details of clubs can be obtained from the school office.

Homework:

The school encourages children to read at home every day. Reading at home may take the form of a school reading book or other reading materials including magazines, eBooks and comics. Teachers will also provide other home learning materials regularly. These may be based on individual needs, class topics or areas of further development.



PTA:

For further details please see the PTA leaflet

School Uniform:

The school uniform comprises of

- A white shirt or polo shirt,
- A house tie (in house colour)
- A grey sweatshirt or cardigan
- Grey or black pinafore/skirt/trousers/shorts and checked summer dress. Skirts should be pleated or A-line and of knee length.
- Black shoes.

For your child's safety, NO jewellery should be worn (other than stud ear rings which MUST BE REMOVED FOR PE) and long hair securely tied up.

For PE, pupils require

- A T-shirt (in house colours)
- Plain black shorts
- Black trainers.

These should be kept in a bag on your child's peg at all times.

During the winter months, pupils may wear a tracksuit for PE.

All items of uniform and PE kit **MUST** be clearly labelled with your child's name.

School uniform can be ordered through the School Trends website;

www.schooltrends.co.uk

Lunchtime Arrangements;

Finchingfield St John the Baptist provides a range of quality cooked food produced by Great Bardfield Primary School. We ensure that ingredients are of good quality and that we offer food that follows Local Educational Nutritional Guidelines.

The menu rotates on a two-week basis. A vegetarian option is also available daily.

Parents can choose weekly whether their child will have a hot meal (ordered in advance) or alternatively provide their own packed lunch.

For further details please see the Lunchtimes arrangement leaflet.

The Learning Environment

There are seven year groups at the school encompassing three Key Stages of education; Foundation Stage (YR), Key Stage 1 (Y1 and Y2) and Key Stage 2 (Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6). We have four classroom bases, teaching mixed age group classes.

We have a well-resourced school with a hall for sporting activities, assemblies and performances, along with a range of ICT and multi-media equipment, including iPads, to enhance the learning experience.



A welcome from the Head of School

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my warmest welcome to you and your family. Developing a love and enthusiasm for learning is the top priority for the school, giving the children opportunities to thrive and grow in a safe and caring Christian environment.

We have a small but very dedicated team of staff and volunteers who work exceptionally hard to enrich the lives of our children and their families. We endeavour to find areas in which every child can shine and we nurture and encourage children to identify their own areas of strength.

Further information about the school can be found on the school website www.finchingfieldacademy.com

I look forward to discovering all about your child and supporting them to grow.

Best wishes

Miss M Raymond



A welcome from the Teaching and Learning Council Chair

Dear Parents/Carers,

The Teaching and Learning Council work together in close partnership with the Head of School to focus on, manage and monitor, the specific needs and expectations of teaching and learning at Finchingfield St John the Baptist C of E Primary Academy.

We are an active Teaching and Learning Council elected by and representing the Church, Trust, Parents, and Staff.

The Teaching and Learning Council meet several times a year and work hard to ensure, through these meetings and visits to the school, we know the school very well.

Yours faithfully

Lisa Vohmann Chair of the Teaching and Learning council.

Life at Finchingfield St John the Baptist CofE Primary Academy

Our School Vision:

“We grow healthy bodies, loving hearts and inquisitive minds at Finchingfield: living ‘life in its fullness’ John 10:10.”

Our School Values:

Friendship, Peace, Reverence, Compassion, Endurance and Koinonia

Our Learning Powers:

Good Learners **have;**

they; **P**ersevere
are **O**pen minded
are **W**illing to take risks
are **E**nthusiastic
are **R**eflective
Share what they learn



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The School Day

The School Gates open at 8.45am to welcome parents & children.

Children should be in class for registration at 8.55am.

During the morning children will have a playtime and snack time with their peers.

Lunchtime begins at 12.00pm.

Afternoon learning commences at 1.00pm.

Children are collected from the school their class teacher at 3.15pm (3.10pm for class 1)

Children attending an after school activity will go directly to the club.

A member of staff ensures that children who use the school bus are supervised until they are collected by the driver.

The School will:

- Provide a calm, safe environment to facilitate individual growth
- Provide a caring, nurturing and enthusiastic staff team to support all your child's needs
- Teach specific skills based on individual needs and identified next steps
- Develop children's independence
- Cater for individual needs and celebrate individual's successes
- Provide a broad and balanced skills based curriculum
- Provide an understanding and caring ethos
- Work in partnership with families and outside agencies

The Children will:

- Develop their independence through a supportive and nurturing environment
- Become more open to taking risks with their learning and feel empowered to get things wrong as a means of learning
- Engage in a wide range of learning opportunities
- Build relationships with peers and a range of adults
- Access a broad and balanced curriculum

Their Family will:

- Work with the school and staff in an open and honest manner
- Be prepared for a possible bumpy ride as their children grow, develop and explore new challenges
- Be prepared to be a member of the school community

