



South Rise
PRIMARY SCHOOL



LEARNING THAT ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE

“Children are caring and thoughtful towards one another and have a strong sense of belonging to the school’s community.”

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welcome

WELCOME TO OUR SCHOOL. SOUTH RISE PRIMARY SCHOOL IS A THRIVING AND DIVERSE VALUES-BASED LEARNING COMMUNITY THAT PROVIDES A HIGH QUALITY CURRICULUM, WHICH ENABLES CHILDREN TO ACHIEVE THEIR FULL POTENTIAL.

Our school firmly believes learning is a partnership and that through working together we will attain the highest outcomes for all. We believe that every child is unique, and ensure that learning experiences are tailored to meet the needs of individual children. We pride ourselves on providing the highest quality learning experiences; learning is fun, practical and engaging. Children are enthusiastic, motivated, independent learners. They feel safe, valued and included, and are aspirational about their futures.

South Rise is part of a group of high achieving Greenwich schools, known collectively as The Compass Partnership of Schools. We are held in high regard by the local authority, and support other schools in Greenwich and beyond with high quality professional development opportunities such as the Greenwich Teaching and Learning Programme. This runs across The Partnership and uses current educational research to develop outstanding practice.

We are innovative in our approaches to teaching and learning, and embrace new technologies in our teaching.





our school



WE ARE PROUD OF OUR INCLUSIVE DIVERSE COMMUNITY. OVER 40 DIFFERENT LANGUAGES ARE SPOKEN HERE AND WE CELEBRATE AND LEARN FROM MANY DIFFERENT CULTURES.

We express our diversity in many different ways including through special assemblies, food, dance and music of other cultures.

Children who are new to our school are very well supported. Staff such as bilingual assistants, learning mentors and our home school liaison officer work with children and their families. We run parent and toddler sessions and encourage parents to take part in parent reading and stay and play sessions in the early years.

To extend links with parents and the community and develop the skills of finance and enterprise, children in Year 6 run a coffee shop before and after school.

At South Rise all our children thrive, thanks to our committed staff, excellent leadership at all levels, and a very strong and supportive governing body.

“I am very pleased with my child’s progress this year. I would like to thank the teaching and support staff who have helped him to achieve his goals and targets.”

Parent



teaching and learning together

AT SOUTH RISE, WE HAVE HIGHLY COMMITTED STAFF, WHO SEE THEMSELVES AS LEARNERS TOO. WE PROVIDE THE BEST QUALITY TEACHING AND LEARNING FOR EVERY CHILD IN EVERY CLASS, EVERY DAY.

Our curriculum, which is based on the National Framework 2014, has been designed to celebrate the lives and interests of the children in our community. We believe children learn best when they are immersed in meaningful learning opportunities, which extend their natural curiosity and inspire creativity thinking.

We bring learning to life by linking our curriculum to the real world through units of learning and four cross curricular, whole school projects. Each unit of learning has a central idea and a set of guiding questions which are explored using an engaging, practical, hands-on approach.

For example Year 5 children study a unit entitled 'Thrills and Spills', which is science and design technology based. In Year 2, children are taught a unit called 'Adventures at Sea', which takes its inspiration from history and geography. A whole school visit to a famous London landmark develops an understanding of the past and a sense of community.

For those children who need extra help, we offer a range of specialist support programmes. These include one-to-one tuition, reading intervention programmes and other support initiatives designed to help children individually.

"In the best lessons, pupils respond with eagerness and enthusiasm, and soak up learning, (...) especially when the pace of lessons is rapid and they are actively involved in the tasks set."

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from the beginning

WE VALUE OUR PUPILS AND PROMOTE THEIR INDEPENDENCE FROM THEIR FIRST DAY AT THE SCHOOL. EVERY CHILD IS DIFFERENT AND WE LEARN A GREAT DEAL TOGETHER FROM THEIR DIVERSE EXPERIENCES AND LANGUAGES.



Each transition from nursery to reception and on to Year 1 is smooth thanks to a planned schedule of visits and sessions in the main school. Key members of staff work with the children to ensure they feel happy and safe to move on to the next stage of their education.

Our child-centred approach uses practical real-life learning opportunities, so that from a very early age, pupils are learning problem solving and explorative skills, often through projects that stem from their personal interests.



our children come first

WE PRIDE OURSELVES ON PUTTING OUR CHILDREN FIRST. WE MAKE SURE THEY ALL MAKE OUTSTANDING PROGRESS, FEEL SAFE AND ARE HAPPY IN SCHOOL.

South Rise is a values-based learning community committed to the education of the whole child. The school values underpin all teaching and learning, and as a result children behave exceptionally well. This is also a testament to our strong support systems, which ensure pupils feel secure and confident at school. Our learning mentors remove barriers to learning and there is a strong inclusion team whose members make sure all pupils' needs are met. We provide various specialised services giving emotional support and developing pupils' social skills, including parent and pupil counselling, and friendship and social skills groups, to help new families to settle well at the school. We have a very active school council, which plays

an important role in the school, fundraising, organising playground equipment, leading assemblies, making presentations to governors and leading interviews for a variety of roles and responsibilities available to the children.

Children's transition to secondary school is very well supported. We work collaboratively with local secondary schools and provide information and guidance throughout the transition process. The head teacher is available to meet all parents to assist them in finding the right school for their child. Learning mentors coordinate transition projects for our most vulnerable children, who continue to thrive in the secondary school of their choice.

beyond the classroom

AT SOUTH RISE WE BELIEVE THAT CHILDREN BENEFIT FROM A WIDE VARIETY OF LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES, SO WE OFFER AN EXTENSIVE MENU OF EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS AND CLASSES. THESE INCLUDE FOOTBALL, DANCE, GYMNASTICS, CRICKET, GARDENING, DRAMA, ART, CHESS AND MANY MORE SPORTS AND ACTIVITIES.

Children can learn to play a musical instrument if they wish, and have the opportunity to join our choir, which performs at a variety of celebration events. There is also a school football team, which takes part in weekly games as members of Thamesmead Town Football Club League.

We also provide breakfast and offer additional support for any vulnerable groups of children.

At South Rise we know that the best learning often takes place out of doors. To encourage this, all our children go on trips and visits and take part in borough wide events such as the Greenwich Music Festival. They also benefit from a number of experts and professionals who come to the school to give workshops such as musicians and authors.



"I always feel comfortable coming in to school and talking about my child. Staff are very welcoming and make you feel they are always available."

Parent



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