

The logo is a shield-shaped crest. At the top, the word 'GAINSBOROUGH' is written in a blue, sans-serif font. Below this, a rainbow arches over a large green tree with a brown trunk. The tree is set against a light blue sky. At the base of the tree, there are three flowers: a yellow one, a red one, and a white one. The entire shield is outlined in blue. The background of the page is a light beige color with a faint, stylized leaf pattern in the bottom right corner.

# **Gainsborough**

## **Primary and Nursery Academy**

# **Prospectus**

# Principal's Welcome

We pride ourselves on our happy, caring and friendly atmosphere.

Gainsborough is a 'no outsiders' school where difference and diversity are celebrated; we want everyone in our school community to feel welcome. Our school is truly **INCLUSIVE** and every opportunity is taken to teach pupils how to value and respect each other.

We teach the values of **resilience** and **positivity**, showing children that with hard work and determination, anything can be achieved. We expect every child to do their best at all times, in everything they do.

**Relationships** are important to us at Gainsborough. We work hard to make our relationships with each other, with pupils, with parents/carers and with outside agencies, positive and constructive.

We have 3 simple school rules - '**be ready, be respectful, be safe**' and these values are taught every day.

At our Academy we are committed to enabling every child to learn to speak well, to read and to write with understanding and to be able to use mathematics in context and to solve problems. We call these basic skills our 'non-negotiables' and we teach them, systematically, every day. We have high expectations of what can be achieved and we believe in the power of practice. Our curriculum is exciting and challenging. Pupils enjoy their learning and make good progress.

We are proud of our sporting tradition in school and know the value of **activity** to keep mind and body healthy.

If you would like to see the school in action we would be proud to show you our happy, successful community at work. Please contact the school office to arrange a visit.

Warm regards

**Mrs J Nurse**

**Principal**



*Leaders, governors and staff have made significant improvements to the quality of education at this school. As a team, they have redesigned the curriculum to ensure that it is suitably ambitious and meets the needs of pupils.*

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# Our Curriculum

At Gainsborough Primary and Nursery Academy we believe that the curriculum is a powerful tool that promotes a lifelong love of learning and a willingness to explore. It includes not only the formal requirements of the National Curriculum but it is enriched by our strong ethos, which is based on respect for ourselves and others. We are a '**No Outsiders**' school, the message of which, threaded throughout the curriculum, enables our children to understand and respect the benefits that exist in a society where difference and diversity are celebrated.

*"Leaders and staff want the best for pupils socially and academically, including those with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) and children in the early years".*

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*"The teachers are excellent and have good relationships with our children"*  
Parent



*"Classrooms are calm and purposeful places for pupils to learn. High-quality displays around the school bring many aspects of the curriculum to life".*

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# Educational Visits and Experiences

At **Gainsborough**, we pride ourselves on delivering high quality educational visits that are fully risk assessed with reference to specific activities and individual cohorts. Every planned educational visit and visitor will directly link to the theme/topic that the children are learning about.

We make the most of our local area with visits to Queens park, Crewe library and whole school visits to All Saints church. Further afield, educational visits include Beeston Castle, Chester Zoo and Delamere Forest.

## After School Clubs

Some teachers and teaching assistants run a variety of after school clubs each half term for our children to enjoy. They change every half term and can include Lego, basketball, drawing, gymnastics, choir and board games.



## Music Tuition

From year 2 the children can have instrumental lessons during the school day. We have several different organisations that come into school to deliver these lessons. We have tutors that teach piano, violin, ukulele, guitar and can also teach other woodwind or brass instruments.

*"The school visits are great and really get the imagination going".*  
Parent

*"Good afterschool clubs are always available"*  
Parent

## Residentials

Children in year 4 and 6 also have the opportunity to take part in a residential visit.

In year 4 the children spend one night away. They take part in instructor led activities which focus on team building and adventurous activities such as climbing, obstacle course and bushcraft.

In year 6 the children spend two nights away. They experience an exciting range of instructor led activities including zip wire, crate challenge and the piranha pool.

Both of these residentials encourage the children to make life long memories and helps to forge strong friendships as well as gaining valuable skills and confidence.





# Pastoral Care

Mrs Graham is our Pastoral Manager. Mrs Graham works in partnership with parents and carers, along with a variety of other external agencies and services, to ensure the wellbeing and the safeguarding of pupils at Gainsborough.

If you would like any help, support or advice from our School Pastoral Manager, contact the school directly via telephone or email or you could stop for a chat at the school gate where you will find Mrs Graham before and after school.

*Staff can identify when pupils are showing signs of distress and when there is a change in their mood. They have a clear understanding of the procedures they must follow if they are concerned about a pupil's welfare. Leaders ensure that vulnerable families receive the support that they need.*

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## Three Golden School Rules

❖ Be Ready

❖ Be Respectful

❖ Be Safe

*Pupils are friendly and get on well together. They are polite and well mannered. Relationships between staff and pupils are respectful. Pupils told inspectors that they are happy and that they feel safe.*

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# Inclusion

Gainsborough Primary and Nursery Academy is an inclusive school that aims to provide a caring, supportive and accessible environment in which all pupils are valued equally and are given the opportunity to develop their full potential. We provide a nurturing environment and aim to fully include children with special educational needs and/or disabilities in all aspects of school life. Within our school, there is a wide range of expertise, strategies and resources that enable staff to embrace our inclusive ethos. This includes provision for children with social and emotional needs, as well as academic needs.

The SEND team are available to talk to you if you feel that your child has any additional needs. They will work with you, the class teacher and your child and, where it is felt to be of benefit, they will approach outside agencies for further advice and support. Our aim is to work co-operatively to the benefit of each child.

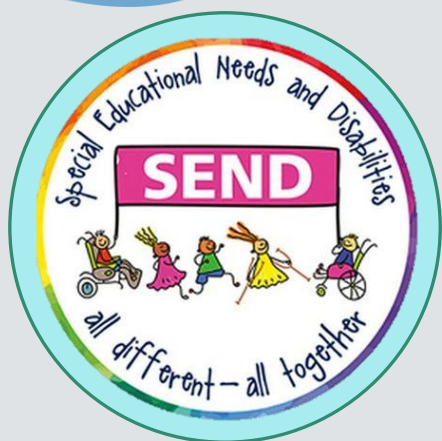
*Leaders quickly identify the needs of pupils with SEND, including for those children in the early years. Teachers adapt how they deliver curriculums through additional support and resources. This allows this group of pupils to learn alongside their peers in class. Pupils with SEND access all that the school has to offer.*

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*The teachers really know my child and help my child to be confident with their next step.*  
Reception Parent.

*Special Educational Needs  
& Disability*

*“Staff are very caring to pupils and enable learning at a pace that works for all”*  
Parent.



# Safeguarding

**Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is everyone's responsibility and at Gainsborough we take safeguarding very seriously.**

Everyone who comes into contact with children and their families and carers has a role to play in safeguarding children. In order to fulfil this responsibility effectively we consider at all times what is in the best interests of the child.

**Keeping  
children safe  
is everyone's  
responsibility**



**NO  
OUT  
SIDERS**  
**'All different, All welcome'**



## PHSE

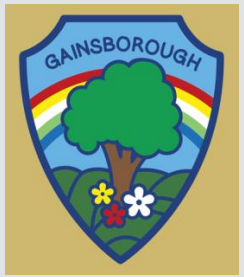
### Personal, Health and Social Education

At Gainsborough we have created a curriculum with the aim that our children will be respectful, responsible and able to effectively co-operate with others. They learn to have good manners, share, take turns and understand the need for rules and conventions within school.

We aim to foster pupil wellbeing, develop resilience and character that are fundamental to pupils being happy, successful and productive members of society.



# Gainsborough Nursery



At Gainsborough Primary and Nursery Academy we are proud to offer a nursery on-site to help prepare children for the best possible start in school life.

We offer both 15 and 30 hour places, subject to availability, to children that are either 3 or 4 years old. Children can start the term following their third birthday and we offer 3 starting points throughout the year (September, January and April).

*I would like to express my gratitude to all the teachers for the kindness and guidance to my daughter. Your tender loving care is much appreciated.  
Nursery Parent.*

*We are very pleased with our daughter's development and how confident she has become. She is very happy and excited to come to Nursery everyday.  
Nursery Parent.*







# Uniform

At Gainsborough we believe that having a school uniform can make life easier for children as they are not under unnecessary pressure to wear the most expensive labels or the latest fashion.

Our chosen uniform is smart and comfortable and reinforces in students a pride in their appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community and assists in developing pride in representing their school.

Gainsborough have teamed up with School Style Ltd who have created a secure on-line school shop for us. This allows you to shop at your convenience, at any time, including school holidays, to buy any of our school uniform items. All items will be delivered directly to your home (or work address) in around 5 days.



# School Lunches

Healthy balanced meals are cooked in the school kitchen every day using fresh, locally sourced produce and served in the school hall. School lunches are ordered at morning registration.

Payment for school meals must be paid in advance by e-payment on Arbor.

All Reception, year 1 and year 2 pupils are entitled to a free school meal.

Please apply for free school meals online at

[https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/school-meals/free\\_school\\_meals.aspx](https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/school-meals/free_school_meals.aspx) or telephone 0300 123 5012.

# Snacks

Pupils are encouraged to eat healthy snacks during playtimes. Children in Nursery, Reception and KS1 receive a free piece of fruit everyday. Fruit juice, milk and toast are available to order on the Arbor app for all children in year 1 to year 6.





# GAINSBOROUGH GOLD STARS

We have a before and after school club on-site to offer wrap-around care for our children.

Gold Stars also operates a holiday club during most weeks in the school holidays.

Places can be booked via the Arbor app.

Our Gold Stars Manager is Mrs Tilley.

*"If I had to choose between Gold Stars and another after school provider, I would always choose Gold Stars."*  
Parent

*"My son loves going to Gold Stars and the staff are so lovely."*  
Parent

*"There are lots of games, crafts and activities"*

*"Gold Stars is fun"*

*"My daughter genuinely enjoys going to GGS which speaks volumes about the environment the team has created."*  
Parent

*"Everybody is kind at Gold Stars"*

*"Mrs Tilley's food is tasty"*

*"I love everything especially Mrs Dawson"*

*"It's good!"*

*"I like playing with all my friends from different year groups"*

*"It is more than just childcare, it is a place where my child feels happy and confident, and that means the world to me."*  
Parent









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