



ABBHEY PARK SCHOOLS FEDERATION



FROM LITTLE ACORNS, MIGHTY OAKS GROW

“The best kept secret in Worcestershire.”



WELCOME

Abbey Park Federation of schools includes an outstanding Pre-School, a teacher-led nursery, a first school and a middle school offering excellent educational provision for children aged 2 – 12. The schools share a spacious site opposite the Abbey in the beautiful town of Pershore.

I have recently been appointed as Executive Headteacher over the Federation and feel privileged to be leading these wonderful schools. I have been teaching since 1994 and have taught in primary, middle and secondary schools, latterly as head of a primary school in Oxfordshire. I am excited by the challenge of leading the Federation ensuring all of our children achieve the best possible outcomes.

In our Federation of schools every child is supported to reach their personal and academic potential within a nurturing yet challenging environment. Children in all schools are taught by inspirational, passionate staff that are relentless in their drive to ensure children make progress and are happy in their learning.

All children are appropriately challenged at their level and experience a rich, varied curriculum with many enrichment and extracurricular activities and opportunities, including trips abroad.

Children in the first and nursery school are class based and taught through an exciting topic led curriculum. Children join the middle school at the beginning of year 5 with children from other local first schools. Middle school education provides specialist teaching in specialist areas such as the science laboratory, the design technology and cookery suite as well as a dedicated ICT suite.

Abbey Park prides itself on excellent pastoral care where all staff work closely with parents / carers in ensuring all children are ready and happy to learn. The school encourages parents / carers to discuss their children's needs whenever needed.

I would love to show any prospective families around our site – please do get in touch.

Rebecca Scully
Executive Headteacher





What the Federation Offers

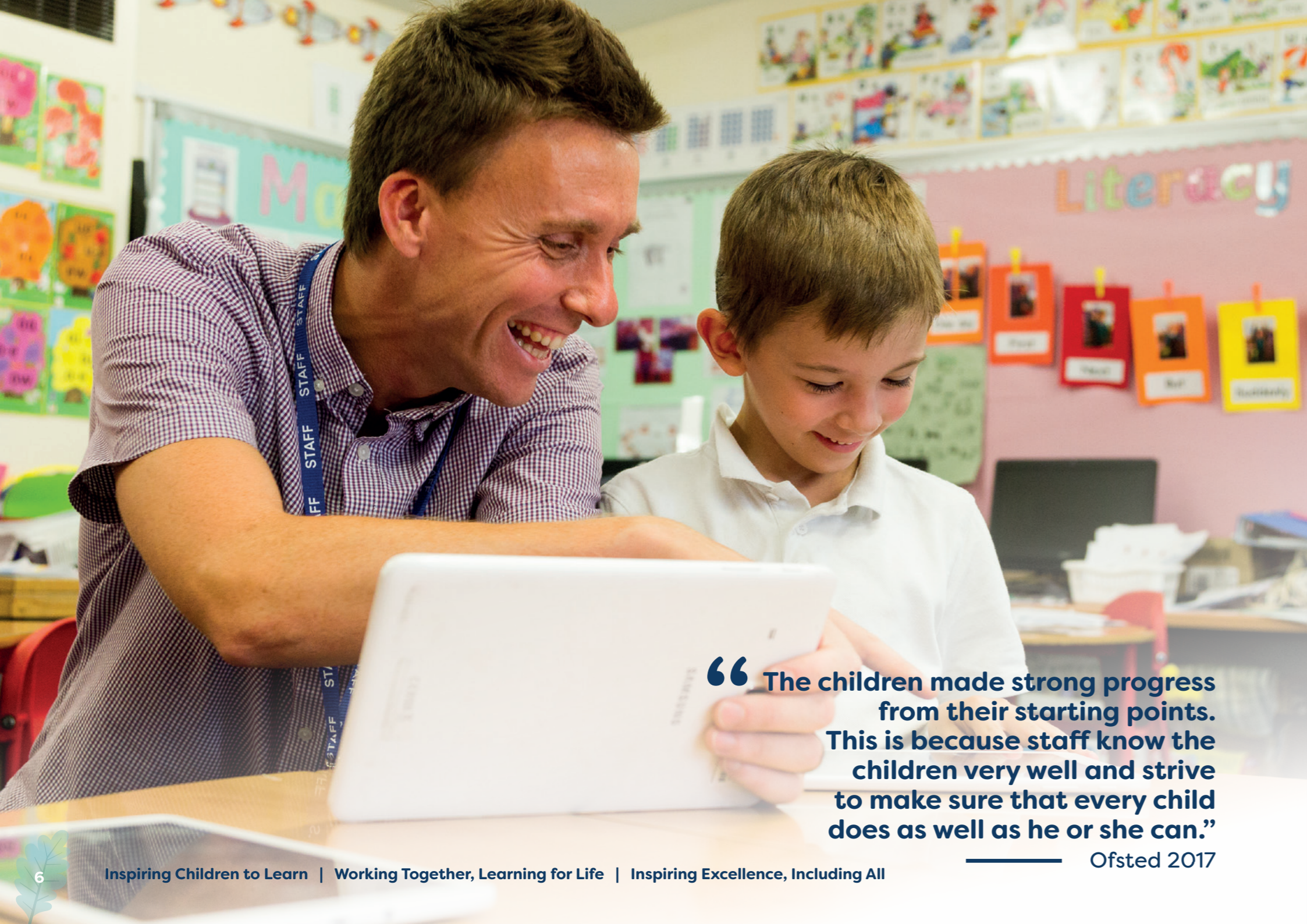
Nothing is more important than the welfare and future of the young people in our care. We work closely with all of our families to aspire and achieve the very best outcomes for every single pupil. As one former parent said, we are, 'the best kept secret in Worcestershire'.

- Breakfast Club – 7.45am onwards (Reception to Year 7)
- After School Wrap Around Care until 6pm (Additional charge)
- Free After School Clubs
- Pre-school offers flexible sessions from Age 2 *
- Nursery School offers sessions from Age 3 *
- First School, with Forest School, from Reception up to Year 4
- Middle School, with a secondary style timetable and specialist rooms, e.g. ICT suite, Cookery Suite, Science Lab & D & T Room with woodworking machinery from Year 5 to Year 7
- Fantastic SEND expertise and individualised learning for all pupils with additional needs.

***FREE** places at Pre-School and Nursery School are available for either 15 hours or 30 hours per week for eligible families, please contact school office for details.

Equal Opportunities

We believe that all children, irrespective of gender, ability, race or culture, should have the right to be treated equally whilst at school. The policy is available from the school website or school office.



“ The children made strong progress from their starting points. This is because staff know the children very well and strive to make sure that every child does as well as he or she can.”

Ofsted 2017

Admission Arrangements

Abbey Park Pre-School and Nursery School

Admission into Pre-School or Nursery is handled in-house by the school. Our planned admission limit is 39 pupils. Please contact the school office if you would like a place.

Abbey Park First School and Middle School

Admission into Reception to Year 7, is administered on our behalf by School Admissions, Children's Services Directorate, County Hall, PO. Box 73, Worcester, WR5 2YA. Tel 01905 822700, or you can e-mail them at: - schooladmissions@worcestershire.gov.uk

We follow the LA admissions policy which is explained on their website at: www.worcestershire.gov.uk/cms/school-information/school-admissions.aspx

You can also use the above link to apply online for your child's school place.

Our planned admission limit per year group at Abbey Park First School is 30 and at Middle School is 84.

It is usual procedure for Year 5 pupils at our local first schools, Cherry Orchard and Abbey Park First School, to transfer to Abbey Park Middle School. However, every year we welcome students from many other schools.

If you wish to view the school please call **01386 552667** to make a mutually convenient appointment.





“ The environment supports children’s learning very well, both indoors and out.”
—— Ofsted 2017

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities

The Federation has a wealth of experience and prides itself on its inclusivity and provision for SEND pupils. Pupils achieve their potential personally, socially, emotionally and academically in all areas of the curriculum (regardless of their gender, ethnicity, social background, religion, sexual identity, physical ability or educational needs).

Ofsted recognise that the ‘skilled support within the classroom’ offered by our experienced and highly qualified staff ensures children of all abilities make good progress.

The Federation ensures early identification of additional needs, provides personalised support packages and provision maps for individuals, which supports their development and accelerates progress, according to their need.

We work closely with a range of specialist agencies to support children and families within our care.

The Middle School host a Mainstream Autism Base and a nurture group, which offers pupils ‘Alternative Curriculum Enrichment’. This allows children to take part in a range of learning activities, which are not necessarily classroom based.

It is important to us, that every child, no matter what their ability, achieves their full potential.

Medical Arrangements

The Federation has members of staff who hold First Aid qualifications. Care Plans will be written for those pupils with additional medical needs.

Charging

The Governors have agreed that no charges will be made for any activity which is essential to the curriculum. For educational visits in school hours, the policy is to seek voluntary contributions from the carers of children involved. No child will be excluded from any activity through failure to make a contribution. **It is important for parents to understand, however, that, unless sufficient funds are available, the Executive Headteacher has the delegated authority to determine whether an activity will continue.**

Policy Documents

Policy Documents are available from our school website or on request from the school office. Policy Documents are reviewed regularly.

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN INCLUDING CHILD PROTECTION, AT ABBEY PARK SCHOOLS FEDERATION

This school believes that it is always unacceptable for a child to experience abuse of any kind. We recognise our responsibility to safeguard the welfare of all children.

We will provide staff and volunteers with guidance to follow when they suspect a child may be experiencing abuse or at risk of harm. We will work co-operatively with other agencies to safeguard and promote the welfare of children. We will ensure that our concerns about our pupils are discussed with parents/carers first – unless we have reason to believe that such a move would be contrary to the child's welfare.





Abbey Park Pre-School

Inspiring Children to Learn

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Abbey Park Middle School

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Executive Headteacher - **Rebecca Scully**

Abbey Park First School



At Abbey Park First and Nursery School we provide children with a broad and balanced curriculum which is fun, exciting and delivered through a topic based approach.

We have a fantastic team of highly skilled staff who ensure that the children are provided with a warm, caring and nurturing environment. We focus on inspiring young minds and encourage children to become independent learners who embrace challenge.

There are smooth transitions at every stage. Children in our Nursery are very much part of our whole school and the journey through to Reception and further up the school is seamless. This is a strength of our school because we value and promote strong partnerships between parents, carers, teachers and children. We work closely with all staff at Abbey Park Middle School to share expertise and ensure that the children transfer successfully to the next stage in their learning. When children move up into Year 5, they are not simply moving schools but growing and developing within the Abbey Park Federation.

The classrooms and other learning areas are bright and vibrant which provide a stimulating environment where our children are inspired to do their very best.

In our recent Ofsted 'Parent View' survey (Oct 2017) 100% of parents felt that their child is happy and makes good progress at our school.

Claire Mitchell
Head of First School



Our Vision

Our vision is to work together where everyone is a partner in learning, providing a safe, happy, caring and stimulating environment, where children are given opportunities to reach their true potential.

Within our creative environment children develop a thirst for knowledge, they are encouraged to raise questions and develop thinking and learning skills. They will develop their physical, emotional, intellectual and spiritual awareness, so that they are equipped for the ever changing and demanding world in which we live.

Abbey Park First & Nursery School is a school in which we share a mutual respect for each other and our environment. In learning and teaching we set high standards and aspire for excellence in everything we do.



Our Aims

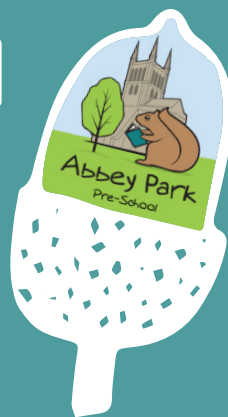
- To see that learning is fun and to be excited about it.
- To grow in confidence as we meet new challenges.
- To appreciate that we have an equal responsibility to the world and the people we share it with.
- To respect ourselves, and one another regardless of age, gender, religion or culture.
- To do our very best, and take pride in what we do.
- To celebrate our own achievements and those of other people.

“ I just wanted to say how much we enjoyed the Young Voices concert last night. The teachers did an amazing job - they are so enthusiastic and clearly love it! They are an inspiration to our children.”

Parent



Abbey Park Pre-School & Nursery



A warm welcome to our Early Years! I am delighted you are reading about our wonderful School, where we are proud that according to our latest Ofsted inspection (October 2017), 'learning and teaching within Early Years is especially strong'. We aim to support children to achieve their full potential socially, emotionally, physically and intellectually within our happy and enabling environment.

Our Early Years team place particular emphasis on ensuring children feel motivated and that families feel safe in the knowledge that we work closely with them to provide the very best educational start for their child.

We were delighted to win the 2018 Worcestershire Early Years Education Award as testament to our team work and dedication! We work closely together to ensure our youngest children follow the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum through our creative and inspiring teaching.

We offer continuous provision within the early years setting where children are encouraged to explore both the indoor and outdoor learning environments. Outdoor learning is enriched through regular Forest School opportunities.

We provide a range of friendly parent workshops which can include: ways you can help your child develop; how to handle challenging behaviours; phonics and ideas for play.

In addition we are particularly excited to introduce a fabulous on-line sharing experience for parents. 'Tapestry' is currently used by over 15,000 settings and is an online journal recording all the learning and fun of children's early years' education. Parents will be able to access Tapestry to see images and videos of their child and learn what they have been doing during the day.

We welcome enquiries and visits to our school first hand. We recognise the importance of feeling not just comfortable, but enthused about the school you choose to send your child to. We offer plenty of opportunities for you to join us for Open Events. We look forward to seeing you at our annual Teddy Bears' Picnic in the summer; another chance for you to meet the team and other parents and carers joining our Federation.

I look forward to welcoming your child and family!

Lydia Roberts
Head of Early Years



Our Vision

- The child is at the heart of everything we do.
- Parents, carers, staff and children are all partners in learning.
- Our teams work skilfully together to provide a safe, happy, caring and stimulating environment.
- Children are encouraged to raise questions and develop thinking and learning skills to achieve their full potential.
- We set high standards and aspire for excellence in everything we do.
- We share a mutual respect for each other and our environment.



Nursery School Overview

Abbey Park Nursery School is a teacher led provision which offers both full time (30 hour) and part time (15 hour) free places for eligible families. Places are also available on a per session fee paying basis.

A morning and afternoon session are available per day where we are able to offer 40 places per session.

During your child's time in nursery, they will be provided with plenty of inspirational activities to encourage their all-round development and love of learning. Learning opportunities are carefully planned in accordance with the Statutory Framework for the Early Years.

We firmly believe, working together with great communication will help us to ensure the best possible learning experiences for your child.

We look forward to welcoming you and your child to our Nursery, please do get in touch.

Kim Wilkes
Nursery Teacher



Pre-School Overview

A Pre-School has been established on the Abbey Park campus for well over 20 years. We are proud to be part of the Abbey Park Federation family; your child's educational journey can start with our nurturing Pre-School environment.

All children are treated as individuals and our highly skilled staff work with you and your child to ensure they achieve the best possible outcomes.

Abbey Park Pre-School recognise that high quality early years experiences are crucial to the future learning and development for all children.

We provide the essential foundations for happiness and life long learning.

We work closely with parents and families to ensure tailored care and education for each child, guided by their own set of experiences, interests and needs.

We embrace individuality, equality and diversity. We value every child and their family, thus promoting a culture of respect, trust, confidence and self-esteem.

We warmly welcome you to visit and see what exciting and nurturing opportunities await you and your child.

Sue Jennings
Pre-School Leader



Abbey Park Middle School



'Inspiring Excellence, Including All.'

I am delighted to have joined the Abbey Park Federation family as the Head of Middle School. As soon as I stepped through the door I knew that all members of the school community live and breathe the schools motto 'inspiring excellence, including all'. At Abbey Park Middle School, we pride ourselves in excellent teaching and learning, our exceptional pastoral care and our unique offer of an inclusive and dynamic curriculum which sets us apart in Worcestershire's three tier system.

We work closely with Abbey Park First School, sharing best practice and expertise as well as developing links with all our feeder schools to ensure a smooth and happy transition to us and beyond.

Abbey Park is a welcoming, happy, caring and lively school where individual talents and personalities are valued. We encourage all our pupils to achieve their full potential. Our school vision, alongside our personalised learning curriculum is how we encourage our children to meet and exceed our high expectations.

At Abbey Park, we understand the relationships that we build with our children are key to the success of our school and value the partnerships that we have with our parents. We offer a safe and inclusive environment where everyone is encouraged to develop independence, creativity and curiosity and see our school as a haven of learning and nurture.

Our prospectus is only a glimpse into life at Abbey Park Middle School, so if you would like to find out more, please arrange to visit us and find out what makes us such a great school to be part of.

Libby Pringle
Head of Middle School



Our Vision

Our vision is to nurture and prepare every child at Abbey Park Middle School for the future by providing an inspiring and inclusive learning experience. We aim to maximise the academic, creative and personal potential of every child, ensuring that our pupils become confident, independent and motivated to achieve their very best.

- To provide an inspirational, creative and personalised curriculum, which promotes independence, resilience and memorable learning with high expectations for all.
- To provide and maintain a culture where every pupil feels valued, respected, safe, confident and happy.
- To promote an understanding of the local community and the wider world, by developing skills, morals and values, enabling all pupils to become good citizens.
- To create opportunities for every child to fulfil or exceed their potential, take pride in all they do and to celebrate successes and achievements.



Our Offer

Abbey Park Middle School is a small warm and friendly middle school situated in the heart of Pershore that offers a personalised approach to education. Ofsted deemed the school to be a 'Good' and welcoming school with some areas being graded 'Outstanding'.

Pupils follow a secondary style approach to learning with specialist teachers and classrooms including a Science Lab, D & T room with wood working machinery, a Cookery Suite, IT Suite and Art Room. Alongside these specialist facilities we have excellent ICT resources that support us in delivering inspiring, real life learning in preparation for the next steps in education. The pupils work hard in a happy and demanding environment in which their achievements are valued and rewarded.

The Middle School host a Mainstream Autism Base, 'The Base' and also a nurture group, which offers pupils 'Alternative Curriculum Enrichment'. The 'ACE' programme allows children to take part in a range of learning activities, which are not necessarily classroom based.

It is important to us, that every child, no matter what their ability, achieves their full potential. Our staff, both teachers and teaching assistants, hold a wealth of experience and expertise, which ensure we can support those with SEND.

The school believes that to reach their full potential pupils need to be offered a wide range of opportunities and be valued and happy in their studies. Every child is different and therefore, needs to be treated as an individual with their interests and talents being encouraged and extended. Our philosophy is recognised by external agencies as outstanding and is key to our pupil's continual success.



“ In this happy and welcoming school, pupils make good progress, achieving well in a range of subjects. They are well prepared for the next stage of their education”

— Ofsted 2014

