

Choose DOWNSWAY

***“A very caring and
supporting school
community where pupils
and staff flourish.”***

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Together **Everyone Achieves More**

The **caring ethos** to get you
off to a **great start**.

The **right environment**
to **enhance** your skills
and to **enjoy** your job.

The **professional**
development you need to
progress.

Welcome to Downsway

Our collaborative ethos of care, passion and commitment alongside a focus on developing teaching and learning are at the heart of Downsway's sustained success.

On behalf of the staff, pupils and governors, I am very proud to introduce to you Downsway Primary School.

I hope that what you see and read will give you an insight into what makes Downsway a happy and successful school. We pride ourselves in providing a safe, caring, nurturing and exciting environment in which every individual child and staff can thrive. We place high emphasis on developing strong relationships with all our pupils, parents and carers to provide the best possible experience that a primary school can offer.

At Downsway, our pupils are supported in developing skills and attitudes which help them to develop in confidence and independence through our broad and balanced curriculum. When pupils leave us at the end of Year 6, we want them to have a love of learning which will stay with them throughout their life.

Our website and this leaflet are simply an introduction to our school. Please come and walk through our vibrant school, visit our classes, talk to our staff and pupils, and you will understand the unique, well rounded experience that Downsway Primary School has to offer.

Mrs K. Ayres
Headteacher

Our many strengths, recognised by Ofsted

We always receive lots of positive feedback, whether it is from parents/carers, visitors to the school or those in our community. We pride ourselves in always being the very best that we can be and for always giving 100% in everything that we do.

"You ensure that the school's mission statement, 'We aspire to encourage all our children to be confident, secure, caring individuals who achieve success and develop a love of learning' underpins all aspects of the school's work."

"The school is very calm and well ordered. Classrooms are bright and attractive, with exciting displays of pupils' work as well as plenty of helpful information to support their learning."

"There are very positive relationships between staff and pupils and this helps pupils to develop confidence and to enjoy learning."

"Pupils behave exceptionally well in classrooms, in the playground and when moving around the school. Pupils love their school and they say there is little they would like to change. They say that adults are kind and that teachers make learning fun."

"Pupils enjoy learning and they say that teachers expect them to work hard." They are polite, friendly and kind to each other. They say that adults treat them equally and fairly and there is no discrimination."

"There is a wide range of extra-curricular activities that increase pupils' enjoyment of school. These include physical activities, music and choir, as well as a magic club during lunchtime."

"The outdoor area has been very well planned so that pupils can learn outside as well as in classrooms."



The continued professional development of staff is at the heart of everything we do



Continuing professional development is important because it ensures you continue to be competent in your area of work. It is an ongoing process and continues throughout your career.

Our CPD is designed to encourage the development of all staff so that they reflect on their practices and its quality, are able to adopt and assess new approaches to their practice and develop better ways of working. At Downsway Primary School we have access to a wide range of CPD opportunities both in-house and through external companies and organisations so that everyone's needs can be met.

The importance of continuing professional development should not be underestimated – it is a career-long obligation to all.



Community & parents praise for Downsway

<p><i>'Thank you for everything you have done for my child. She has come up in leaps & bounds in her first year at school.'</i></p>		<p><i>'Many thanks for a great series of Bikeability courses, so nice to get such a warm welcome and great hospitality from all the staff and students, it has been a real pleasure.'</i></p>
<p><i>'Such a lovely sports day! Left with a couple of tears as it was our last sports day. The children did so well and just goes to show what a lovely school Downsway is! (the determination all the children have to succeed no matter what!) So happy to be part of today it was lovely. Thank you.'</i></p>		
<p><i>'I think Miss Smith and Mrs Hobbs make such a great team and give a really welcoming feel to the reception. Super efficient and all round fabulous.'</i></p>		<p><i>'Thank you for arranging for our visit today. We were very impressed by the facilities, teachers and pupils of Downsway School.'</i></p>
<p><i>'Just wanted to say how great all of the extra sporting activities are. My child had an amazing time at tag rugby yesterday & kept the kit on all day/night and said she would love to do it again. My child loves netball and all the tournaments and they both can't wait to take part in the different cross country activities. Also the extra activities in P.E are brilliant. Thanks so much for all you do. We all love Downsway.'</i></p>	<p><i>'We would like to thank you for all your kind attention and support regarding our child. Many thanks for being so nice to my son. There are no words...'</i></p>	
		<p><i>'Just a quick note of thanks to you and everyone at school – especially the kids and class teachers for allowing us to come in and deliver our sporting sessions. All the coaches have said how much they like visiting the school and how good the kids are.'</i></p>

Be part of a **truly amazing TEAM**



Why you should **choose Downsway**?

Downsway Primary School is a fantastic place to work. We are a flourishing learning community with a caring ethos and a strong team, committed to enhancing the life chances of our pupils.

At Downsway Primary School we invest in staff to ensure that each staff member develops within their role. When joining Downsway, staff receive a thorough induction to ensure that they are confident and familiar to their new working environment.

Our 6 core values underpin all that we do at Downsway.

We offer:

- Well behaved children
- A team of friendly and supportive staff and governors
- Supportive parents/carers
- A commitment to on-going CPD
- A full induction when you start
- A kind and caring environment



Whatever stage you are at in your career, Downsway offers the right environment for you to develop further.



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