



Ready for school



Admissions Booklet

Dawpool Church of England (Aided) Primary School

Welcome to Dawpool C of E Primary School. Starting school is a big event in the life of your child. It is the start of a whole new world of experiences, new people and new things to learn. We are delighted that you have chosen our school as the starting point for your child's journey.

Dawpool School was founded in 1865 and our location on the edge of Thurstaston Common, is one of the most attractive school settings on Wirral. Although growing and developing over the years, Dawpool Church of England School is, in many ways, still a traditional village school, a character which it proudly retains and cherishes. It has many fine traditions, not least its concern with academic standards and its wish that the children achieve their full potential in all aspects of school and life.

The Dawpool community are united in their ambition to create a school which embodies the person, love and work of Jesus Christ: a school which enables Christian values to flourish and where all children may experience the abundant life that Jesus offers.

At Dawpool, we aim for all children to experience the abundant life that Jesus offers by: Educating for Wisdom, Knowledge and Skills; Educating for Hope and Aspiration; Educating for Community and Living Well Together; Educating for Dignity and Respect.

In Foundation One we do this through the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) which is a framework for teaching children from birth to five years old. We teach your child knowledge, skills and understanding through a topic based curriculum to ensure they access a variety of learning experiences, and secure a good foundation for their life-long learning. We aim to keep you informed of the topics your child is learning through so that you may be involved and support them at home and in school.

We undertake a baseline assessment, in all areas of learning, at the start of the school year. These judgements are based upon evidence we can see at that time. This then allows us to plan lessons and activities based upon needs, interests and abilities. We will then continue to assess your child regularly and alter plans accordingly.

Foundation One Organisation

Foundation One is a 20 place class, run in a purpose built building in the grounds of the school. The class is run by a qualified teacher and a teaching assistant. Our Foundation Stage team also work closely with The Foundation Two Teacher and Teaching Assistant to plan activities for your children.

The School Day

No day in Foundation One can be described as a 'typical' day. We are always ready to alter our plans in order to grab an exciting new learning opportunity which may suddenly arise. We operate a continuous provision model, meaning that your child can explore the activities on offer, become an independent learner and begin to take responsibility for their own learning and development.

All activities are carefully planned to ensure the children are meeting relevant and exciting challenges. However, children have free access to the majority of resources so they can set their own challenges and activities.

The room contains; Funky Fingers areas to help children develop fine motor skills; Role Play and Small World area to aid imaginative skills, social skills and communication; Maths Area, Creative Area; Construction Area; ICT Area and Quiet Area. Whilst we also have a Book Nook and Mark Making area we have reading and writing opportunities available all around the classroom. The Outdoor Classroom contains all elements of the above as well as sand and water play. We encourage the children to access their own learning through either the indoor or outdoor environment. We also have a Secret Garden area outside to allow the children to explore in a new and natural environment. Here they enjoy playing in the Mud Kitchen, exploring the plants around them and running and climbing over a range of surfaces.

Whilst we do provide art/messy aprons, on occasion your child may get dirty. Rest assured each mark is evidence of all the learning that has taken place that day.

Parental Involvement

We encourage you to come into school with your child each day to help settle them in. They are always eager to show off their new learning environments to their parents. We believe close working between home and school is vital to us identifying your child's learning needs. We aim to provide opportunities for you to be involved and support this important relationship. We realise your child's first years at school can be daunting for you as well as them and we want you to know that we are always available to support you in any way possible.

Every child in our school is special and important to us. We want them to be happy so that they will learn and develop to their full potential. We look forward to starting this exciting journey of education with you and your child.



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