



*Soaring to Excellence*



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## Our vision...

***Our vision for Garden Village Primary Academy is to work in close collaboration with parents, the local and wider community to soar to excellence.***

***In all pupils, we will foster an absolute feeling of belonging, self-worth, high aspiration and independence alongside the self-belief that there are no limits to what they can personally accomplish.***

## Our ethos will reflect the values of the Fierté Trust...

***We care, we leave no one behind, we celebrate individuality, and we are brave.***

*We will bestow the experiences, resources, structures, and systems to enable all to engage, all to progress and all to achieve their full potential, living their life to the full.*

*Children will leave the academy as confident learners prepared for the next step of their journey because they have benefitted from outstanding teaching, have become excellent communicators, innovators and are resilient learners with the drive to succeed in whatever they choose.*

*We believe that primary education should build memories and experiences to last a lifetime and that children should be ignited by all possibilities, noticeable from the moment they step into their school.*



# Welcome

Opening in September 2024, Garden Village Primary Academy is on the site of the former Tamworth Golf Course Site, Eagle Drive, Amington serving a new housing development run by the Fierté Multi- Academy Trust.

In our first year of opening, children will be admitted to the Nursery and Reception class; in the second year of opening a further reception intake will be admitted and the school will continually grow in this way until there are pupils in all age groups, seven years after opening. The school is being designed to enable further expansion in the future as demand for places increases.

Growing slowly and steadily, will enable us to give every one of our children the opportunity to reach the highest standards of achievement and personal success. We will foster a team of teachers, nursery and support staff, all of whom will be experts in primary education, with a shared drive to place your child/ren at the centre of every decision. Pupils will engage with a range of learning experiences that foster curiosity, depth and capitalise on their unique gifts.



## Our Pledges



*We will assure that pupils engage with learning that inspires and fosters curiosity.*



*We promise to deliver an education that develops well rounded individuals, accessing a range of experiences that challenge and enhance skills, talents and aptitudes.*



*High pupil achievement and strong ambitions will be fostered through the development of self-belief, mental well-being and aspiration.*



*Children will flourish, love learning and access a rich curriculum that meets their needs.*



# A state-of-the-art building

Our new academy will be a smart and modern two-storey building. As well as 8 classrooms (and space to double the school with a further 7 classroom extension), Garden Village will also have carefully designed Nursery and Reception outdoor areas, a playground, a playing field and a forest school area. There will be an emphasis on outdoor education with children learning from the rich surroundings and local natural environment.

Our school will have an inspiring library and dedicated art, design and technology space. The multi-purpose hall will be used for PE, drama, assemblies and lunchtime provision.

Designed landscaped areas will surround the building creating a natural, calm and inspiring environment for all who visit the school to enjoy.



# Our Pride, Our Joy

## Nursery and wrap-around childcare

Flexible nursery and wrap around childcare will be available for working parents and carers through an established and successful provider run by the Trust - Our Pride, Our Joy.

The Garden Village Primary Academy Nursery will provide:

- *an excellent Early Years child-initiated curriculum, nurturing children to achieve their potential through following their interests and learning through quality play;*
- *a fun and enabling environment for learning, where each child can grow in self-esteem and independence;*
- *a qualified, experienced, and caring staff team who look out for each individual child's needs, helping them become more confident and resilient;*
- *quality feedback to parents through online learning journeys and daily face to face communication.*
- *depending on family circumstances, 15 or 30 hours of free childcare per week for children 3 or above;*
- *15 hours of free childcare per week for eligible two-year olds;*
- *the flexibility to meet parental needs through the opportunity for parents to pay for additional sessions as required.*

The Nursery will offer whole or part-day sessions starting at 9.00am and finishing at 3pm.

### Wrap-around care

We offer outstanding wrap-around care for all Garden Village Primary Academy children from 7:30am until 6:00pm, Monday to Friday.

We also provide themed holiday clubs, so parents do not need to find alternative childcare. The Trust catering team provides healthy breakfasts and afternoon snacks.

Through the Club, children can participate in a range of opportunities that reflect their interests such as sports, gardening, baking and science, amongst others.



  
**Our Pride  
Our Joy**  
*Where adventure  
& excellence begin*



# Reception

## - taking flight to excellence

We will ensure that all children have the very best start to their learning journey at Garden Village Primary Academy. Our knowledgeable and dedicated Reception team will be Early Years specialists. The Reception curriculum will ensure that children are enthusiastic, inquisitive and confident learners who thrive within our setting.

We create purposeful and exciting learning experiences alongside well-modelled adult-led activities. We commit to build warm, genuine relationships with our youngest learners, to support their learning journey.

High quality and real-life resources will inspire the children and ensure purposeful play which will enable and enhance learning. The indoor and outdoor learning environments will ensure that children can explore and engage in a wide range of imaginative learning experiences. High levels of engagement and interest will ensure that children make excellent progress.

We ensure that our children experience a good balance of child-initiated and adult-directed learning activities. At Garden Village Primary Academy, children in Reception will have the opportunity to learn in a variety of ways, including child-initiated learning, whole class teaching, small-group teaching, investigations, problem-solving, paired talk, and independent learning.

We also work in close partnership with parents and carers to provide the highest standards of learning and care for their children.



# Curriculum

All children at Garden Village will be immersed in a knowledge rich and carefully sequenced curriculum with children at the heart of all learning opportunities.

The structure and sequence of our curriculum progresses year on year with children re-visiting concepts and knowledge to consolidate understanding.

Curriculum clarity built upon a cumulative and vocabulary rich approach ensures that content is secured leading to the highest standards of achievement for all children.

We provide a wide range of memorable learning experiences which resonate with children so that they are inspired to learn and to extend their horizons. We will take advantage of historical, geographical, and environmental opportunities available within the local area. Crucially, the curriculum will meet children's needs both personally and intellectually.

Through the research and evidence-informed curriculum, we will develop learning that is truly irresistible. The following principles are the foundation of our curriculum offer:

- Deep, broad and balanced;
- Coherent and progressive building on children's prior learning;
- Ambitious; underpinned by the highest of expectations;
- Founded on developing knowledge, understanding and skills;
- Inspiring so children are equipped with the 'cultural capital' they need to succeed;
- Flexible, inclusive and responsive to needs;
- Memorable and sensitive to the local context;
- Rich in outdoor learning experiences for all.

## Our curriculum will also:

- Promote spiritual, moral, cultural, mental and physical development;
- Prepare all pupils at our school for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of later life;
- Meet the needs of all children including those with special educational needs and disabilities, also, disadvantaged learners.





# Enrichment



Garden Village children will be immersed in enrichment programmes which will include school activities designed to give pupils of all ages the opportunity to try new things and explore and develop interests outside of the classroom.

Activities will range from sports to cooking, from drawing to coding in IT and outdoor learning opportunities. Within our school family, pupils will acquire life-skills and deepen the opportunity to find out more about their own interests and passions.

Educational trips and visits will further engage and inspire children.

Developing pupils' social, moral, spiritual and cultural strengths will ensure they succeed at school, at home, as active participants within the local community as well as global citizens. This will include volunteering, charitable fundraising, enterprise projects and community partnerships which will in turn raise aspiration and achievement for all.

## Partnerships with Parents/Carers and the Community

Children thrive when parents/carers are active partners in their child's education. All staff at Garden Village Primary Academy will thoughtfully build warm, secure and strong relationships with children and their families to establish strong home/school connections. A child's learning journey will be hand in hand with the key adults in their lives.

The wider community is a rich source of opportunity which will allow for memorable learning. School based and wider community links will ensure that Garden Valley Primary is at the hub of the local area. Opportunities to branch out will be maximised.





# Provision for children with Special Educational Needs and/or Disability (SEND)

*Our highest priority is to ensure that children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) receive the support they need to achieve the best possible outcomes in life.*

In line with the 0-25 SEND Code of Practice (2014), the Trust will ensure all children and young people have access to a broad, balanced, and appropriate curriculum that is inclusive of those with SEND.

Additionally, as part of The Equality Act (2010) any reasonable adjustments to support children and young people with disabilities (whether of a physical, educational, or mental health nature) to access the same provision as others will be made.



## Our uniform

Our uniform is smart, practical and reflects the sense of belonging and pride that our Garden Village children will feel about their school family.

Garden Village children will be expected to wear full school uniform at all times of the school day.

### Our uniform is:

- A burgundy sweatshirt or cardigan (with or without the logo);
- White shirt/blouse;
- A bespoke Garden Village designed tie;
- Pale grey skirts, culottes, pinafores, shorts or trousers;
- Black school shoes (no logos). Please note our expectation will be that children will not wear trainers, boots or coloured shoes.

### Our PE kit is:

- A white plain PE T-shirt;
- Black shorts – plain;
- Black PE footwear (trainers and plimsolls) suitable for both indoor activities and outdoor;
- PE drawstring bag;
- Jewellery is not accepted in school except small stud earrings (removed for PE);
- Hijab, hair ties or bands should be burgundy or pale grey;
- In summer term, school dresses can be worn. These should be burgundy and white check.

## Personal development



We believe that healthy well-rounded children have the best chance of achieving success at school and in the wider community. Children need to feel happy, safe and valued and that they are treated fairly. The school's commitment to this will run through all strands of school life.

Pupil voice will be an important aspect of life at Garden Village Primary Academy. We will have an active School Council where children learn to discuss issues and talk about ways to improve their school. Children will have the opportunity to take part in cross-Trust activities including our annual Fierté Festival.

All children will feel listened to, respected and loved. When things are going well, we will all celebrate. When things are not going well, we will talk about it with

children and parents, so they are an integral part of the solution. A relational and restorative approach will ensure that all children take responsibility for their own actions and choices.

Throughout school life we continually look for opportunities to check that children are feeling positive and enjoying school. We will give all children a chance to shine, and our caring staff will always be on hand to work with groups or individuals who may need a bit of extra support.



# Admissions

The school has an admission number of **30** for **entry in the Reception year**. It will admit this number of pupils if there are sufficient applications.

If fewer than **30** applications are received, all applicants will be offered a place.

## Application process

- The applications will be processed through the normal Staffordshire local authority process for co-ordinating school offers. Applications for this school should be sent to Staffordshire School Admissions Service or an online application form can be completed at:

**[www.staffordshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/admissions)**

- The closing date for applications is 15/01/2024.
- Offers will be made on 16/04/2024.
- If we have not entered into a funding agreement with the Secretary of State opening the school by that date, they will be conditional offers and will be confirmed once we have a signed funding agreement.
- Please see the academy website for further details including the oversubscription criteria:  
**<https://www.gardenvillage.fierte.org/admissions>**



# Transition

As part of our community links, Garden Village will forge strong relationships with other local primary and secondary schools. These bonds will support the quality of education and experiences for all children across schools within the Fierté MAT, across Tamworth and further afield.

To support children's transition from Year 6 to High School, we will carefully craft links so that children can experience specialist teaching through teachers delivering lessons at Garden Village and children learning at local High Schools.

We will ensure that your child's exciting venture to secondary school is seamless, and our staff will visit High Schools to share attainment data and key information (including that sourced from children and



parents) so that a clear picture of every child's individual needs, talents and abilities are captured. It is vital to us that our children settle well and are fully prepared for the next step in their educational journey.

# Local Governing Board

Strong governance is a key part of a successful school. Governors act as the guardians of the school's ethos and values. Governors also ensure that the whole school community act in the best interest of all pupils.

In the same way as all other schools in the Fierté Trust, Garden Village Primary Academy will have a Local Governing Board that will connect into the Trust Board.

Mrs Vicky Blundell has been recruited as the Chair of Governors. We are delighted as she is an experienced

governance leader through her former role as a Trustee and Chair of an outstanding school. We have received expressions of interest from residents regarding the role of governor. If you are interested in taking on this worthwhile role, please contact us, we would be delighted to hear from you.







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