Pickwick Academy Trust

Our vision is to work together to provide the best schools and outcomes for our children

PICKWICK LEARNING

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Welcome from James Passmore (CEO)



Welcome back to school for all our returning children, families and staff; and welcome to the children and staff who have joined us in September. You have chosen lovely schools for your children to learn, play and achieve in.

Trust-wide priorities for 2024-2025

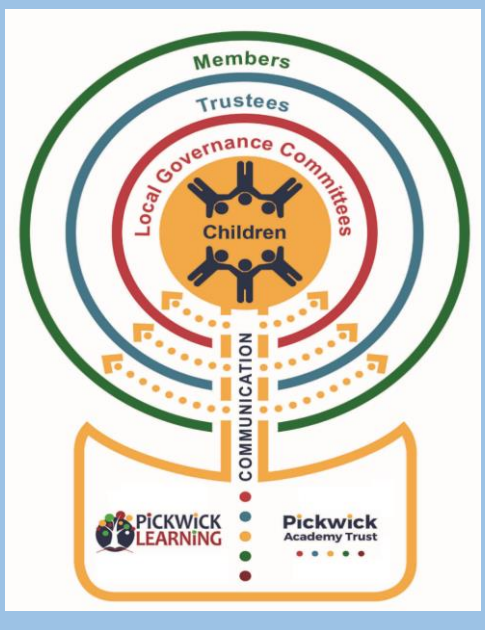
- Improve end of Key Stage 2 pupil data outcomes and secure more consistency of outcomes across our schools
- Further support schools and families with SEND children
- Explore 'enhanced provision' opportunities for children
- Continue to support and improve outcomes for our most vulnerable learners
- Explore our current breakfast and after school club offer and expand it where possible
- Link more closely with our existing pre-school and nursery providers, and explore opportunities for enhancing provision
- Develop a training matrix for all staff to map professional development requirements and extended opportunities
- Continue our work on sustainability and educating children, staff and families on strategies for reducing our energy use
- Promote the excellent provision in our schools to new families, to mitigate against the national decline in primary school pupil numbers over the coming years
- Explore how we collectively manage our estate so more schools benefit from the excellent teams in place

Trustee Vacancy

At Pickwick Academy Trust, we have three layers of Governance: Members, Trustees and Local Governance Committees.

Members and Trustees oversee the work of the whole Trust and executive team, and LGCs govern each school. Find out more here.

We have Member and Trustee vacancies – please email us if you are interested or would like to find out more / explore roles.



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Successful Ofsted Inspection at Winterslow CE Primary School

On 9/10 July 2024, Ofsted carried out a routine inspection at Winterslow CE Primary School, near Salisbury. We are all delighted that the inspection team found the school to be strongly GOOD in all areas of their framework. Well done to everyone working, learning and supporting at Winterslow CE Primary School for all your hard work and dedication. As a Trust we have had seven Ofsted inspections over the last two years and have had strongly GOOD judgements and inspection reports in each and every one.

Quotes from the Winterslow inspection report:

- "Winterslow CE Primary School is a place where pupils 'explore, discover and sparkle'. Pupils enjoy coming to school and attend well. The 'gem' rewards motivate pupils to engage well with their learning."
- "The school has high expectations of pupils' behaviour. […] Pupils have positive attitudes to learning and sustain their concentration well. Pupils benefit from the strong and caring relationships they have with adults in school. […] Pupils are happy and feel safe."
- "Pupils enjoy the regular opportunities to take part in sporting events."
- "The school supports pupils' wider development well. […] Pupils talk enthusiastically about their roles as school councillors and collective worship leaders. This gives them a voice within school and helps to develop pupils' character."
- "The school has designed an ambitious curriculum. […] The knowledge is well sequenced so that pupils build on what they already know."
- "Adults are experts in the teaching of early reading. […] Pupils who are at risk of falling behind receive extra support, which helps them to keep up. […] Adults model language and vocabulary well."
- "Pupils read a wide range of books. These books help them to develop their understanding of diversity. Older pupils talk with enthusiasm about reading. They are eager to share their reading books."
- "The school has an accurate understanding of the needs of pupils with [SEND]. Pupils receive adults support and use classroom resources to help them access the same curriculum as their peers. As a result, pupils with SEND progress well through the curriculum."
- "The school is calm and orderly. Pupils are polite and they behave well. Older pupils set a good example to younger pupils. Pupils focus well during lessons and there is little disruption."
- "The [PSHE] curriculum teaches pupils to keep themselves mentally and physically healthy and safe."
- "Pupils know that everyone at school is equal. They show fairness in the way they treat each other. Pupils learn about the importance of democracy and how having a voice in school can bring about positive change."
- "Governors and Trustees have an accurate understanding of the school's strengths and development areas. They provide support and challenge to ensure the school continues to improve."

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