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**LONG DITTON**  
INFANT & NURSERY SCHOOL



# Welcome

A warm welcome to Long Ditton Infant and Nursery School. Our school is situated in the heart of Long Ditton Village, which lies on the Surrey border with Kingston Upon Thames.

We are a friendly, popular and successful two-form entry school catering for children from Nursery up to the end of Year 2. We have strong links with nearby Long Ditton St Mary's Junior School where the majority of our children transfer to at age 7.

At Long Ditton Infants we celebrate success at every level. Our school is driven by enthusiasm and a desire to ensure that everyone experiences a sense of achievement. We bring education alive, making it exciting, stimulating and memorable. Our children develop a thirst for learning that will last their whole life through.

We would love to show you around our school. Please contact the school office and the team will be delighted to arrange a convenient time to show you around.

Monica Paines  
Headteacher



Long Ditton Infant and Nursery School is a **happy and friendly** school at the heart of the **local community**.

We strive to create a **safe**, happy environment that enables every child to achieve their **full potential** by developing **confidence, creativity** and most importantly a **life long love of learning**.





# Core Values

## Community

“where every child is important to everyone”

We provide a warm, happy and safe environment where both our teachers and children enrich each other's learning experiences.

Our school is a place where we have a shared love of learning and where we embrace, celebrate and learn from all our differences whilst learning to co-exist in a mutually respectful environment.

We are committed to maintaining high standards and ensure that families have the very best support to enable their children to be the best they can be.

## Confidence

“belief in yourself and your abilities”

We believe that building a child's confidence is at the heart of their education and a key life skill. We build a child's confidence in many different ways starting with our gentle enrolment into school and gradually building up to performing to friendly audiences.

Confidence is about learning to get along with others, being confident in our own abilities, being able to voice our opinion as well as being able to try new things knowing it is ok to get things wrong.

## Love of Learning

“curiosity keeps leading us down new paths”

We believe the most precious gift we can give our children is a lifelong love of learning. Through our child led learning approach we actively encourage our children to express their ideas and creativity.

Our children learn to have the confidence to take risks, step out of their comfort zone, try new things and even embrace mistakes as learning opportunities.

By providing interesting topics our skills based learning and creative curriculum weeks are designed to stimulate and excite our children switching on their curiosity and desire to learn.

## Nurture

“what you plant now you will harvest later”

We nurture our children's learning through carefully structured routines that provide a balance of active learning and teaching.

We focus on supporting positive emotional and social growth as well as cognitive development at the level of the individual child by responding to each child in a developmentally appropriate way.

We understand that what we provide for our children in the early years will have an impact on their future learning. This is why we feel it is crucial to support them in order to achieve positive outcomes.

## Creativity

“if you can dream it, you can do it”

Creativity is at the heart of our learning and we firmly believe that it encourages a fascination for tasks and produces excited, enthusiastic and curious learners.

We offer a variety of creative learning opportunities in an exciting and stimulating atmosphere where our children can laugh, have ideas and spark off each other.

Creativity helps to give our children the skills, ability and confidence to enable them to work imaginatively and to transfer and apply new knowledge in different contexts.

## Living Values

We are a values based school where each month our children learn about a core value. They get to understand what this value is, what it looks like and most importantly celebrate each week if they have displayed that value!





## Teaching and learning

“Long Ditton is the **warmest, kindest** and **most approachable** school we have ever encountered. Thank you!”

Year 1 Parent

“Our daughter has really **flourished** over the last year and has become much **more confident** in herself, which I’m sure is due to the **happy learning environment** that has been created.

Thank you.”

Reception Parent



At Long Ditton Infant and Nursery School we work hard to make our school welcoming and friendly, so that the transition from home to school is comfortable and easy. We are a happy, safe, caring and well-managed school where your child will build on all the knowledge, skills and progress he or she has developed with you at home. We encourage all families to take a full part in the life of our community.



We believe in educating the whole child, work tirelessly to make lessons exciting and relevant for young children. We form excellent relationships with our children and their parents. Our children make very good progress. Our Key Stage 1 results show that we achieve consistently above the national average. The latest Ofsted report graded us as a good school.

We provide a rich and varied curriculum with many artistic, spiritual, musical and physical opportunities. Our children have a voice and help make decisions about their school through our active School Council.



# Extra Curricular

## Clubs

We have a Breakfast and After School Club run in conjunction with Long Ditton St Mary's Junior School. We also offer outside school clubs such as tennis, gymnastics, dance and football as well as specific clubs run by teachers for the year 2 children.

## The Friends

Every parent/carer at the school automatically becomes a "Friend" when their child joins the school. We are the school's PTA (Parent Teacher's Association).

Essentially we are a volunteer fund raising and social events organising team, working to provide funds for our school in a friendly and fun way.

The Committee is voted for by you at the AGM in September and is made up of parents/carers and Mrs Paines, Head Teacher represents the teaching staff. There is a Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer.

We are always looking for new ideas and enthusiastic volunteers! If you want to get involved please contact us at :

**[friendsoflongditton@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:friendsoflongditton@yahoo.co.uk)**





# A Healthy School

## School Meals

As a Healthy School, we provide good quality meals and encourage children to maintain a healthy diet, eat a balanced meal and try new things. Our school meals are prepared at Long Ditton St Mary's Junior School and delivered every day.

Meals can be paid for half termly or weekly by cash or cheque (payable to Surrey County Council) or by using parent mail.

Please note we have a NUT FREE school policy.

Children have the option to bring in their own healthy packed lunch. As a Healthy School we do not allow chocolate bars, cakes, biscuits or fizzy drinks.

At Long Ditton we want to make playtimes fun, enjoyable and also energetic! We have a large playground and shaded area which we can access all year round. We have an ever changing selection of outdoor equipment and this is enhanced with our Huff and Puff equipment such as hoops, balls and skipping ropes.



“I like **playtimes**. I get to play with **all my friends**.  
It is **fun** when we **play**.”

Zac age 5

“I would like to say a huge **thankyou** to Long Ditton Infant & nursery school for being so **brilliant** with my son and also my two girls. It is an **amazing school**”

Year 2 Parent'



# Admissions

We have two classes of up to 30 children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Surrey County Council set clear guidelines on admissions and this can be viewed by visiting their website at: [www.surreycc.gov.uk](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk)

Our Nursery provides 52 part-time places (26 children in each morning and afternoon session). Parents of nursery age children can apply directly to the school.

More information about our school can be found on our website. We hope you have found this brochure helpful and look forward to showing you around our school!



[www.longditton.surrey.sch.uk](http://www.longditton.surrey.sch.uk)