



Ridgeway Primary Academy

Prospectus

Welcome

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At Ridgeway Primary Academy we believe in forging exceptional individuals; children who are strong and successful, who aspire beyond the ordinary and who are recognised for being unique, special and incredible. We do this by providing them with a safe, secure and nurturing environment where teachers impart knowledge and inspire a love of learning; and thanks to our broad curriculum, they are encouraged to delve into subjects and become absorbed by new ideas.



We use a range of nationally recognised schemes as part of our ambitious curriculum offer and strive for exceptional outcomes for all pupils. We offer enrichment opportunities that spark imagination; clubs and Ambassador programmes that foster creativity, a passion for sport and a pride in their community, and we place a genuine focus on our children's wellbeing. We see the whole child and are there to support every aspect of their life at school. We welcome the opportunity to work alongside our parents, and our door is always open. We cannot wait to show you around Ridgeway and in turn, welcome you to our school.

Sally Applebee, Headteacher

Vision and Values

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Our Values are linked to our Gold Awards whereby children who demonstrate these receive a certificate in our Celebration Assembly. We also have three school wide rules we expect the children to adhere to every day.



Resilience
Kindness
Curiosity
Joy
Self-control
Bravery
Aspiration



Ready



Respectful



Safe

Our school motto is designed to inspire and build belief in our children.

"Forging Exceptional Individuals"

Ofsted - 2026

Ridgeway was last inspected in February 2026.

"Pupils enjoy coming to school, so they attend regularly. They value the well-established positive ethos at the school. Pupils know that learning is important. In lessons, during play time and while moving around the school, they behave well and feel safe. When interacting with each other and with adults at school, they are polite and show manners. Bullying is rare. When it happens, leaders deal with it swiftly and effectively."

- Pupils play well together on the playground. Children in the early years learn how to share and take turns. Pupils are well-equipped to build positive friendships.
- Children (in Reception) learn the knowledge and skills they need to be ready for Year 1. They enjoy exploring the well-considered learning opportunities in Reception Year. Staff model sophisticated language and support children to extend their choice of words. Staff also ensure that children learn what they need to start reading and writing fluently.



Please see our website for further details.



Curriculum



At Ridgeway, we believe that the curriculum is the entirety of a child's experience from Pre-School through to Year 6. It encompasses far more than the subjects taught in the classroom, including the knowledge, skills and values that children develop through assemblies, themed events, enrichment opportunities, educational visits, leadership roles and charity fundraising. Our curriculum is designed to nurture children academically, socially, emotionally and personally, ensuring they leave us as confident, capable and caring individuals.

We have lots to offer

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Whilst we have an excellent core curriculum we believe strongly in preparing children for life with a range of experiences as part of the wider curriculum including families and the community as much as possible.

Getting out and about

At Ridgeway the children will go on trips and visits in the local area and visit places of importance that support their learning. We aim for one local trip and one further afield trip in every year group. This year we are also taking the whole school to the panto at Christmas!

Visitors

We have a range of visitors come into school every year to give assemblies, workshops and talks. We have had author talks, the Police and Fire Service talk to our children about being good citizen and charities like the Dog Trust, Rainbows and LOROS talk about their fundraising work.

School Events

Families are invited to a range of events across the school year. These will include assemblies, plays, Sports Day and our annual services at the Congregational Church for Christmas and Easter.

Additional Skills

The children will have the opportunity to take part in lots of sporting events and festivals, to enjoy scooter workshops and bikeability and have access to music lessons thanks to visiting peripatetic music teachers. We have a school choir and take part in Young Voices.

Our Before and After School Club

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We provide our own Breakfast and After School Club, run by Ridgeway staff, ensuring a continuity of care for our pupils. Each day has different activities on offer for the children to keep them entertained.

Breakfast Club runs from 7.45am and After School Club offers a 4.30pm or 6pm collection time. Food is provided at Breakfast Club (toast and cereal) and during the longer After School club session - this changes daily but consists of a packed tea e.g. sandwiches and wraps with fruit and a yoghurt. For the shorter session, a snack is on offer.



During the summer, we run our own **Holiday Club** for Ridgeway pupils. This is always very popular with our families and the children love the variety of activities on offer - from arts and crafts, to sports, games, water fights, dance sessions and more!

This usually runs for two weeks in the middle of the holidays and is very popular. Early booking is recommended.

We are able to accept Childcare Vouchers.
For further details and prices, please see our website.



Admissions

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We welcome children from across Market Harborough and the surrounding villages. Our catchment area can be viewed on our website. We would always recommend putting your first choice school as your option 1, your catchment school as option 2 (if these are different) and picking a third school just to make sure you stay within the area you wish.

We operate a single time admission for all children joining us at Foundation Stage (into our Reception Class). At the age of eleven, many of our pupils transfer to the following schools: Robert Smyth Academy and Welland Park Academy.

Parents and carers need to apply for a place at our school via the local authority by mid- January and places are confirmed in April. It is important to apply on time to have the best chance of securing a place at your preferred school.

Our admissions policy and information about how to apply for a place are on our website.





Little Learners PRESCHOOL



We are delighted to be able to offer Little Learners Preschool at Ridgeway Primary Academy. Our preschool provides a fun and informal introduction to school life for children aged 3+.

Our preschoolers are part of our school family from day one. We provide a nurturing environment where children feel safe, valued and confident, preparing them socially, emotionally and academically for school.

We offer flexible, funded sessions, making us the ideal choice for busy families. Our preschool families can also book in to use our wraparound care - making life simpler for busy parents.

To book an appointment to look around please email or call the school office:

Tel: 01858 465800

Email - office@rpa.learnat.uk



Our school & classes

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Our school opened its doors for the first time in 1972, and over the past 50+ years we have welcomed thousands of children into our classrooms, with many generations of the same family enrolling over the years. Our school day runs from 8.45am - 3.15pm.

We are a single form entry school, with a preschool, meaning our children feel settled and part of a school family from day one. All our classes are named after birds, reflecting our love of nature and our desire to care for our children as they learn to fly.

At Ridgeway, we have an informal internal provision called The Hive for children with SEN. We are not a specialist setting and not recognised as a formal Enhanced Resource base for Leicestershire. The Hive has been running since 2023 and is not focussed on a particular area of need; it continues to evolve, currently catering for mixed ages. We have children access this provision from years 1-6 and with varying needs. Access to the Hive is decided through consultation with the class teacher, parents and Head. For further details please see our website.

We also have a library, a kiln, a pupil kitchen and a nurture room - to provide a calm space for children when needed.

We have extensive grounds, a sensory garden, Eco Hub and a Forest School, offering a tranquil outlook and lots of space to play and explore for all our children.



School Lunches

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Meals are prepared and cooked onsite by our Miquil catering team everyday. Children can choose from a variety of hot and cold choices which are pre-booked via our Arbor App, or they can bring a packed lunch if they prefer. (Water and a mid-morning healthy snack can also be brought from home.)

All children in Reception, Year 1 & 2 are entitled to free school meals as part of the Government's Universal Free School Meals scheme. Free School Meals are also available to all children on Pupil Premium. Please contact the Office for more details.

Break and Lunch Time

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At Ridgeway we encourage the children to go outside and get as much fresh air as possible at break and lunch times. This means they are expected to come to school with suitable outdoor clothes for when it is wet or cold. Children can bring wellingtons, a change of shoes, a waterproof coat/suit or spare clothes to keep at school. We have areas for them to shelter from the heavy rain, but they will be outside in most weathers.

Evidence has shown this helps children to regulate their emotions and behaviour whilst also staying active and healthy. We have seen an increase in children's concentration and learning outputs since we have brought in this decision.

We have lots of games, toys, fancy dress clothes and activities on offer every lunchtime - meaning boring play times are a thing of the past!



We are proud to be a member of Learn Academies Trust. Learn Academies Trust was established in 2016, and comprises a mixed family of 19 Church of England and Community Primary Schools across Leicestershire, including Leicester City.

Our Church Schools also benefit from being part of the larger family of 97 schools and academies within the Diocese of Leicester. All our schools are highly inclusive. Children and families from all faiths and none are welcomed, respected and embraced equally at every one of our schools.

We believe in the power of education to transform lives.

We commit, in courageous fellowship, to the restless pursuit of our core aims of equity, well-being and excellence.



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