

The logo for Nine Mile Ride School, featuring a stylized white square and circle design. The text "Nine Mile Ride School" is written in white on a dark blue background.

**Nine Mile Ride
School**





Welcome to Nine Mile Ride

At Nine Mile Ride Primary School we take pride in developing outstanding young people by having the highest expectations of all our students and knowing each child well. We challenge our students to strive for academic, creative, emotional, sporting and personal success within a broad, vibrant and enriched curriculum. Our vision is for all students to leave Nine Mile Ride as independent learners with the knowledge, concepts, skills and attitudes to prepare them for the next stages in their education and to contribute positively to society.

Our values of being respectful, resilient, resourceful and reflective enable students to develop a personal ethic and a moral attitude that positively affects their behaviour and equips them with the skills needed for successful lives both now and in the future.

We celebrate growth mindsets and promote learning power skills to ensure that students are capable of doing new things, being creative and inventive and are not frightened to make mistakes. The careers and jobs that our children will be doing when they leave formal schooling may not have been invented yet so our focus is all about getting our students ready for life. We encourage students to take ownership of, and responsibility for, their learning and decisions, so they have the confidence and curiosity to ask questions, solve problems and communicate well.

The heart of our school ethos is inclusiveness – giving all our students an opportunity to shine, and recognising and valuing others. I am very proud and feel privileged to be Headteacher of such a great school. It can be very daunting choosing a school so if, after reading the prospectus and looking at our website, you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to ask.





Nine Mile Ride Primary School, Finchampstead, is an exciting and inspiring place to be. Our success stems from a relentless drive to put memorable learning experiences at the heart of all we do.

Our excellent Ofsted report and high academic standards are only part of our story. Our passion for building learning skills ignites in our students a lifelong zest for learning; building confidence and a resilience to succeed. We encourage students to have a growth mindset which allows them to see their ability as expandable rather than pre-determined.

We continually encourage our students to be creative thinkers and problem solvers. By navigating their natural curiosity we give children the knowledge and confidence they will need to learn and thrive in the exciting and ever changing 21st century.

We want our students to shine in whatever makes them happy so we provide many opportunities for children to develop self-expression and extend their natural talents through the arts.

Within our beautiful and extensive grounds, our school offers a magical world of discovery. Here children learn first-hand about the treasures of the natural environment whilst developing important interests and aptitudes that we hope will develop into life-long passions.

Children have just one childhood; we believe their primary school experience should be magical and wondrous, filled with inspirational and unforgettable learning experiences. At Nine Mile Ride, we know it is both our duty and privilege to help children delight in their precious childhood years, building a solid foundation for the rest of their lives.

Introduction



‘Nine Mile Ride Primary School is a happy and vibrant school where everyone works together to develop lifelong learners. We firmly believe that every child deserves to be successful and our privileged role is to nurture and develop our students so that they achieve, shine and believe that anything is possible.’

Environment

**‘Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education.’
Martin Luther King**



The primary school grounds are stunning and very well maintained; the site includes two designated adventure play areas; a pond; a quiet area; shaded picnic area; story circle; two tarmac playgrounds; a nature area; a maze and a gardening area where the children can get involved in growing their own fruit and vegetables. With a large playing field for team sports and numerous shaded areas, we are very grateful to be able to offer wonderful learning opportunities across the whole school.

The school building houses two Foundation Reception classes that have their own designated play area complete with indoor and outdoor continual learning space. In addition, there are four Key Stage 1 classrooms and five Key Stage 2 classrooms. All classes have access to a large hall where dance, drama and PE are taught and where we hold our school assemblies. All children have access to the Food Technology area with a fully functioning kitchen. We also have a fully operational commercial kitchen where the children’s meals are freshly prepared daily, onsite.

The library is the hub of the school; with over 8,000 books on offer to students throughout the school. The students access this wonderful resource every week where they can choose to take home both fiction and non-fiction books that interest them. Our ICT suite has 32 fully networked personal computers but we also have class sets of iPads that are used to support learning in the classroom and outside.





Curriculum

Our curriculum is based upon the belief that to be a successful learner students need a range of skills as shown below.

flair
problem-solving
grit
communication
resilience
critical-thinking
commitment
creativity
imagination
research
determination
innovation

We believe that learning the basics is important for every child and there is a strong teaching focus on this; however, it is not at the expense of a full curriculum and not solely focused on end of Key Stage results.

We foster independent learning and our carefully planned curriculum opens the doors on all sorts of opportunities, resulting in children who are highly-motivated, creative and enthusiastic in all that they do. Through real-life and connected learning in the classroom and outdoors, our children gain knowledge and become effective problem solvers.

Our learning stretches beyond the classroom. Visits to places of worship, museums, galleries, theatres and castles as well as a wonderful residential trip to Osmington in Year 6 create enrichment for all. With excellent teaching, each child is helped to develop a good work ethic as well as a disciplined approach to learning.



Wider Opportunities

Nine Mile Ride places great emphasis on The Arts as we believe that learning self-expression and creativity is an integral part of personal success.

Music

All children in Year 4 learn an instrument with many other children participating in weekly 1:1 and/or group sessions. We have a dedicated music teacher and a range of passionate, peripatetic teachers who offer a range of instruments. With choir, ensembles and rock band, there are many opportunities for the children to perform and shine.

Drama

Drama is at the heart of Nine Mile Ride Primary School with many performances for all age groups taking place. Christmas productions, talent shows, Key Stage productions, poetry readings and classroom workshops are all part of the drama calendar at the school.

Art

The school corridors are like galleries to showcase children's artwork so that all students develop an appreciation for visual art and the standard of work produced is very high. Children are given the opportunity to experiment with

different media, such as clay, paint and collage through dedicated art sessions and cross-curricular work.

Physical Well-being

Sport is an essential part of school life and we are proud to hold the *Sainsbury's Gold Sports Mark* award. Wokingham Borough Sports Council has also recognised our achievements in sport by presenting us with the Primary School of the Year Award. All students participate in physical education activities which is delivered either by the highly skilled class teacher or the dedicated and passionate sports instructor, her team and visiting specialists. The school is also proud of its links with many external sports clubs, including Reading FC as part of their Premier League Primary Stars programme. Students participate in over 30 different sports and learn about the importance of exercise, diet and making healthy life choices. The school also supports the government 'Change for Life' scheme. It is important for children to experience competition and sport allows them to work as part of a team. Nine Mile Ride Primary School is proud to have represented Wokingham in the Level 3 Berkshire Games in numerous sports, for several years.





Pastoral Care

In order for our children to thrive, they need to be happy to learn and we place very high importance on nurturing our students so that they understand themselves and their emotions and can make the most of their own individual talents. Nine Mile Ride students learn to be resilient in the face of setbacks; know how to keep themselves safe and healthy; understand the society that they live in and become valued members of the community.

We believe that a nurturing environment develops healthy, happy, confident children who are ready and open to learning. As a result, Nine Mile Ride uses the 'Thrive' approach, which draws on insights from the fields of neuroscience, attachment theory and child development to provide a powerful way of working with students that supports optimal social and emotional development.

Excellent communication between child, home and school is at the heart of our pastoral care and is essential to secure the best outcomes for each student. The school welcomes feedback, operates an open-door policy and provides time to meet with parents to share successes and discuss any concerns that they feel may be impeding their child's happiness at school.

Breakfast/After School Club

Nine Mile Ride is very pleased to be able to offer our premises to an independently run After School Club called 'The Beehive', which provides care to the children during the hours of 7.30am and 9.00am, 3.00pm and 6.00pm. Please contact the supervisor, Queen Bee (manager) Kerry Leah on 07769 881946 or via email kerry Leah57@aol.com for more details.



School Day

Registration	Key Stage 2
8.40 a.m.	Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1
8.45 a.m.	Break
10.40 – 10.55 a.m.	Lunch
12.00 – 1.00 p.m.	Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1
End of day	Key Stage 2
3.00 p.m.	
3.10 p.m.	



Third Space Learning

Nine Mile Ride Primary understands that underpinning all good teaching is a foundation of strong pedagogy, expert knowledge, and flexible, reliable resources. As a result, the school is proud to be an ambassador school for Third Space Learning. This valuable online teaching model for maths supplements quality first teaching by giving identified pupils access to a weekly 1-to-1 online lesson with their own maths tutor to develop key concepts, reasoning and problem solving skills with confidence.



Uniform

Girls	Boys
Grey/navy blue skirt/pinafore dress	White shirt/polo shirt
Grey/navy blue school trousers	Grey/navy blue school trousers or shorts
White shirt or polo shirt	Navy blue Nine Mile Ride Primary School sweatshirt – NOT HOODED
Navy blue Nine Mile Ride Primary School cardigan or sweatshirt – NOT HOODED	Black/navy/grey/white socks (coloured socks are not acceptable)
Navy blue striped/checked dress in Summer	Black shoes - not trainers
Black/navy/grey/white socks (coloured socks are not acceptable)	
Black shoes - not trainers	
Sports Kit	
White t-shirt (logo preferred)	
Navy blue shorts	
Trainers	
Dark coloured track suit – NOT HOODED	
Black/navy/grey/white socks	
Micropore tape – if required for earrings	
(These items are best placed in a named drawstring bag.)	





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