



Nine Mile Ride
Primary School

Learning for Life



Why Nine Mile Ride Primary School?

Quite simply, we put children at the heart of all that we do at NMR and endeavour to do our very best for every child who joins our Nine Mile Ride family.



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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 pupils so that they achieve, shine and believe that anything is possible.

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Welcome to Nine Mile Ride Primary School

At Nine Mile Ride Primary School we firmly believe that it is our duty to offer a holistic approach to the education we deliver, and we do this by driving five key competencies across the school: **CORE; CURRICULUM; CULTURE; CHARACTER** and **COMMUNITY**.

It is a privilege to teach children and we take pride in developing outstanding teaching and learning by holding the highest expectations of all our pupils and staff; and by knowing the pupils well. We challenge our pupils to strive for academic, creative, emotional, sporting and personal accomplishment within a broad, vibrant and enriched curriculum.

Our vision: is for all pupils to leave Nine Mile Ride Primary School as independent learners with the

knowledge, concepts, skills and attitudes that make them ready for being responsible citizens of the 21st century.

Our values: of being **respectful**, **resilient**, **resourceful** and **reflective** will enable pupils to develop a personal ethic and a moral attitude that will positively affect behaviour and equip them with the skills needed for successful lives both now and in the future and contribute positively to society.



We celebrate growth mind sets and promote learning power skills to ensure that pupils are confident to try new things, are creative and inventive and 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 pupils ready for life.



Responsibility

We encourage pupils to take ownership of and responsibility for their learning and decisions, so that they have the confidence and curiosity to ask questions, solve problems and communicate well.

Inclusivity

In order to create an inclusive school where everyone can shine, we promote an ethos where we believe in all our pupils, where challenge is valued and celebrated – both within school and the wider world.

Communication

Special care is taken to build respectful relationships and educate everyone at Nine Mile Ride Primary School about the needs of others and how best to meet them. We foster open and honest communication with parents, carers and specialists and actively seek to engage with all members of the Nine Mile Ride Primary School community in a positive and supportive manner.

Preparing pupils to thrive in this ever changing world relies on parents as educators too and it is our aim that through partnership working, our pupils leave Nine Mile Ride Primary School ready and fully equipped for the next stage in their journey through life.



Curriculum for Life

Our curriculum is based upon the belief that learning is for life and that to be a successful learner at Nine Mile Ride Primary School, our curriculum must promote the acquisition of knowledge. 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.

Our carefully planned curriculum aims to introduce our pupils to the best that has been thought or said and helps fosters independent learning. We hope to open the doors on all sorts of opportunities, resulting in children who are highly-motivated, creative and enthusiastic in all that they do.

Connected Learning

Through real-life, practical learning in the classroom and outdoors, our children are encouraged to use their creativity because a creative approach for problem solving, writing or analysing is a very effective way of learning and gaining knowledge.

Enrichment

Our curriculum offer means that learning stretches beyond the classroom. Visits to places of worship, museums, galleries, theatres and castles as well as residential trips, workshops and visiting specialists creates enrichment for all.

With excellent teaching, each child is helped to develop a good work ethic as well as a disciplined approach to learning.

We recognise that children are digital natives, living their lives through technology and as such, we aim to incorporate technology in all areas of the curriculum where it will be beneficial to a child's learning.

Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn.

—Benjamin Franklin



Assessment

At Nine Mile Ride Primary School we want to see every child reach their full potential, no matter what their starting point.

We use assessment to:

- raise standards for all;
- motivate and involve children in their learning;
- inform and involve parents in their child's learning.

We track what a child can do, and what they need to do to move to make progress. It reflects the National Curriculum and allows teachers to plan lessons to address gaps in learning.

Teachers use a wide range of assessment information and their own judgements to determine the achievement levels of each child and parents are kept up to date each term.

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We are passionate about creating the right environment where children are nurtured, achieve and have their moments to shine.

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Character for Life

In order for our children to thrive, they need to be happy to learn and we place very high importance on the mental health of our pupils so that they understand themselves and their emotions and can make the most of their own individual talents.

Nine Mile Ride Primary School pupils 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 a valued member of the community. Life can be a roller coaster; however, learning to put things into context and be happy is very important.

Thrive

We believe that a safe and nurturing environment develops healthy, happy, confident pupils who are ready and open to learning.

The 'Thrive' approach, draws on insights from the fields of neuroscience, attachment theory and child development to provide a powerful way of working with pupils that supports optimal social and emotional development.

LORIC Skills

Through teaching explicit character skills, we hope that children become resilient when it comes to tackling new challenges, and they can set themselves aspirational goals. We aim to bring together the development of the whole child, developing confidence, and ultimately success, in our students. It also provides children with personal attributes essential for employability and life: **Leadership, Organisation, Resilience, Initiative and Communication.**

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Pupils' character education helps them learn to appreciate one another's differences. Everyone is welcome at this school.

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Opportunity to make a difference

Pupil voice is a central feature of Nine Mile Ride Primary School as it allows our pupils to have greater ownership of the decision-making and consultative procedures within the school; it provides the pupils with both a platform for their views and an opportunity to make a positive difference to the school community.

It also promotes understanding and raises awareness of themselves as individuals, their role in society as well as their awareness of their own and others emotional wellbeing.

Growth Mindset

At Nine Mile Ride Primary School, we shine the light on the positive and children are rewarded with smileys. These are awarded for children that demonstrate and uphold the vision and values of the school as well as demonstrate growth mindset attributes.

As a result, our pupils take ownership of and responsibility for their learning and are confident; curious, communicate well, capable of doing new things and are not frightened to make mistakes.

Culture for Life

Our **CULTURE** is based upon offering equitable challenge to all so that they strive for academic, creative, emotional, sporting and personal accomplishment within a broad, vibrant and enriched curriculum.

The Arts are an essential ingredient in our educational provision. The ways we must express ourselves creatively and holistically are keys that unlock profound human understanding and accomplishment.

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The Arts, it has been said, cannot change the world, but they may change the human beings who might change the world.

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Dance

Dance is an integral part of the Arts and we have several dance programmes, including cheer leading, hip hop, street dance and curriculum time dance. Children are given the opportunity to perform during the year in school and beyond and highlights include children having the opportunity to showcase their skills in front of their peers and also audiences of hundreds.



Drama

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



Art

The classrooms showcase pupils' artwork so that all pupils' 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, collage through dedicated art sessions and cross-curricular work.



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Our children deserve the opportunity to learn self-expression, confidence, and dedication and through our ethos, we work hard to create a sense of belonging which we hope will serve to further equip our children to succeed

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Sport for Life

At Nine Mile Ride Primary School, each child has the opportunity to engage in a wide variety of physical education activities, which includes both indoor and outdoor sessions. This is delivered either by the highly skilled class teacher or dedicated sports instructor and visiting specialists.

Sport for All

Our varied sport programme encourages teamwork, and we actively encourage as many pupils as possible to represent the school in whatever capacity and at all levels; not just the most able.

We provide pupils with excellent quality and varied sporting opportunities with children experiencing and participating in well over 30 different sports.

It is our belief that sport is an essential part of school life and develops the whole child. The many benefits include health, fitness, a growth mind set and the sense of achievement and value that active participation and successful competition can bring.

Healthy Choices

As part of our sporting programme and cross-curricular links, our pupils learn about the importance of exercise, diet and making healthy life choices. This includes a focus on physical as well as mental health.

External Links

The school is proud of its link with many external sports clubs, including Reading FC as part of their Premier League Primary Stars programme.

The school is proud to hold the Platinum Award for Sport which is evidence that sport is an integral part of what we do at Nine Mile Ride Primary School.



Competition

It is important for children to experience competition and sport allows them to work as part of a team.

Fixtures are available in a range of sports for all levels and win or lose, the NMR children always try their best.

Community for Life

The word community is, without question, central to the provision on offer to our students and being part of this community gives us a sense of belonging and enables us to share personal relatedness, embrace spirit, character, identity and pride. We endeavour to cultivate the feeling that people within our community matter and that our students need to add value to the community in which they live. Community involvement highlights that we are a part of something greater than ourselves.

As a school, we create unique community driven opportunities for our students with partners, such as Friends of Nine Mile Ride (PTA), volunteers, Local Advisors, local businesses, Trust schools, theatres groups and other schools (near and far) to name but a few.

We are invested in our students learning from others through community participation as this is an effective learning tool to encourage desirable behaviours and provide motivation. For us, it is all about

making a positive difference to our community which in turn, brings a sense of security.

Being part of this community gives us all the chance to be inspired, solve problems and share achievements. Our aim is to enhance our community through shared values, shared beliefs, trust and togetherness. Bringing together like-minded people who are headed for the same goal undoubtedly, nurtures a rewarding and engaging community that we are proud to be part of.





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Pupils thrive in this nurturing environment.

They learn and play together well. From the youngest children in Reception to the oldest in Year 6, no one is left out.

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