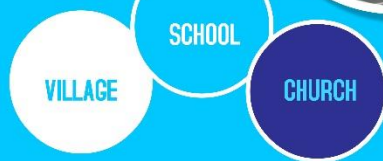


Warmingham CofE Primary School



Developing Relationships with a Rural Community

A Caring Christian Family Where We Grow Together

Key Factors

- Rebuild relationships with parents
- Active member of our church community
- Promote the trust involvement within school
- Develop links with the local community
- Support village events
- Member of the Village Hall Committee
- Promote school with the wider community

Let Your Light Shine
Matthew 5:16

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Over the last three years, we have worked hard to improve our relationship with parents and the local community as well as improving the reputation of the school within the wider community.

Below are some of the things we have put in place. All simple things, but together they have had a real impact.

Rebuilding relationships with our parents:

- Principal greets the children and parents every morning on the playground, and again at the end of the day.
- Weekly newsletter to inform parents of developments and share news.
- New parents' BBQ each September.
- Parent Council – termly meetings where parents can raise questions and share ideas.
- Meet the teachers meetings every September.
- Range of parent workshops over the course of the year.
- Staff support PTA events.
- Our school website and Facebook page are used to inform, share news and celebrate the children's work.
- Listening to and act on parents' concerns. It's vital that they feel listened to. Care is taken to provide feedback afterwards.

Raising the profile of our Trust with parents:

- Ensure parents are aware of the support we receive from our trust, the Rural Church Schools Academy Trust (RCSAT).
- Trust events – Ethos Conference, sporting events and trips.
- SEND and Pastoral Managers work across the trust.
- We restructured our governance so each of the schools in the trust have their own local governing board. Members include a reader from St Leonard's our local church, local residents and parents.
- Visible EHT who the children know well.

Improving our relationships with the local community:

- Y6 children deliver Christmas cards, selection boxes and Easter Eggs to some of the houses in the village.
- School regularly contribute to the parish magazine.
- We invite local residents and the church congregation to our church services at St Leonard's.
- Regular services in our local church – Bible presentation for our new children, Harvest, Remembrance, Christingle, Christmas Carols, Easter and Y6 Celebrations service. These services are led by the children. Rev Paul welcomes the congregation and ends with a blessing.
- Rev Paul leads worship regularly in school.
- Other vicars and readers from local churches lead at least one worship a term.
- Principal is a member of the village hall committee.
- Support village events – Warmingham Wakes, Duck Drive and Harvest Super.
- Children sing and perform some Maypole dances at the Warmingham Wakes each year.
- Our PTA run the BBQ at the Warmingham Wakes for the village.
- Decorate the children's chapel at St Leonard's each Harvest and Christmas.
- Copies of our newsletter are emailed to local residents, governors, directors and anyone who visits the school on a regular basis.

Promoting the school in the wider community:

- Facebook page, which teachers post on regularly.
- Active member of our EIP.
- Share our promotion video on the local community pages on Facebook – especially during the admissions window.
- Support other events locally, such as 'The Big Story' and Christmas Lights switch on at St Michael's in Middlewich.
- Sports' partnerships.
- Share the children's work in the CBD School Bulletin.



The Staff and pupils
of Warmingham School.

Wishing you all a Corona virus safe
New Year, I hope that you all remain well.

Thank you very much for the visit prior
to Christmas bringing a lovely card and gift
to me at my home. You were such a joy to
see and my dog - depicted on my writing paper -
was very pleased indeed to see you.

Your gift was the first I opened on
Christmas Day, I have not had a selection
box for many years, it was lovely. Yummy
with love and best wishes.



"Since moving to the area, I was
worried about the children
moving school, but Warmingham
CE Primary is such a caring,
community minded school and
my children adore it."
Parent

To Everyone at Warmingham
Primary School.
We wanted to thank you all for
the absolutely wonderful surprise

MERRY CHRISTMAS
of chocolates and the very creative
card. At the end of a really horrid
year it cheered us up so much. It is
very special to be part of such a
wonderful community.
Happy Christmas, from

"Warmingham is a small school with a BIG
heart. It's supportive, enriching and fun. I
love how all the pupils look out for each
other and support each other, a lovely
community spirit." Parent

"Warmingham Primary School is a unique and wonderful school which provides the best start in life and a great education for all of its pupils. The teachers and all of the teaching staff are 110% committed in providing the best learning opportunities and experiences. They help to engage the pupils by making the education fun by using engaging topics, music and outdoors experiences. There's a strong emphasis on good manners, mutual respect and the importance of behaviours, which I believe are equally as important as the education provided. There's a strong, supportive Principal providing clear leadership focused on ensuring pupils' wellbeing and education is at the forefront of the decisions made. I feel lucky to have my children both attend this wonderful school". Parent