



Walkwood

Church of England  Middle School



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OF ENGLAND

“The vision, in line with the Church of England’s role as the established Church, is for the common good of the whole human community and its environment, whether national, regional or local. It is hospitable to diversity, respects freedom of religion and belief, and encourages others to contribute from the depths of their own traditions and understandings.”

Deeply Christian, Serving the Common Good, 2016



“I am God, your God, who teaches you how to live right and well. I show you what to do, where to go”. *Isaiah 48:17*

Key to the school’s vision is that every individual is created in the image of God, and from this belief springs the school’s outstanding attention to individual needs, both academic and pastoral.

Walkwood’s SIAMS Inspection, March 2017



We are proud to welcome you to

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We are a middle school which educates pupils between the ages of 9 and 13 in a values-rich community. The school serves Walkwood and Headless Cross areas of Redditch, welcoming pupils between the ages of 9 – 13.

As a state-funded academy, it is our vocation, duty and delight to provide the best possible education for each pupil.

We are a very friendly and focused school. We aim to inspire every child – whatever their abilities – to achieve their very best and make a valuable contribution to the Walkwood community. We want our pupils to **love to learn**.

Our school is not just about knowledge and skills; it's also about inspiring children to look at the world differently and about challenging them to be fascinated by lessons and subjects. In this way, we encourage our pupils to **learn to live**, preparing them for an adult life in a changing world and as such we seek to equip our children for the future. We want them to excel in school ... and in later life.

We are a Church of England school, which is fully inclusive of all faiths and beliefs. While Christian principles underpin all of the school's values, we know that these morals are shared by many faiths. We look for our pupils to take into their lives beyond our school, an outlook that allows them to **live to love** the experiences, people and spirituality that they encounter.

“Remember your Creator in the days of your youth”.
Ecclesiastes 12:1

Therefore, we want pupils to:

Love to Learn,

Learn to Live,

Live to Love.

It is what good education is all about.

Our mission is to provide high quality, balanced education to pupils in an enquiring and supportive environment. Experienced and subject specialist teaching staff are dedicated to developing each individual pupil's well-being, whilst inspiring them to achieve their goals and excel in lessons.



Our School Values

Our Fruits of Faith are:



“I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name.”

John 15: 16

“God blesses those people who are like trees growing beside a stream, trees that produce fruit in season and always have leaves.”

Psalm 1: 3

Encouraging good behaviour

Walkwood Church of England Middle School actively opposes bullying, racism and discrimination. There are members of the college pastoral staff who will be able to support any issues quickly and sensitively. There are many things we can do to make a difference.



Praise and encouragement are the most important elements of developing positive relationships and friendships. We achieve this by awarding College Points and by recognising high quality work, which is celebrated during class time, college and whole-school gatherings.

We work through respectful partnerships

Not only is living and learning together, both lovingly and creatively, part of our mission, but we also work through partnerships.

This happens within the school, as staff cooperate across colleges and subjects. We also work with other educational providers.



The school day



All pupils are invited into school from 8.45 am and should be in classrooms by 8.50 am. School finishes at 3.30 pm.

Extra-curricular clubs operate throughout most of the term, ending at 4.45pm.

Time	Activity
08.50 – 09.00	Tutor time
09.00 – 09.55	Lesson 1
10.00 – 10.20	Break
10.20 – 11.15	Lesson 2
11.15 – 12.15	Lesson 3
12.15 – 13.05	Lunch
13.05 – 14.00	Lesson 4
14.00 – 14.55	Lesson 5
14.55 – 15.30	Lesson 6 <i>with tutor, includes assembly time</i>



Organisation

On arrival to school, every pupil is placed into one of four colleges. These are as follows:

- Abberley
- Bredon
- Cleeve
- Malvern



The tutor groups have pupils from each of the four year groups. This helps sustain the family-feel of our school. Each tutor will get to know only 7 or 8 new pupils each year, and is supported in doing so by the older pupils in that group.

We aim to encourage and develop a joint sense of team spirit and belonging. Pupils will represent their college in a variety of academic, sporting and non – sporting competitions. Colleges also meet weekly in an act of worship, which involves celebration of achievements too.



Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?’
And I said, ‘Here I am; send me!’ And he said, Go ...’

Isaiah 6: 8 – 9

Curriculum

A rich, broad and balanced curriculum is offered across the four years and two key stages. The planning through the four years is strong, both within each subject and across different subjects. This builds subject partnerships of ideas or concepts, which support pupils’ learning. In Year 5, pupils have a smaller number of teachers, which eases the transition from the first school curriculum.

Areas of the curriculum are:

English

Mathematics

Science

Spiritual & Social Education

History

Geography

French

Music

Design Technology

Art

ICT

Physical Education

Drama



Regular, structured homework supports and enriches the learning that goes on in the classroom.



Specialist teachers and facilities

One of the strengths of Walkwood Church of England Middle School is that we employ specialist teachers and have subject-specific facilities. This means that these specialist teachers have a greater depth of expertise and enthusiasm for their subjects.

We have:

- 3 Science labs and 2 prep. rooms
- A computing room, with a further 'break out' IT hub
- Pupil photocopiers and printers
- Changing rooms for girls and boys
- Two hard play areas
- A four – pitch sports field
- Library with ICT resources
- Food Technology room
- Workshop for Resistant Materials
- A specialist Music base with separate practice rooms
- A dedicated Art facility
- Two school halls
- External 'quiet areas' for the younger and older pupils
- Lockers for every child (at no cost)
- On – site canteen for hot and cold food preparation



Library



All pupils automatically become a member of our Library. They will have access to more than 3,500 books, including fiction, non-fiction and information books to help with school work and homework.

Books are arranged by reading ability, and the progress of each pupil's reading is monitored throughout the year.

Lockers

All pupils will be allocated a locker. There is no charge for this. Bags are to be placed in the locker in the morning and collected at the day's end. Therefore, bags do not need to be carried around the school, except taking kit to PE.



School uniform

A simple uniform is helpful in establishing good standards of appearance in school and by wearing it children quickly feel part of the community. We receive many compliments about the appearance of our pupils and are sure that you will wish to maintain this reputation.



The PE curriculum enables students to participate in a wide variety of activities which facilitates the learning of different skills. Activities include invasion games, dance and gymnastics, athletics, health related exercise and striking and fielding games. For all of these activities the school requires a PE kit to be worn to ensure safety of all pupils; even if physically unable to take part, pupils are expected to wear kit as they can develop other roles such as scorer, time keeper, coach or umpire.

Mobile phones

Pupils must hand their phones into the tutor group 'phone box' for safe keeping, and this box is handed to the school office. Pupils return to their tutor rooms before the end of the day, and phones can be collected from the tutor at that time. The devices should not be switched on until pupils have left the premises.

Music

Music is a strength at Walkwood. Our orchestra and choir practise weekly and perform at many concerts throughout the year at various venues.



Pupils who wish to play a specific instrument can have individual lessons. The school has close links with Worcestershire Youth Music and peripatetic music teachers visit to provide instrumental tuition.



Enriched Curriculum

The curriculum is enhanced for pupils within school, the local community and the wider world. We provide an abundance of opportunities at Key Stage 2 and 3. These have included theatre trips, performing in the choir and orchestra, themed days, residential trips, creative writing workshops and day visits.



We also have specific Deep Days during the academic year where the whole school is involved. These are generally based within the vertical tutor groups and can cover aspects of faith and personal well-being.

Clubs and activities

Walkwood has a wide choice of after-school clubs organised for pupils, and the possibilities change each term. Most school clubs run from 3.30 pm until 4.45 pm, and there is no charge made for these activities.

There are also clubs that take place during the school lunch time.

The current provisions can be viewed on our website:

<http://www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk/Clubs>



Partnership with parents

We believe that a good partnership between school and home is an essential element of effective education. Children's teachers, tutors and pastoral managers can be available to see parents before or after school. It is best to telephone ahead to ensure that a staff member will be available.

Our weekly newsletter, 'The Insider' informs parents about children's achievements and events in school.

The Insider

Jesus said "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." *John 10:10*



Sport



Walkwood has an impressive record of sporting achievement both at district, county and national levels. There are regular sports fixtures and competitions in a variety of sports. No payment is required to take part.

Sports clubs include:

netball
rounders
rugby
cricket

football
athletics
basketball
gymnastics

hockey
cross-country running
dance



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Admissions

To view Walkwood’s policy on admissions please visit the school website <http://www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk/Admissions>.

If your child will be joining Walkwood as a Year 5 pupil in September, use also www.worcestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions.

Parents who are thinking of applying for a place during the academic year are invited to look around Walkwood Church of England Middle School, so making an appointment to do so is not a problem.





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Ofsted

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- ✓ Students' behaviour and safety are outstanding. They are very keen to learn and are excited by their lessons and the extra activities provided for them. They are polite, kind and thoughtful and are very proud of their academy.
- ✓ Students' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development is outstanding as a result of the curriculum that students follow and the caring atmosphere that the academy provides.

