

We believe that every child should be treated as an individual and that learning should be fun, purposeful and challenging.

At Portesham Primary School we are committed to delivering inspirational teaching that develops confident learners. Our pupils take ownership of their learning, are proud of their achievements and are prepared for life in modern Britain.

The School's Vision

At Portesham Primary School we take pride in developing outstanding teaching and learning by holding the highest expectations of all our pupils, staff, parents and Governors. We know our children well. We challenge all children to strive for academic, creative, sporting and personal accomplishment within a broad, vibrant and enriched curriculum. Our students are given time to explore subjects and develop deep understanding. We celebrate resilience, resourcefulness, reflectiveness, relationships and risk taking, ensuring children welcome challenge and are not frightened to make mistakes. We encourage children to take ownership of and responsibility for their learning, so they have the confidence and curiosity to ask questions, solve problems and respond to quality feedback. Children are praised for hard work, determination and having a positive attitude.

In order to create an inclusive school where everyone can flourish, whatever their background, we promote an ethos of respect and empathy, where diversity is valued and celebrated – both within school and the wider world. Safeguarding and welfare is extremely important and there is a high emphasis on the teaching of PSHCE and RE studies. Special care is taken to educate everyone in the Portesham community about the needs of others and how best to meet them. We promote open and honest communication with parents, carers and specialists and actively seek to engage with all members of the community in a positive and supportive manner.

High quality targeted teaching is a key priority at Portesham and the relationship between staff and children underpins inspirational, supportive and effective teaching and learning. Staff are actively involved in identifying their support and training needs. Though we are a small school we play a bit part in the Chesil Educational Partnership. We actively encourage the development of links with other Chesil schools which help us grow and develop as a thriving learning environment.

It is our aim for all children to leave Portesham as independent learners with a self-belief and confidence in their own abilities. Key to our success is installing an abiding respect for others and ensuring every pupil has the opportunity to become the best they can be.