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Together with God,  
we love, learn and grow





## IT'S MY SCHOOL TOO...

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My child loves attending this school. Lots of diverse and interesting activities go on and she loves it!



# Our academy

We are a very popular Church of England Primary Academy, for 3-11 year olds, located in Long Riston, a small village located between Leven and Skirlaugh.

Our belief is that all children should be given the opportunity to achieve their best within a safe, caring and nurturing school community.

At Riston Church of England Primary Academy, we ensure that children have developed a range of qualities, attitudes and skills that will prepare them effectively for the future, underpinned by our core Christian values of Love, Trust and Friendship.

Our mission is lived out each and every day and is always led by our pupils.

We are very proud of our pivotal position at the heart of the community and we pride ourselves on our family atmosphere and our positive outlook on life. We know our

pupils well and endeavour to meet each child's particular needs.

The academy is well-resourced, with spacious classrooms and village amenities that enable us to deliver top class sports and space for play. We have invested heavily in technology which provides children with an alternative and varied platform for their learning.



# Excellence

To inspire and instil in others, the desire to be the best we can.

Pupil leadership sets us apart – our children have a pivotal role as leaders in our school. Look at our website to see the wide ranging leadership roles our pupils hold and see our pupil development plan that leads development and improvements at the school.

## Every lesson counts

We believe that through expert teaching and support, all children can achieve a high standard.

We provide a creative curriculum which is both broad and balanced and which offers all children an opportunity to develop their skills, knowledge and understanding in a full range of subject areas.

Our approach to learning fosters children's natural curiosity for discovering and learning about the world we live in.

We believe that children should have a wide range of experiences, achieving high standards in academic subjects whilst embracing the creative arts and sporting opportunities. Children enjoy and are motivated by learning. We are an active member of the local Sports partnership and regularly compete against other schools in a variety of sports.

## Strength in partnership

We value and promote effective collaboration at all levels, from within the school extending into the local community and beyond. Communication and the ability to work in partnership is a strength of the academy. We welcome and actively encourage an open dialogue with all those involved in the life of the academy and our local school community.

## High standards for all

We are a community celebrating success for all. Our expert staff team have high expectations of themselves as well as our pupils. In return, our academy provides staff with outstanding professional development.

We pride ourselves in the training opportunities to develop subject knowledge, teaching and leadership skills.



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“ Very pleased we chose this school; very good reputation; lovely staff and children; everyone is so welcoming.



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“ I am so pleased with the progress my child has made in all areas.



We want everybody to feel they belong and we enjoy opening our doors regularly to welcome parents and family members in to share the learning at Riston. When we welcome the child, we welcome the family!

# Belonging

To work together as a community, having a unique and valued part to play within our academy group.

## Feeling safe

Our academy is safe, friendly and welcoming. We have high expectations of our children's behaviour.

Pupils at Riston Church of England Primary Academy take responsibility for their own behaviour and are praised and rewarded for trying their best, for being kind, hardworking and well-behaved. Our children lead key messages on keeping safe each half term and provide regular updates. See our twitter account for information on the safety messages children lead.

## Our community

Staff at Riston work as one big team to share ideas for ensuring all children receive a rich, stimulating curriculum.

Belonging to a wider academy group means we have access to an extensive range of expertise, which contributes to improving all aspects of the experience we deliver to our children.

We have excellent links with our community, particularly with our local church St Margaret's.

## Our children

Each child is taught in the way that suits them best. For some, this might involve more personalised support – one-to-one or in small groups – and for others, it could mean stretching them more to keep them engaged.

Every child is part of a colour team. They work together to see if they can win the team trophy. Children receive team points for displaying excellent learning or living out our Christian values. Each class also works to earn Respect points, awarded for showing respect in our world.

## Parental engagement

We believe that children, parents and staff belong to a learning community. We work closely with parents to enable them to understand how they can best support their child in the learning journey. We provide opportunities during the year for parents to come in to see and learn how their child is taught and to celebrate their achievements.

Parents are also encouraged to discuss with us, at any time, individual needs or concerns. This is a very important part of the partnership.



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“ My child feels confident to have a go at anything.



# Opportunity

To give, and be given, the opportunities to grow, flourish, and celebrate success.

## Specialist teaching opportunities

We believe that children deserve high quality teaching from staff equipped with specialist training. As such we have specialist teaching in Music and Physical Education. We also work alongside academy specialists in other subjects to ensure our staff are fully trained and supported to provide excellent teaching and learning for all of our children.

## Wrap-around care

For those families who wish to access extended care facilities, we have a breakfast club that is open each day from 8am. We also run a variety of sporting, musical and creative after-school clubs which enhance the curriculum and allow pupils to engage in activities of personal interest.

## International partnerships

As a global school and member of the GLP programme we focus heavily on looking outward and learning about our neighbouring and diverse global communities. We have strong links with Sierra Leone and together with our partner school Wisdom Primary School, we are members of an International links programme. We welcome many visitors from around the world and enjoy the richness this brings to our community.

## Enrichment

We nurture the talent of all our pupils and provide a varied programme of additional activities to engage the interest of our learners. Our extracurricular programme includes opportunities for additional music, sport and the creative arts.



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School is like an extended family.

# Respect

To value, respect and care for others and ourselves.

At Riston Church of England Primary Academy, we believe that respect, well-being, self-esteem, aspiration, self-belief and understanding the values of a community are all crucial parts of the jigsaw that help us on our life-long learning journey.

## The Hive

The Hive provides our children with a place to talk about their feelings and helps our children make sense of the world from another's perspective. This area is managed by our skilled pastoral and well-being leader.





Riston Church of England Primary Academy is part of Ebor Academy Trust, a not-for-profit charity which consists of a family of schools working together. Ebor develops strong relationships

whereby strengths in all settings are shared – it's a working-with relationship rather than a doing-to relationship. We work closely to establish a partnership to benefit all

children. This is an exciting venture, in which we are build dynamic organisation to provide developmental opportunities for staff in the group and in the wider community.

## Admissions

Children having their fifth birthday between 1 September and 31 August may join Reception class in the September of that year, although they are not legally required to commence until the term after their fifth birthday.

Our nursery welcomes children the term after their third birthday. We are happy to offer the option of full 30 hour cover for all nursery children wishing to join and have a flexible approach for families wanting less hours to enable each family to select the sessions that meet their own unique needs.

We want our children to be prepared so that they have the best possible start. It is important that they do not enter formal, full-time education before they are ready. We are happy

to meet with parents in advance of children commencing education to discuss and agree with parents whether their child should start full-time or part-time in the first instance.

New parents and children are always welcome. Our pupil meet-and-greet committee will gladly show you around and you will be given the opportunity to talk to staff and the Headteacher.

We will arrange a visit to you to meet your child if they are joining in our Reception year to begin to establish a relationship with you and your child right from the start. Activities are also planned where you are welcomed with your child prior to them starting, so they are comfortable and confident in their first steps in to school.





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