

Frequently asked questions

We would rather answer these honestly here than have you wonder.

"Will my child be lonely if there are only a few children in their year group?"

Friendships in a small school form across ages, not within a single year. A Year 4 child here will have close friends in Years 3, 5 and 6. It makes for kinder playgrounds and, in our experience, children who are noticeably good at getting along with people who are not exactly like them.

"How does mixed-age teaching actually work?" Children are taught in three classes: Mars (Reception and Year 1), Saturn (Years 2 and 3) and Jupiter (Years 4, 5 and 6).

Teaching is planned so that every child works at the level they need, not the level their birthday says they should. In practice, a child who is flying is stretched by working alongside older children, and a child who needs longer gets it without any fuss or labelling. Come and watch a lesson — it is far easier to see than to describe.

"Will my child be pushed hard enough?" Yes. Our attainment data is published on this website — but more usefully, ask us at your visit what we would do with a child like yours specifically. We will give you a straight answer.

"What happens when they move to secondary school?" Our Year 6 children move on to Saffron Walden County High School, Linton Village College and Joyce Frankland Academy in Newport, and we prepare them for it deliberately — independence, organisation, speaking up, coping with change. Children from small schools often arrive at secondary more self-assured than people expect, because they have had to be visible rather than able to hide.

"What if my child has additional needs?" Then we would particularly like to meet you. Our SENCo is Mrs Jarmain, and in a school of our size, support is not a separate machine running in the corner — it is how we teach. Please see our SEND page and our SEND leaflet, or simply ring and ask to speak to us.

"Is the school building accessible?" Partly, and we would rather be straight with you than oversell it. We do have wheelchair access, but ours is an old building and moving around it in a wheelchair can be challenging in places. Our Accessibility Plan is on the Policy page.

If your child has physical or sensory needs, please ring us before you visit. We would far rather talk it through with you first than have you arrive and find something unexpected — and we would rather look together at what could be adapted than assume it cannot be done.

"What about wraparound care?" Wraparound is provided by KidzActive. Further details and current prices are on our Wraparound Care page.