



Lawn Primary School

Dear Prospective Parents

Welcome to Lawn Primary School, thank you for taking the time to come and see us in action. I hope you enjoy meeting the Lawn team – pupils, staff, parents and governors.

Firstly let me introduce myself. I am the Chair of Governors at Lawn; Ruth Larsen. I joined the Governing Board in May 2016 and I am a Senior Lecturer in History at the University of Derby. I work with the wider Governing Board to help support the staff at Lawn to provide the best possible learning experience for all of its pupils.

I appreciate that choosing your child's first school is one of the biggest decisions you will ever make. What we want to do is give you all the information you need to help make that decision. There are a number of key points you will consider.

1. How does the school 'feel' when you walk round?
2. Do our children appear happy and stimulated? Do our children behave as you would like to see your child behave?
3. Do the staff seem approachable? Will I be welcome in school?
4. What results have Lawn achieved?
5. What were the results from the latest OFSTED report?
6. What makes Lawn different to other schools?

Let us do what we can to try and answer some of these questions. The first and second question only you can answer – it would be great if you were able to give us any feedback during your visit.

DO THE STAFF SEEM APPROACHABLE? WILL I BE WELCOME IN SCHOOL?

Lawn holds many events that parents are welcome to attend. We have the normal annual events that most schools hold such as a Christmas play and sports day. In addition to these we have numerous events for you to be involved in:

- Each class has an assembly for you to come and see
- We hold stay and play mornings in infants for you to come and see your child in their classroom environment
- We have events such as money week and arts week where you are invited to see your child's work at the end of the week
- We have a choir which you will be invited to see perform
- You can volunteer to help in your child's class

Our team, the Lawn team, are extremely approachable and there are many ways to get in touch with staff and governors - face to face, phone or email.

We are very fortunate at Lawn to have a committed and dedicated team. We have numerous teacher led clubs during the school day and after school. Our mix of male and female teachers offer a wealth of experience from an eclectic and diverse background.

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We have a stable team with very low turnover. All of our team work extremely hard to give our children the best experience at Lawn they can.

WHAT RESULTS DOES LAWN ACHIEVE?

We are very proud of our results at Lawn. Last year's results were fantastic and we are significantly above the national averages and Derby averages in all areas. If you would like to see more of our results, please speak to a Governor or member of staff during your visit or email me afterwards (see below). As a Governing Board we analyse progress by class and by various different groups e.g. boys v girls. This ensures we can work with school effectively and quickly to achieve the best possible results for every single child.

OFSTED REPORT

Our last OFSTED inspection was in April 2016. The overall judgment was Outstanding in all areas. The report is on the OFSTED website and the Lawn website - www.lawn.derby.sch.uk/ofstedreport. Our Headteacher, Sarah Allison, has been instrumental in driving these changes with the Lawn team. We are very proud of the journey we have been on, and continue to be on, and we can assure you that your child will achieve their very best at Lawn.

WHAT MAKES LAWN DIFFERENT TO OTHER SCHOOLS?

As well as everything I have already mentioned, there are a number of things that make Lawn different:

- Wonderful spacious grounds
- Separate playground for Infants and Juniors, each having their own trim trail
- No mixed year group classes
- Primary school so minimal impact for children moving from Infants to Juniors – very effective straightforward transition for our children.
- Newly refurbished kitchen (summer 2014)
- Welcoming and efficient office staff
- Dedicated playworkers committed to giving your child a fun and safe lunchtime
- Safe and fully secure grounds
- Away from any main roads (minimal pollution, quiet and safer roads to cross).

LAWN GOVERNING BOARD

As a Governing Board we work in partnership with school and we challenge and support Lawn in equal measure. We are a group with differing professional backgrounds and we take part in regular training to ensure we are constantly up to date. We update you regularly in the school newsletter, produce an end of year report and hold drop-in sessions if there is something specific to talk to parents/carers about.

I do hope you have enjoyed your visit to Lawn. You might want to read our newsletters on our website to see what we are up to and or you can follow us on @lawn_school.

I'm sure you will still have some questions after you have left -please call school or email governors@lawn.derby.sch.uk or s.allison@lawn.derby.sch.uk.

Very Best Wishes

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