

A broad and balanced curriculum

Great Hollands Primary School offers a varied curriculum that is carefully designed to meet the needs of our pupils and prepare them for their next step. Learning is carefully sequenced and linked across subjects, ensuring that over time our children both know and remember more. At Great Hollands, our curriculum: recognises children's prior learning; provides first-hand learning experiences; and is underpinned by the academic rigour needed to ensure depth of learning. Throughout the school, our curriculum is complimented by learning opportunities to ensure our children's spiritual, moral, social and cultural development.

Learning and enjoyment beyond the classroom

We believe that it is essential for students to build on what they do in the classroom and to engage in activities which develop their confidence and their personal and social skills. Our students are encouraged to participate in a varied enrichment and extra-curricular programme which includes Musical Theatre, Choir, Running, Art and Football. We also hope that many pupils will visit the Tirabad Outdoor Educational Centre, located in the stunning mid-Wales countryside, part-owned by Maiden Erlegh Trust.

Maiden Erlegh Trust

Maiden Erlegh Trust is a thriving and supportive community of schools that serves families across Berkshire and Oxfordshire. Our journey started in 2011 when Maiden Erlegh School, an outstanding secondary school in Wokingham converted to academy status.

Our founding members formed Maiden Erlegh Trust in 2014 following a successful application to the Department for Education to build a new Free School in Reading. Alongside this the Trust became an approved Academy Sponsor and our Teaching School was established.


Since 2014 the Trust has grown in a steady and measured way, supporting schools from across the education sector to include primary, secondary and special education. The breadth of our provision aligns with our ethos of providing distinctive, inclusive and excellent education for all our pupils and students, whose interests are at the heart of what we do.

Applying for a place at Great Hollands Primary School

Parents of children wishing to apply for a place for their child to join Reception at Great Hollands Primary School to start school for the very first time must apply through the normal admissions process of their local authority. If you are a Bracknell Forest resident we would advise you to log your child's details with the School Admissions team via the Bracknell Forest website. If you are not a Bracknell Forest resident you can still apply for a place for your child via your home local authority. We recommend that you speak to them direct regarding their pre-admission's procedure



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PRIMARY SCHOOL



A Maiden Erlegh Trust School

Welcome to Great Hollands Primary School



We are a vibrant school full of enthusiastic learners. Our children are at the heart of every decision we make; they motivate and inspire us each day to achieve endless possibilities. The opportunities the school provides for them are relevant to their needs, both now and for the future. As part of Maiden Erlegh Trust we reflect the Trust values of **opportunity, diversity and success for all** in all we do.

In recent years, Great Hollands Primary School has transformed itself, achieving so much success in a short space of time. We have developed a culture and ethos within the school that is of high aspirations, care and a relentless drive to be better and to provide our children with the very best start in life.

We provide our pupils with the skills and knowledge to thrive in this modern world. We are rightly proud of our achievements in reading, writing and maths, yet we offer so much more – our curriculum is based on a mastery approach and every lesson and every experience is tailored towards ensuring that every pupil reaches their potential. We nurture the whole child, we strive to develop resilience, confidence and character in our children whilst developing a drive to succeed, keep safe, healthy and happy so they can play a positive and active role in the world.

In so many ways the education at Great Hollands ensures a solid and successful foundation for our children to access their next phase of education from 11 years of age. Strong partnerships with parents are part of our success, as is our committed, dedicated and talented school teaching team who strive diligently to continually improve the school for our children.

Our fabulous school environment recently redesigned and rebuilt provide us stunning learning spaces across the school designed and developed for 21st Century learning. Across the school our spaces are equipped with a host of modern systems including moveable walls and interactive touch screen displays. These bright, airy spaces alongside our amazing teaching team give our children from the Nursery upwards a superb start to their learning journey with us.

We are creating something very special in our school and I would strongly encourage you to visit us, to experience for yourself the magic of Great Hollands Primary School.

Richard Ferris
Headteacher

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Opportunity

Great Hollands Primary School is a fully comprehensive school which enables pupils of all abilities to achieve very high standards within a secure, caring community. Children from a wide range of backgrounds and with a wide range of abilities have access to a high quality education, providing them with secure foundations for secondary school and beyond. We know that pupil learning is surer and faster when schools work in close partnership with families and this is an important characteristic of our school.



understanding of other cultures. We offer a school of equal opportunity where everyone is respected and everyone respects others, so they can realise their potential in a safe and positive environment. It is important that young people develop an understanding of and empathy with the wider world.

Success

We set very high standards of behaviour, promoting traditional courtesy and British values which underpin life-long learning and achievement. Our experience has convinced us that academic success flourishes within an ethos of clear expectations. We foster the desire to learn and a love of learning which will continue into adult life. We prepare pupils as global citizens in a changing world. Through regular monitoring, pupils with their parents and teachers will know the progress they are making and what they could do to improve further.



Diversity

Pupils in our school are helped to develop socially as well as academically. We help them to develop into confident young people, motivated by a strong sense of personal worth and showing consideration for others. Our school community is diverse and we see this a strength. We feel, embrace and celebrate difference, promote acceptance, and teach an

Pastoral care

Great Hollands Primary School places the needs of each child right at the heart of what we do. The school is a happy place where children feel secure and cared for. Every pupil belongs to a mixed ability group which is both diverse and inclusive. Their class teacher is there to help your child with any pastoral needs and provides support, advice or just a listening ear.

Safeguarding and child protection

At Great Hollands Primary School we take safeguarding and child protection issues very seriously. We believe that all those who come into contact with children and families in their everyday work have a duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of children. Prior to employment all staff (paid or voluntary) are DBS checked for their suitability to work with children and young people.

Home-school partnership

A characteristic of all Maiden Erlegh Trust schools is a commitment to work with parents and carers to support the learning and welfare of children at the school and to be consistent in promoting good behaviour and discipline. We are positive about engaging with parents so that they are aware of how their child is progressing. Regularly updated information on each child's progress and achievement is made available and it is common for teachers to contact home to discuss together with parents and carers how best to support children at the school.

Provision for more able pupils

At Great Hollands Primary School, we have created an environment where success, excellence and achievement are encouraged and celebrated. Using national standards to drive our gifted and talented provision to the highest levels, we have implemented a wide range of classroom and extra curricular opportunities for our most able and gifted pupils.

A uniform school

To support our culture of high expectation, Great Hollands Primary School is a uniform school. Schools which have clear expectations about dress and appearance are more successful than those which do not. We expect pupils to present themselves very smartly for their working day and ask that parents support us in this, by providing the correct uniform items and supporting appearance expectations.

High quality staff

The expertise of the teaching team is an important characteristic of Great Hollands Primary School. All teaching staff are fully qualified graduates specialising in nursery or primary education. Teaching is characterised by well planned, engaging and participative lessons which inspire children to want to learn. A team of experienced teaching assistants and learning mentors work closely with teachers to support pupils with specific needs.