



Walkwood

Church of England  Middle School



Our Vision:

In our inclusive community,
Each valued individual is taught self-belief
We are resilient and optimistic,
Caring for ourselves and our peers.
We are Children of God, with hope,
Awe and wonder in our hearts.

Our Bible verse:

Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.
Ephesians 4:32

Our Values:

Respect Friendship Honesty Kindness

Our motto:

Respect – Believe - Succeed

“The vision, in line with the Church of England’s role as the established Church, is for the common good of the whole human community and its environment, whether national, regional or local. It is hospitable to diversity, respects freedom of religion and belief, and encourages others to contribute from the depths of their own traditions and understandings.”

Deeply Christian, Serving the Common Good, 2016



Ofsted (June 2023)

The school's ethos and values are central to every aspect of school life at Walkwood Church of England Middle School. Relationships between pupils and teachers are strong. Pupils enjoy their learning. Pupils achieve well, including those with special educational needs and / or disabilities (SEND)

SIAMS (September 2024)

Led by the vision, leaders are resolute in driving forward the work of the school. This ensures positive outcomes for pupils and adults.

Pastoral care is exceptional and extends from the school into the local community. As a result of this feeling of being treasured, lives are transformed.

There is a strong culture of togetherness, respect and trust between all members of the school community.



We are proud to welcome you to Walkwood CE Middle School

Welcome to Walkwood CE Middle School, a caring, inclusive and friendly school where we work within the heart of our community. We are a middle deemed secondary school which educates pupils between the ages of 9 and 13. The school predominantly, although not exclusively, serves the Walkwood, Crabbs Cross and Headless Cross areas of Redditch.

Our vision and values, rooted in Christian theology and embedded in all aspects of school life, shape our curriculum and provision, so that all pupils receive high quality inclusive education and an equal opportunity to learn and achieve their full potential, academically, socially and spiritually.

Through our provision, we aim to create a learning environment where a curiosity for learning is fostered so that our pupils develop a love of learning that lasts a lifetime. We set high expectations for all our pupils, both academically and socially - through the delivery of a broad, rich, stimulating education that engages all and nurtures reflective, resilient learners. Experienced and subject specialist teaching staff are dedicated to developing each individual pupil's wellbeing, while inspiring them to achieve their academic goals and to excel in lessons. Furthermore, high expectations for behaviour are integral in creating a safe and happy environment in which all children can flourish and achieve their potential.

We value working closely with our parents and carers and in collaboration with external agencies and the broader community to ensure the best outcomes for all of our pupils during their time at our school.

Collectively, we wish for our pupils to be aware of their role in the wider world; open their eyes to the diversity within it; celebrate the richness of human experience and their role within their local community and beyond. We seek to enable our pupils to make informed choices, becoming increasingly independent, to have confidence to challenge themselves and to achieve and take pride in their success along their lifelong journey of learning.



The school day

All pupils can arrive on school site from 8:30am; they are taken into class at 8:45am. Registration is at 8:50am and all pupils are expected to be in school at this time.

Extra-curricular clubs operate throughout the school year, ending at 4.45pm.

Timings of the School Day

Timings	Y5 and 7	Y6 and 8
8:50-9:20	AM registration	
9:20-10:20	Lesson 1	
10:20-10:35	Break time	
10:35-11:35	Lesson 2	
11:35-12:35	Lesson 3	
12:35-12:55	Year 5 and 7 eat lunch	Lesson 4-Y6 and 8 Tutor based
12:55-13:15	Playground	Year 6 and 8 eat lunch
13:15-13:35	Lesson 5 Y5 and 7-Tutor based	Playground
13:35-14:35	Lesson 6	
14:35-15:30	Lesson 7	
Phones to be collected from four-year group areas around the school.		



Tutor Groups and House system

At Walkwood our children are assigned to year-based tutor groups who meet together twice a day.

Every pupil is also placed into one of four houses, and these are as follows:

- Abberley
- Bredon
- Cleeve
- Malvern



We aim to encourage and develop a joint sense of team spirit and belonging. Pupils will represent their house in a variety of academic, sporting and non-sporting competitions. Heads of Year and Pastoral Managers, working alongside the tutors, are here to listen, encourage and support.

Pastoral support

Walkwood Church of England Middle School's pastoral system aims to create mechanisms and networks of support to ensure all pupils feel safe and happy in school.

Tutors have responsibility for the pastoral support of their form and offer the personal face of the school. They should be your first point of contact if you have concerns about your child's wellbeing.

Students meet daily with Tutors during morning and lunchtime tutor times, for registration, daily notices and collective worship. We aim to help our students gain confidence and maturity through meaningful discussions and consideration of themselves as part of this school and of wider society.

Each pupil has a designated Head of Year and Pastoral Manager who offer support for complex or ongoing issues in school. Tutors meet regularly with Head of Year and Pastoral Managers to discuss concerns and methods of support. Each week behaviour and wellbeing is reviewed as part of behaviour and inclusion meetings to help the pastoral team identify the right support at the right time for pupils.

We feel that the most fulfilled, happy, successful and interesting people balance a busy, challenging work life with a variety of other activities and hobbies. At Walkwood Church of England Middle School, students are offered a wide range of extra-curricular activities to further their personal development, not only to increase their future options and wellbeing, but also to make a valued contribution to the life of the school. We have a strong behaviour



policy in conjunction with a desire for the students to behave and act in a responsible and respectful manner within our community.

Safeguarding

At Walkwood Church of England Middle School, the health, safety and well-being of every child is paramount. We listen to our pupils and take seriously what they communicate to us or tell us. Our aim is for children to enjoy their time as pupils in this school and feel safe. We want to work in partnership with you to help your child achieve their full potential and make a positive contribution.

Walkwood Church of England Middle School fully recognises its responsibilities for safeguarding children. Our policy applies to all staff, governors and volunteers working in the school.

We are committed to:

- establishing and maintaining an ethos where children feel safe, secure, valued and respected, and are encouraged to talk openly and are always listened to;
- ensuring that all children know there is an adult in school whom they can approach if they are worried or in difficulty;
- including opportunities in the PSHE lessons and the IT curriculum to explore aspects of keeping safe, both in and out of school

“Pupils feel safe at school. They are confident that if they have a problem there will be someone to talk to, and they will always receive help.” Ofsted Report, June 2023

Partnership with parents and carers

We believe that a good partnership between school and home is an essential element of effective education. Children’s teachers, tutors and pastoral managers can be available to see parents before or after school. It is best to telephone ahead to ensure that a staff member will be available.

Our weekly newsletter, informs parents about children’s achievements and events in school. Communications are also posted via our school Facebook and twitter account.

“Staff work closely with families to provide support. They call upon an extensive range of external agencies to provide additional support when it is needed.” Ofsted Report, June 2023



Collective Worship

As a Church of England School, we hold daily, invitational worship. Each term, the children will focus on a different value, and these values will underpin the content of the collective worship. During this reflective time, children have the opportunity to explore these values, offer their thoughts and to ask questions within a safe environment.

Curriculum

At Walkwood CE Middle School we offer an inclusive broad and balanced curriculum that inspires and engages our learners and nurtures a passion for learning in all children. We aim to challenge all our children within a safe and supportive environment, encouraging them to become reflective, resilient learners and to achieve academic excellence.

Areas of the curriculum are:

English	Mathematics	Science
History	Geography	French
Music	Design Technology	Art
Computing	Physical Education	Careers (Y8)
Religious Education	PSHE	

Regular, structured homework supports and enriches the learning that goes on in the classroom.

“Leaders have created a curriculum that is ambitious for all pupils. Leaders ensure that all pupils, including those with SEND, follow a broad and balanced range of subjects” Ofsted Report, June 2023

“Subject leaders have thought carefully about what pupils should know, do and understand in each subject.” Ofsted Report, June 2023

Specialist teachers and facilities

One of the strengths at Walkwood Church of England Middle School is that we employ specialist teachers and have subject-specific facilities. This means that there is specialist teaching facilities for pupils in each of the four middle school years.

We have:

- 3 Science labs and 2 prep. rooms
- Computing facilities
- Two playgrounds
- A large sports field



- Library with ICT resources
- Food Technology room
- Workshop for Resistant Materials
- A specialist Music base with separate practice rooms
- A dedicated Art facility
- Main hall with a stage and gym equipment
- External 'quiet areas' for pupils to access
- Lockers for every child
- Canteen

Library and reading

All pupils automatically become a member of our Library and have access to a huge variety of books, including fiction and non-fiction, which are arranged by Book Level.

Reading for empowerment is a key strength of the school. This involves developing pupils into fluent and confident readers. There is regular assessment of pupils' reading ages, with individual support and extra reading practice are provided for those who need to improve.

"Reading is a priority for leaders. They have ensured that it is a feature in all subjects. As a result, pupils read widely and often." Ofsted Report, June 2023

Music

At Walkwood we have a rich musical curriculum. With specialist teaching, all pupils experience this subject in each of their four years. Our orchestra and choir practice weekly and perform at concerts throughout the year.

We offer instrumental lessons by a team of peripatetic teachers. Instrumental tuition is offered in the following instruments:

- Strings: Violin, Cello
- Woodwind: Flute, Saxophone, Clarinet
- Guitar
- Piano and Keyboard
- Singing
- Drum Kit

Please explore our school website to find out more about our curriculum offer.



Promoting positive behaviour

At Walkwood CE Middle School, we promote high standards for behaviour across the school, enabling a calm, purposeful and happy learning environment for children and adults. We teach and encourage children to develop self-discipline as well as showing respect and consideration for others and for themselves.

Rewarding positive behaviour is an integral part of our work and this is done in a variety of ways.

- Teachers praise readily and award epraise points.
- Teachers provide written positive comments in pupils' work.
- Pupils' work is displayed as much as possible in the school.
- Self-assessment is in place within the school. The objectives are to encourage pupils to see themselves in a positive light, look for their successes and identify and celebrate their strengths and talents.

Above all, individual praise and encouragement is given to pupils' regularly in lessons and about their conduct in and about the school. To reinforce this, points will be awarded to pupils, which will also go towards their house total. This system is called "ePraise".

Special Educational Needs & Disabilities

It is our belief at Walkwood that all children have an equal right to a holistic and well-rounded education which will enable them to achieve their full potential regardless of ability in accordance with the Code of Practice (2015) and Equality Act (2010). We passionately believe that every teacher is a teacher of every child, including those with Special Educational Needs. Our curriculum ensures that as a school we meet the needs of all learners.

'Pupils who have SEND receive effective support. This is because leaders have established effective systems to identify their needs and to provide appropriate support. They ensure that pupils with SEND access the full curriculum'. Ofsted Report, June 2023

We follow the graduated response, responding to the needs of all our pupils and ensuring these are effectively communicated across the school. We adhere to and follow the Worcestershire local offer as well as working with a range of multi external agencies to source the correct support for learners.

Within our school we meet the diverse needs of all learners to ensure inclusion for all and equip our pupils that are in our care by ensuring they are prepared for lifelong learning beyond Walkwood Church of England Middle School.



Enriched Curriculum

The curriculum is enhanced for pupils within school, the local community and the wider world. We provide an abundance of opportunities at Key Stage 2 and 3. These have included theatre trips, performing in the choir and orchestra, themed days, residential trips, creative writing workshops and day visits.

Clubs and activities

Walkwood has a wide choice of after-school clubs organised for pupils, and the possibilities change each term. Most school clubs run from 3.30 pm until 4.45 pm.

There are also clubs that take place during the school lunch time.

The current provisions can be viewed on our website:

<http://www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk/Clubs>

Sport

Walkwood has an impressive record of sporting achievement both at district, county and national levels. There are regular sports fixtures and competitions in a variety of sports.

School uniform

At Walkwood CE Middle School, we take pride in our uniform and looking smart at all times. It enables us to establish high standards of appearance in school and by wearing it, children feel part of our community. We robustly uphold our School Uniform Policy, including our PE kit. A copy of this policy is available on our school website.

Lockers

Every child will be allocated a locker, within which pupils may place a coat and/or PE kit. There is no charge for the use of the locker. Pupils can carry their bags around from lesson to lesson, enabling pupils to reach lessons swiftly, with all the items they need.

Mobile phones

Pupils are allowed to bring mobile phones into school, as we appreciate that this can ensure their safety on the way to and from school. However, mobile phones must be turned off at all times during the school day. Pupils must hand their phones into the tutor group box for safe keeping. The school will not accept any liability for the loss, theft or damage of a mobile phone. Phones can be collected at 3:30pm and they should not be switched on until pupils have left the premises.



Admissions

To view Walkwood's policy on admissions please visit the school website
<http://www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk/Admissions>.

If your child will be joining Walkwood as a Year 5 pupil in September, use also
www.worcestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions.

Parents who are thinking of applying for a place during the academic year are invited to look around Walkwood Church of England Middle School, so making an appointment to do so is not a problem.



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