

## Campaign Curriculum

Our *Gainsborough Keeps* are centred around our whole school motto:

*"Excellence in learning. Always Striving."*

The Keeps represent the areas in life which we are encouraging our children to continually show excellence in, in order to support them as life-long learners and responsible citizens.

**Keep Safe** Teaching children how to keep themselves and others safe in different areas in life such as online safety and showing safe behaviours.

**Keep Healthy** Teaching children how to keep their bodies and minds healthy. Through social and emotional interventions, sports and healthy eating.

**Keep Connected** Keeping connected with what is happening in the world around us. Encouraging children to share their opinions and have their voice heard through campaigns organised.

**Keep Giving** Working to support others to have their rights met in our community, country and around the world. Supporting different charities and organisation that will enable this.

**Keep Green** To work together to look after our environment, making it a nice place for others to live, go to school or work there.

**Keep Kind** To develop strategies to manage feelings and emotions to promote positive relationships that support learning and development.

## Specialist Teachers

We have specialist music teachers for PE, Spanish, Music and Art. This means we take part in local and national initiatives all year round in from Nursery to Year 6.

Children's talents are harvested and nurtured by these professionals and where there are key strengths these are noticed and built on.

**PE** half termly PA competitions for teams in may sports

Participations in Hackney Sports Events

Sports ambassadors and Schools Games accredited

**Music**—Participation in Hackney and London annual events at prestigious venues . KS 2 music tuition.

KS 2 instrument tuition per year group.

**Art**— annual gallery visits and workshops from a range of local artists

**Spanish**—Hackney Silver Spanish award Links with Spanish schools

**And lots, lots more!**

## Why Choose Gainsborough



### Who We Are

**We have created this leaflet to help you understand our vision at Gainsborough Primary.**

Gainsborough is a two form entry primary school in the heart of Hackney Wick. The children in our care range from two to eleven years of age.

Our Executive Headteacher, Jenna Clark, is a highly experienced Headteacher who leads both St John and St James C of E Primary and Gainsborough Primary. SJSJ is a well established, outstanding school and Gainsborough has seen huge improvements on it's journey to outstanding since 2014.

We belong to the Primary Advantage Federation; a group of eight good and outstanding schools, working together because we believe our schools can gain many benefits from working collaboratively.

We have made a commitment to a shared responsibility to the wider school community and the improvement of life chances for pupils in the community beyond that of our own schools.

#### Unique to Gainsborough, we offer:

- **Free school meals for all children**
- **Free uniform upon starting at**
- **Free full-time Nursery places for all Nursery**

## EYFS

We know that early intervention, relationships and support are the most important aspect of a children's school career. We are proud to run an outstanding Early Year's setting offering:

- Children's centre offering 2 year old provision
- Nursery offering 3 and 4 year old spaces
- Reception
- EYFSP results— consistently in line with Hackney and exceeding national
- Curriculum— a thematic approach using Talk for Writing and RWI in Literacy and PA Maths.
- Family Fridays for parents
- Special books and reading, writing and maths books from Reception
- Forest School weekly in Reception
- Specialist teachers for our youngest learners in Music, Art, PE and Spanish

## Pastoral Care

At Gainsborough we are dedicated to ensuring all children are happy, engaged and well looked after. We do this through:

- All staff understanding and promoting the health and well-being of all children
- Safeguarding
- Ensuring excellent parent relationships through our family liaison officer run PTA coffee meetings
- Response to family needs
- Weekly support for children who need that little bit extra
- Circle of friends groups
- Happy to be me to support less confident children
- Excellent links with outside agencies when school staff or families need a little more

## Achievements

Our EYFS and Phonics results are **in line with Hackney and above National averages** and have been for three years.

Our Key Stage 1 results are **in line with local and national results** and have been for 3 years.

Our Key Stage 2 results are **in line with local and national averages** for age expected in reading, writing and maths. We are now aiming to get more children to be above national at the higher levels in reading, writing and maths.

Every single child every year is counted in this data. For a fully inclusive school this is quite an achievement as every year we have pupils that won't sit the end of key stage tests.

**For more info please see our website.**

## Parent & Community Involvement

We pride ourselves on our school home relationships and understand that sharing knowledge about our children is the way we can achieve the best for our children.

We run half termly parent in class events, class assemblies, workshops,

We run weekly coffee mornings to discuss topical issues and have a very supportive PTA.

**Parent volunteers are always welcome!**

## Curriculum

Our curriculum covers all of National Curriculum objectives and is designed to engage and inspire our pupils. We cover local area topics to explore our changing environment and take into account our children's interests, cultural references and experiences.

An example of a topic would be:

### Year 5 Rivers

**Why are rivers important to our cities?**

**What rivers can we identify across the globe?**

**What can we see in our river based city?**

**What are the features of a river?**

This topic would answer these questions through River Cruises on the Thames, the use of digital maps and compare modern and olden day river uses using museum visits, film and non fiction texts.

Children link each topic to writing so they have a real experience to draw on. In this unit they write a poem based on their river trip, a non fictional text explaining what a river is and a story based on the text Journey to the River Sea, Eva Ibbotson.

## Rights Respecting School

At Gainsborough, our code of conduct is based on the Gainsborough Goals. These are a set of statements linked to the UNICEF Children's Rights in School. We are a Right's Respecting School and these values underpin every aspect of our school community. Each of our Gainsborough Goals is directly linked to, and in support of, one of the UNICEF Children's Rights.

In 2018, Gainsborough achieved a silver award as a Right Respecting School.

## Trips

**We ensure real life experiences hook our children into classroom based learning. Children go on trips every half term linked to topics. Here is a taste of some of the trips:**

**Nursery:** Mudchute Farm, Olympic Park, Ridley Road

**Reception:** Forest school, Zoolab, Victoria Park

**Year 1** Beach, Aquarium, Fire Station, Toy Museum

**Year 2** Kew Gardens, Buckingham Palace, Transport

**Year 3** Countryside Live, Cutty Sark, Horniman

**Year 4** City Airport, Science Museum, Natural History

**Year 5** Docklands Museum, Greenwich Observatory

**Year 6** Imperial War, Houses of Parliament, Kench Hill