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Dear Parents & Carers

We hope this prospectus will help you understand why Riccall School is a very special community, and why we all take great pride in our school.

At Riccall School we nurture the whole child; their physical and creative skills, their academic and emotional development and we foster a positive attitude to learning. We are an inclusive school and we value all our children, we are proud of the support we provide for all children including those who are very capable. Our school motto is to "Be the best that we can be" and we encourage and challenge children to do just that.

When ever possible we seek to make learning active and fun. Children enjoy a rich variety of school trips and we encourage authors and artists into school. We provide a wide range of after school and lunch time clubs too. The curriculum is carefully planned to make it varied and stimulating and our investment in ICT has made a huge impact. We have developed our school grounds to create a wonderful outdoor learning environment including a beautiful sensory garden complete with a pond, an early years' outdoor area with play areas and vegetable garden, low level climbing equipment and large playing fields.

Riccall School is a community school and we are proud of the links we have within the community. We are also very aware of our place in the wider world and children are encouraged to respect cultures and beliefs different from their own. We are building links with a school in Kenya to support tolerance and understanding.

Our partnership with parents is extremely important and we are always seeking ways to develop this further. Parents are warmly welcomed into school to help, there is an active Parents' Association and we now have a Parents' Forum which provides opportunities every term for parents to come into school and discuss topical educational issues. We hold Open Afternoons every year to give parents the opportunity to see Riccall School in action. We actively encourage parents and carers to come into school and see either the class teacher or me if they have any worries or concerns, small problems addressed early can often be solved more quickly.

Parents are very welcome to make an appointment to visit the school and discuss our philosophy and practice further. We would encourage you to bring your child too.

We look forward to meeting you.

Sue Taylor



The Governing Body aims to ensure that Riccall Community Primary School is a caring and trusting community where everyone feels valued and secure as they learn. It endeavours to provide a firm foundation of learning that encourages children to explore and pursue a greater understanding of the world around them. This will be developed through a stimulating and happy environment, where skills are taught, learned and applied in a relevant and meaningful way.

The Governing Body will encourage children to develop enquiring minds, self confidence, while being aware of and sensitive to, the needs and feelings of others.

The Governing Body recognises and understands that children are individuals who develop at different rates according to their own aptitudes and physical and mental abilities. It will encourage all children to realise their potential.

It is the Governing Body's aim that when all children move on from Riccall Community Primary School they will be independent learners who take with them sound academic foundations on which to build. They should be also responsible members of society having confidence in themselves, tolerance, thoughtfulness and consideration of others, and an awareness of their local and global environment.

The Governing body fully endorses the five outcomes of Every Child Matters and will seek to ensure through the above aims and objectives that all children are healthy, safe, enjoy and achieve, make a positive contribution, and achieve economic wellbeing.

The Governing Body fully endorse Riccall Community Primary School's aim to

***'Be the best that we can be'.***

## VALUE STATEMENT

Our school is welcoming, safe and supportive. We encourage the joy of learning, now and always. Making learning interesting, fun and stimulating is at the heart of what we do. Reflection is important. Time to think about our feelings, our behaviour and what is special, really matters, and helps us to grow. We want to make a positive difference, contribute to society and understand our role in a fast-changing world.

### AIMS OF THE SCHOOL

- To have fun and be excited by new discoveries every day
- To have the courage to try new things and the confidences to learn from all our experiences
- To take pride in our school and all that we achieve together
- To be kind in what we say and considerate in what we do
- To lead healthy lives and keep ourselves safe
- To care for other people and the world we live in
- To aim high and reach for the sky



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