

**NOVA**

Primary Academy  
*Ambitious and Proud*

# SCHOOL PROSPECTUS

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## About us

We are delighted you have shown an interest in your child attending our wonderful school.

Nova Primary Academy is a two form entry school set within extensive grounds in South Bretton. We serve the local community but we welcome pupils from all over the city.

We have a new aspirational Headteacher with a vision for improvement, driving up standards and introducing new exciting experiences and plans for Nova pupils, including a new 'Ambitions Curriculum'.

We have a dedicated team of staff who are committed to providing a high quality learning environment where children can achieve and enjoy all areas.



**PETERBOROUGH KEYS**  
ACADEMIES TRUST

We are a proud founding member of the Peterborough Keys Academy Trust (PKAT).



# A welcome from our Headteacher

**We are aware that you are trusting us to ensure your child's primary education is a success and we do not take this responsibility lightly.**

We are on a mission to create a school which enables all pupils to believe that anything is possible and that there are no limits to their potential and achievements. The universe is limitless and their time with us is the beginning of their journey into a world of discovery, possibilities, and adventure. In April 2023, we officially became Nova Primary Academy. Nova means 'new' and also means 'a sudden burst of energy and light within a star – almost like an explosion'.

Our pupils are beams of light, with so much potential. Our ethos is one of calm, purposeful learning, within a harmonious and inclusive community. We have high expectations for all our pupils and staff and consider our families to be partners, recognising the vital role that they play. We want to work together as a team, to fully realise the potential of all of our children.

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Our new school logo reflects our aspirational vision, complementing our new cosmic class names and our STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) focus. We are developing new facilities in the school to ensure that children have opportunities to investigate, build and create. This alongside our new Ambitions Curriculum and our links with local businesses means that this is an incredibly exciting time for the school.

As a community school, we recognise our responsibilities and use our moral compass to make vital decisions to support the lives of our families and have done this by funding new uniform in April 2023, setting up a wrap-around care provision (breakfast and after school club in 2022), offering a hot bagel to all children every morning and funding trips and visits to ensure our children flourish. We will continue in this mission with determination and purpose.

Nova Primary Academy will inspire curiosity and a real love of learning and have each child's wellbeing at heart and underpinning all of this will be joy. Nova staff will strive to ensure that all our children feel that they are an integral part of our Nova Academy family.

We are ambitious for ourselves; we are ambitious for our pupils; we are ambitious for our community. We warmly welcome prospective families to visit the school at any time.

Mrs Alma McGonigle

Headteacher

Nova Primary Academy is a proud member of the Peterborough Keys Academies Trust.

## We are Ambitious and Proud



# About us

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We are part of a Multi- Academy Trust, the Peterborough Keys Academy Trust (PKAT). We work together to ensure pupil achievement and well-being and strive to provide the very best experience for our pupils.

Nova Primary Academy is a happy school. We are proud of our lovely pupils; they work hard, behave well and enjoy all that school has to offer. Our ethos is one of calm, purposeful learning, within a harmonious and inclusive community.

Our recent Ofsted report commented that at Nova, ‘children feel and are safe’, ‘bullying is rare’, and ‘they have respect for themselves and others’.

Inspectors also recognised that the ‘personal development of pupils at Nova prepares pupils to live happily alongside those with different lifestyles and beliefs’ demonstrating our inclusive values.

We have high expectations for all our pupils and staff. We believe that all children should develop into independent, skilled and confident young citizens, ready to meet the challenges of modern day life and to strive to become the best that they can be.

We view parents as partners, recognising the vital role that they play. We want to work together as a team, to fully realise the potential of your child.





# We believe in the Nova Way!

A set of principles that we value and that will allow every child to grow as a young person and to fulfil their potential.

## The

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**avigating a path to a future full of possibilities**



**vercoming barriers to reach our very best**

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**aluing and respecting our differences**

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**iming for the stars and chasing dreams**

## Way

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# Starting school at Nova Primary Academy

## Privilege

**We recognise what a privilege it is to nurture a child from their very first steps in EYFS.**



## Provision

**We have a wonderful outdoor provision which encourages curiosity, investigation and co-operation**



**These opportunities continue in our continuous provision within the classroom**

# Reading in EYFS

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We use a phonics scheme called Read Write Inc the children start these lessons within the first two weeks of school.

Reading for pleasure is also a priority throughout the school and every day your child will bring home a book to share with you from their book corner. We have also have 3 key authors in EYFS and the children read these book over and over again with their teacher and by themselves.



An example of some of the books by these key authors.



# Beyond EYFS

Choosing a school for your child is such an important decision, we know that you will want to find out what we can offer your child for the rest of their time at Nova.

## Reading

Based on extensive research, **Success For All**, is a Literacy programme for teaching reading and speaking and listening .

The programme covers the important elements of Literacy, including reading, speaking and listening from Year 3 to Year 6. It helps to develop aspects of learning behaviour through the use of Co-operative learning strategies. Children also learn to work with others, as a team and with partners. Partner and team talk is encouraged and children make progress in lessons as a result of this. An ideal SFA lesson should mean that the children are constructively talking far more than the teachers!

Children continue to learn reading through phonics until they can decode fluently. They are then introduced to a range of high quality texts matched to their reading levels



## Writing

Writing is closely linked to reading and teachers often use books as a starting point for a wide range of different pieces of writing. Children are taught handwriting daily and have weekly spelling assessments.



## Maths

Like many other schools in the country, we follow the **White Rose Maths** curriculum which presents opportunities for children to engage in maths in concrete, pictorial and abstract ways. Children have weekly arithmetic skills tests and use **TT Rockstars** to develop their times tables fluency.



Year 1 Autumn Term

Technology Baby Bear's Chair	Reading for pleasure Our key author this term is Julia Donaldson. We will also be sharing stories about toys	Com... Grouping and... Pictograms Lego builders
Music Rhythm and pitch.	Writing Bear Stories Jack and the Beanstalk Autumn Walk recount	PHSE and Keeping Safe Rules Friendship E Safety Feelings Opinions
Reading The Chick	Science Everyday Materials Animals including humans	R.E. Harvest; who celebrates harvest and why?

# Ambitions Curriculum

In September 2022, we launched our Ambitions Curriculum. We have redesigned our curriculum to promote key skills and knowledge. Children are encouraged to think and learn like historians, geographers, artists and designers. Each year group plans an exciting termly overview which is shared with parents. Friday newsletters let parents know what learning will be taking place the next week so you can share in your child's learning journey. Parents are invited in to termly year group assemblies to celebrate the learning and work the children have been doing in class.

## Nova Deaf Hub

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### What is a hub?

There are many hubs in different schools across Peterborough. In our school we have the Peterborough Primary Hub for pupils with Hearing Impairment.

Our hub has two roles:

- To support other schools
- To support a small number of pupils who may find that they need communication support, due to a hearing impairment, to access the learning opportunities in a mainstream school.

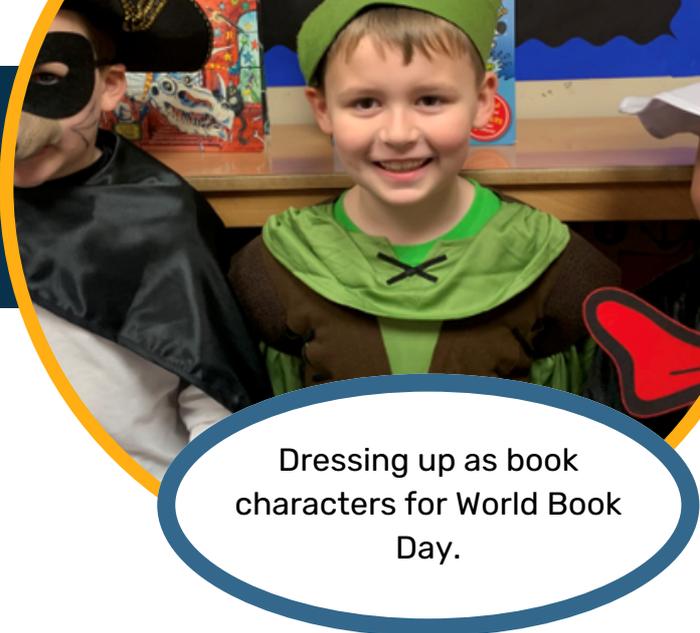
### What do we do at Nova Primary Academy?

- We work with specialist services, to provide pupils with appropriate and individualised support, so that all pupils feel they belong and are fully involved in school life.
- Hub staff support the pupils to access all areas of learning and many extracurricular activities
- We are a deaf aware school and the hub staff have a supportive role in maintaining deaf awareness with the school environment and provision
- Hub staff work with the Teachers of the Deaf to develop up to date knowledge and expertise in HI equipment and can support children and staff with equipment issues.
- Hub staff have BSL qualifications and knowledge to support language development and communication across the school

We are so proud of our specialist Deaf Hub. Ofsted Inspectors reported that, 'The provision for deaf pupils and those with hearing impairment is well developed. These pupils learn how to be successful in school and the wider world.'

# School events and celebrations

We make the most of every opportunity to come together as a school community to celebrate events such as World Book Day, the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and Children in Need.



Dressing up as book characters for World Book Day.



Year 6 children at the outdoor adventure day.

# School trips and visits in the past year

- Farm on the Field
- 'Encanto' Theatre Trip
- Fitzwilliam Museum Trip
- Residential Young Explorer Trip
- OAA Grafham Water Day
- Peterborough Cathedral

# Roles and responsibilities

Across the school, children are given roles and responsibilities to help develop their leadership skills. These include School Councillors, Keepers of the Books, House Captains, Play Buddies and Anti Bullying Ambassadors.



Keepers of the books tidy book corners each day

# Breakfast for all

Since January 2022, we have provided a breakfast bagel for all pupils when they arrive at school as we recognise that no child can engage in their learning if they are hungry.



## Our school mascots

Marvin and Minnie are our school mascots. They look after children who are having a difficult day and go with the children on all their school trips and visits.



## Clubs and activities

We offer an extensive range of activities to all pupils in the school including girls and boys football, Lego, coding, country dancing, sign language and yoga! Children performed at the Cresset Theatre in dance and singing.

We are proud of our sporting achievements, reaching the national finals of NFL Flag and regional finals in both girls and boys football in 2022. Children compete against other local schools and also take part in Trust competitions.



## Wrap around care

With support from Cross Keys Housing, we are able to offer wrap around care at a greatly reduced price (50% reduced fee) to support our parents. This out of hours child care is offered through Simply Out of School and takes place in the community centre next to the school.



# Thank you!



**Thank-you for taking the time to read our school prospectus. We welcome further questions and conversations using the contact details below.**

**We hope that this prospectus gives you a brief insight into our fantastic school.**

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