





## MISSION STATEMENT

We aim to foster a culture of success through:

- placing learning at the heart of our community
- developing resilient and resourceful pupils
- adapting and applying skills for flexible life-long learning
- preparing pupils for a rapidly changing global environment



## WELCOME

**I am delighted to welcome you to the primary phase of Helena Romanes School.**



At Helena Romanes we believe that all children have the right to the best possible education. Our aim is for every child in our school to feel both inspired and supported to achieve their academic, social and personal best. We want each child's experience of primary school to be full of joy and wonder as they learn and achieve, make friends and discover the world around them.

Our primary phase was established in September 2021 and we will now continue to grow year on year until our first cohort joins the secondary phase, completing our expansion as an all through school. We aim to maintain the distinctive, nurturing ethos of a primary school, whilst also having the ability to expand on the traditional primary school offer, allowing children to experience a broad curriculum with access to enthusiastic subject specialists and resources.

We hope the following information will provide an insight into our school, but we would also encourage you to come and visit us. We offer a warm welcome, and would be very happy to show you around.

Kind regards,

**Jennifer Hone**  
Headteacher - Primary Phase

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THE FUTURE OF TOMORROW**



## A NURTURING ETHOS

**Our school values underpin everything we do and they are woven throughout our curriculum.**

We believe every member of our school community should strive to be:

- Kind
- Confident
- Broadminded
- Independent
- Respectful
- Resilient

Staff act as role models in promoting these values and our approach is caring and supportive. We take the time to get to know every child, developing effective relationships with them to ensure they feel happy and safe.

We aim to instill lifelong learning behaviours that enable children to be reflective and resourceful, taking responsibility for their own learning and striving to achieve their best. We teach children how to solve problems and persevere when facing challenges so that they are prepared for more independent learning as they move into the secondary phase.

We also understand the importance of emotional wellbeing and actively help children to understand their feelings, deal with challenges and build relationships through stories, drama and mindfulness activities.

**“MY CHILD ABSOLUTELY LOVES HER CLASS AT HRS PRIMARY! WE ARE SO HAPPY AS PARENTS SEEING HOW HAPPY AND CONFIDENT SHE COMES OUT OF SCHOOL.”**

**Parent**





## AN ENGAGING CURRICULUM

**We offer an exciting curriculum that is full of high quality learning experiences and reflects the world we live in.**

Our curriculum is ambitious and challenging with a focus on key concepts and topics being developed and revisited over time. This enables children's knowledge, skills and understanding to build progressively year on year.

Reading sits at the heart of our curriculum and we aim to cultivate a love of reading in every child. We believe reading provides the gateway to learning so we have a strong focus on developing children's reading fluency as soon as we can.

As an all through school, our pupils benefit from a wealth of subject specialist knowledge and facilities. Children's physical development is well catered for with lessons in dance, PE and swimming delivered in excellent facilities, and there are also opportunities for specialist teaching in languages, drama and computing.

We know that many children thrive in an outdoor environment and we regularly take the opportunity to develop learning beyond the classroom. This includes outdoor learning opportunities within the school grounds, local trips and those further afield.

**"MY CHILD LOVES IT AND HAS LEARNT SO MUCH."**

**Parent**





## OUR COMMUNITY

**We foster strong links between home and school and we encourage parents to be actively involved in their child's education.**

Staff are always happy to speak to parents and we will regularly communicate your child's successes and achievements with you. We also host a series of parent workshops where we share a particular aspect of your child's learning in school and suggest ways that this could be supported at home.

Everyone has a voice in our school and we encourage our pupils to be active members of our community. Children are given regular opportunities to share ideas about how our school could be improved and they help make decisions about matters that are important to them.

We are keen to engage with the local community to enable our pupils to learn more about the area they live in. Our curriculum design takes full advantage of the local geography, history and culture of Great Dunmow and the surrounding areas and we encourage our pupils to give back to the community whenever they can.

**"GREAT COMMUNICATION AND SUCH FRIENDLY STAFF. I CANNOT RECOMMEND THIS SCHOOL ENOUGH!"**

**Parent**





## PERSONAL JOURNEYS

**Helena Romanes is an inclusive school where every child is valued and has the opportunity to shine.**

We appreciate every child's contribution to our community and we celebrate their achievements.

We will get to know your child as an individual and help ensure that their time with us is happy and successful. We recognise and respect that every pupil is different and we will work alongside parents to establish the best way to support their child's progress. Our staff also work closely with other agencies, where necessary, to make sure that every pupil receives appropriate support.

## MOVING ON

Our primary phase prepares children for the next step in their educational journey as they are able to move automatically into the secondary phase at the end of Year 6. This ensures a seamless transition as children will already have been taught by some of the secondary specialist staff and will have spent time in the secondary building on numerous occasions for learning, performances and sporting activities.





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