



## Frequently Asked Questions

### *What is the ethos at St Edwards?*

We have a strong sense of family in our school and the warm and welcoming environment created by our caring and dedicated staff is frequently commented upon. We are proud of our academic results but this is not our only measure of success; we strive to ensure that each individual reaches their full potential.

We work in co-operation with you as parents in order to give your children the best opportunities to grow and develop.

### *How do I apply for a place at St Edwards Primary School?*

From 1<sup>st</sup> October, you can apply for a Reception school place in any Warwickshire school by visiting; <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/applying-school-place-reception>

The cut-off date for applications is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021 but we would advise you to complete your application before this date. Any application received after midnight on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021 will be deemed to be a late application and only processed after all other applications. If you wish to apply to St Edwards, but live outside Warwickshire, you can still apply via the council where you live.

When applying for a place you need to put down three choices in order of preference.

### *How can I access the school website?*

You can find our school website at <http://www.stedwardsrprimary.co.uk/>

We pride ourselves on the fact that we think our website gives a highly accurate reflection of what school life is like. We also have a twitter and facebook page for you to see the school in action.

### *What does the Curriculum look like?*

At St Edwards, the children enjoy a broad and diverse curriculum. With our pupils at the centre of all we do, our curriculum builds on our locality, as well as reflecting the backgrounds, interests and capabilities of our pupils. Our children love learning and are immersed in engaging lessons that 'hook' them in, exciting extra-curricular visits and clubs, strong links with the local community and international links with schools across the globe. This enrichment and creativity ensures that we promote excellence for all and that our pupils achieve well. Our curriculum aspires to foster children that are creative, confident, resilient, safe, and happy. To see more details, please visit our school website and click on the 'Curriculum' tab.

### *What are the timings of the school day?*

Normally all children start school at 8.50am and finish at 3.10pm. At present under Covid restrictions, we have an extended drop off and pick up time.

### *What arrangements are in place for school lunches?*

Here at St Edward's we are very proud of our school lunches and they are probably not what you would think of as the traditional image of a school dinner. All school lunches are cooked on site every day from fresh ingredients with nothing being shipped in or prepared elsewhere off site. If children have particular dietary requirements, then we can be highly flexible and will do our best to meet their needs. We have a wide and varied menu and these change on a three-week cycle, always providing a vegetarian option. Our school lunch menus can be viewed by on our school website.

In the Infant department all children get a free hot lunch funded by the Government's 'Universal Free Schools' Meal scheme. The Infant children also get a free piece of fruit each morning funded by the Local Authority.

### *Can children with Special Educational Needs be catered for at St Edwards primary school?*

We pride ourselves at St Edwards in developing the whole child. Every child is unique with different skills and talents, and we recognise that it is our job as educators to give them every opportunity to fulfil their potential. We are a highly inclusive school and if we can cater for children's special needs then we will endeavour to do so. We have a very positive relationship with a variety of support services and outside agencies who work alongside us to support children and to help them overcome any barriers to learning. Should your child have an EHCP (Education Health Care Plan) it is worth considering that, unless that provision comes with extra funding, they will not automatically have 1:1 support from a teaching assistant.

### *Can children who need medication be catered for at St Edwards?*

Here at St Edwards we look at every child as an individual, irrespective of their needs. We are happy to have a private conversation with any parent about their child's medical needs, and we will do our utmost to cater for those needs in school. We will administer prescribed medication to children during the course of the day but only following guidance from a medical professional and with written permission from parents. A large number of staff within our school are first aid trained and we ensure that staff receive annual training on key medical conditions.

### ***What kind of school site is St Edwards set in?***

We are extremely lucky to have fantastic school grounds which give the opportunity for both staff and children to extend their teaching and learning opportunities beyond the classroom. We have two separate playgrounds, a large school field and are fortunate to have the use of the Coleshill Secondary field as this backs directly onto our school. We have a wooded area where the children can explore, learn and play.

### ***Do you have a PTFA?***

Yes, we do! We are extremely lucky to have a highly supportive parental community. Our PTFA are very active and their activities are organised by a fantastic committee. PTA events such as Christmas and Summer Fayres, Discos etc. Every penny of these funds goes straight back to the children with a lot of fun being had on the way. This can only be continued if new members join the PTFA so the committee will definitely be on the eye out for new people interested in helping!

### ***What kind of Extra-Curricular Activities are available?***

There is a wide variety of opportunities for pupils to attend extra-curricular activities. Most of these occur after school. Activities range from football to gymnastics, from musical instrument lessons to choir and from Art to dance.

At present due to Covid restrictions the number of extra-curricular clubs is limited but we hope to widen this again soon.

### ***Do you run a wrap-a-round care service?***

Our wrap-a-round care service runs from 7.30am until 8.50am, and then from 3.20pm until 5.30pm. Breakfast can be purchased when the children attend. We also run a holiday club during school holidays 7.30am-5.30pm To read further details about the service just click on our school website.