

# Great Bowden Academy

## Prospectus



**“Each individual is affirmed as unique and cherished. The vision has a profound impact and enables pupils and adults to grow and learn together.”**

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## Inspire – Believe – Learn – Achieve

Great Bowden Academy is a Church of England School at the heart of our wonderful village community. Welcoming children aged 4 – 11 years old, we are proud of our reputation as an innovative and high-achieving school, where everyone is valued for who they are and enabled to flourish.

Our small village school provides an excellent learning environment for our pupils to thrive. Recent developments include the creation of a new purpose-built two classroom building, a large forest school and spacious reading garden, all allowing us the extra space required to modernise and adapt.

**Our approach to education is Inspire - Believe - Learn - Achieve.**

Find out a little more about us in this prospectus, and even more on our website [www.greatbowden.leics.sch.uk](http://www.greatbowden.leics.sch.uk) But the best way to get to know us is to visit. So why not come and see for yourself? You will be guaranteed a warm welcome.

To book a tour on one of our open days please call 01858 463216 or email us at [office@gba.learnat.uk](mailto:office@gba.learnat.uk)

We look forward to meeting you.



**Mrs S Bishop**  
Executive Head



**Mrs R Blagburn,**  
Head of School





# Inspire

We pride ourselves on offering a happy, nurturing environment. We are fortunate to have an outstanding team of highly skilled and dedicated staff, committed to delivering a rich, rounded and creative curriculum. Teaching is engaging and motivating, enabling all children to flourish, both academically and socially.

We work hard to help each and every child reach their full potential. Working as a team with parents, carers, and the wider community, we form successful partnerships to create a fully rounded education.

Children are inspired to learn and to form a lifelong love of learning.



**"I was worried about how my daughter would adjust to school life as she is always on the go, however the nurturing and friendly staff always welcome her with a smile. She loves the play based learning and bounds into school everyday."**

Parent

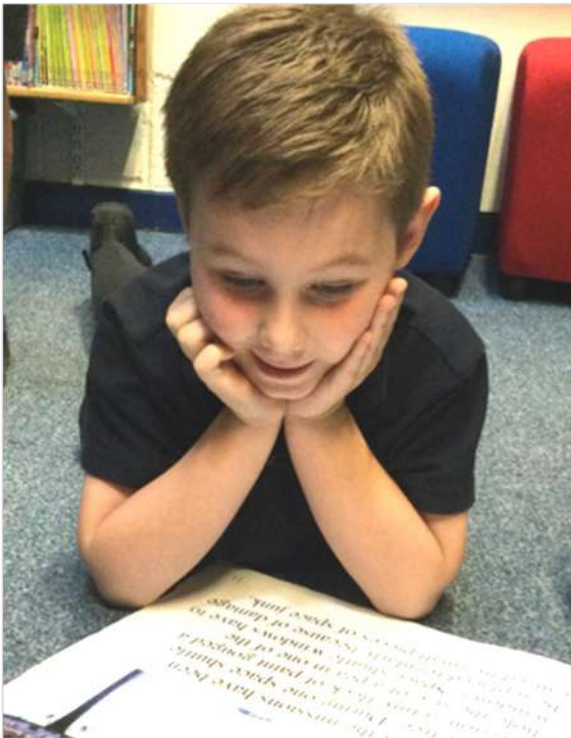






**"My son settled in so quickly that I need not have worried. He loves his teachers and is already talking about his new friends as if he's known them forever."**

Parent



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# Believe

**Our vision** is for each member of our school family to experience life in all its fullness both now and in the future. We are an outward looking, inclusive school, valuing everyone for who they are and enabling all to flourish.

Life in all its fullness is about living a varied and full life, full of learning, growing, helping, reward, joy, excitement and caring for each other.

At Great Bowden Academy we aim to help each other to learn how to do this. It is not always easy to live life in this way and so we help each other with the challenges that come along the way. As a Church of England School, we also look to Jesus to help and guide us.

This year we are excited to announce we are becoming a UNICEF UK 'Rights Respecting School'. In line with our vision and aim, children's rights are at the heart of our ethos and culture, to improve well-being and to develop every child's talent and ability to their full potential. As part of this plan, we are working towards recognition as a 'Rights Respecting School', an award given to schools on behalf of UNICEF UK. Pupils will learn about their rights by putting them into practice every day.

# Learn

**Our aim** is by the time children leave Great Bowden Academy they have become confident, articulate individuals, who enjoy learning, are proud of their achievements and are able to make a valuable contribution to society. Teaching is engaging and motivating, enabling all children to flourish.

The curriculum is broad, balanced and relevant to our pupils. A full range of National Curriculum subjects are taught across Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS), Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) and Key Stage 2 (Years 3 to 6), based around our curriculum themes, key concepts and Big Ideas. All are firmly rooted in ensuring children develop the basic skills in English and Mathematics as well as providing opportunities in creative arts and music. There are a wide variety of opportunities for our children so that they are able to experience life in all its fullness. For more information see our website.







**"Everyone is so friendly  
and the teachers are so helpful. I love  
it at Great Bowden Academy"**

**Pupil**



# Achieve

At Great Bowden Academy, we strive to be the very best we can be. Our aim is for each child to achieve their potential in all aspects at school. Every pupil is individually known, talents are recognised, encouraged and nurtured. We work closely with each and every child to meet their individual needs, providing a rounded curriculum that stretches and supports. Allowing them to become confident, articulate individuals, who have developed a lifelong love of learning.

This applies not only to our pupils, whom we guide, coach and mentor throughout their learning journey with us, but also for our teaching staff. We strongly believe in growing and developing to become the best educators we can be. We work closely with our community, other schools and with Learn Academy Trust to continually grow and strengthen our expertise.



# Facilities



The uplifting and vibrant environment provides fantastic facilities to help us achieve our aims and vision. We have recently completed a fabulous purpose-built two classroom extension building with accessible toilet facilities. The school has five classrooms, an assembly hall, a newly refurbished library, a music area, a nurture room and several spaces for small group work plus activity areas for cookery and art. We have our own kitchen which provides a varied menu for hot school meals freshly prepared on site.

Our impressive grounds are used for sports and extra curricular activities, many ran by our dedicated Sport Coach. This includes a sports field, playground and a beautiful reading garden.

We also offer a fantastic forest school, run by our specialist Forest School Teacher, offering a multi-sensory learning environment, proven to improve concentration and the motivation to learn.







A newly completed sensory garden area is a wonderful addition to our outdoor learning space. It is an area in which we can teach, as well as practice mindfulness, stimulating and engaging the five basic senses of sight, smell, sound, touch and taste.

We have lots of fabulous play equipment to keep children active and engaged during playtimes including sports equipment, a climbing frame, balance beams, playhouses and more. Much of which has been funded by our wonderful PTA, who arrange fundraising events for our families and the local community to enjoy.

We have a breadth of resources such as our suite of computers, meaning each of the children has a computer in IT lessons, and a wide variety of musical instruments and art equipment. We are fortunate to have a therapy reading dog who visit the school each week for the children to read to and a host of wellbeing resources for break out moments.

We pride ourselves on our links with other Learn Academies Trust schools, as well as local secondary schools. Our fellowship with St Peter and St Paul Church also forms an active part of our school.

**“Innovative approaches to a rich curriculum excite, enthral and motivate teachers and pupils.”**

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# Useful Information

The school day runs from 8.45am until 3.15pm. Whilst we don't have onsite wrap around care, we do have a fantastic relationship with Castle Lane Day Nursery and Caterpillar Day Nursery . Both run excellent Breakfast and After-school Clubs where staff run fun activities before shuttling the children to and from school each day in a minibus. More details can be found on their website [www.castlelanedaynursery.co.uk/after-school-club/](http://www.castlelanedaynursery.co.uk/after-school-club/) and <https://www.caterpillardaynursery.co.uk/>

We also offer a range of before and after-school clubs including sports activities, mostly lead by our Sports Coach, dance and science classes and our choir.

## Great Bowden Academy is a member of Learn Academies Trust (Learn-AT).

Learn-AT is a multi-academy trust based in Market Harborough which oversees and supports all of the schools, allowing them to share expertise, pool their administrative functions and provide the best possible education for their pupils. Learn-AT's mission is to build a community in which colleagues thrive and pupils flourish, founded on 'Learning' as its core purpose and 'Fellowship' as its core value.

At Learn-AT **learning** is the main thing. We keep the **main thing**, the **main thing** and do the **right thing**, the **right way**. **Together**.

**We believe** in the power of education and learning to transform children's life chances and choices. **We care** about the wellbeing of our pupils, colleagues, governors and school communities. **We promise** to work together, with integrity and in the spirit of fellowship, to build a professional learning community in which colleagues thrive and pupils flourish.





# Admissions

Visit our website [www.greatbowden.leics.sch.uk](http://www.greatbowden.leics.sch.uk) to learn more about us, the curriculum, pastoral support, school life and admissions information.

If you are considering applying to Great Bowden Academy, we would be delighted to meet you and show you around the school. Please contact the office on **01858 463216** to make an appointment or sign up to one of our open events via our website.

Parents must apply to their home Local Authority for a school place. Great Bowden Academy's planned admission number for first time admissions (Early Years Foundation Stage) is currently 20 pupils per year group.

Further information about the application process and access to the online application form can be found on the Leicestershire website

**[www.leicestershire.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools-colleges-and-academies/school-admissions](http://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools-colleges-and-academies/school-admissions)**



# Meet the team



**Mrs S Bishop**  
Executive  
Headteacher\*



**Mrs R Blagburn**  
Head of School



**Mrs S Walker**  
Leadership  
Support\*



**Mrs K Jones**  
Business  
Manager\*



**Mrs L Harris**  
SENDCo\*



**Mrs C Grainge**  
Teacher &  
KS1 Phase Lead



**Mrs K McHugo**  
Teacher



**Miss L Southam**  
Teacher



**Mrs E Cave**  
Teacher



**Mr M Mason**  
Teacher



**Mr C Dickinson**  
Teacher



**Mr J Rose**  
Teacher &  
KS2 Phase Lead



**Mr S Kadiri**  
Sports Coach\*



**Mrs A Freer**  
Forest School  
Practitioner\*



**Mrs C Cole**  
Senior Teaching  
Assistant



**Mrs E Moss**  
Teaching  
Assistant



**Mrs R McHugo**  
Teaching  
Assistant



**Mrs C Jackson**  
Learning Support  
Assistant





**Mrs L Diver**  
Learning Support  
Assistant



**Mrs E Titchmarsh**  
Learning Support  
Assistant



**Mrs S Anderson**  
Lunchtime  
Supervisor



**Mrs K Achurch**  
Lunchtime  
Supervisor



**Mr G Moss**  
Site Manager\*



**Mrs J Lawrence**  
Office Manager\*



**Miss R Bland**  
Office Manager



**Mrs E Wilson**  
Administration  
Assistant\*



**Miss R Brammer**  
Comms & Engagement  
Coordinator

\*We are proud of our links with our sister school Ridgeway Primary Academy. We share resources, knowledge and some staff. Those started with an asterisk are shared staff across the two schools.



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