



Corsham Primary School Briefing Paper

Corsham Community Area Board
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This is the first briefing paper by Corsham Primary School and I felt it would be useful to give some general information and an overview of what goes on at our school.

Corsham Primary School is formed of two sites – one called Broadwood serving Rudloe, Katherine Park and the surrounding area and Pound Pill serving the Corsham and surrounding area. The Executive Headteacher holds strategic responsibility for both sites in addition to being the Chief Executive Officer of Pickwick Learning which is the school's trading company. Each site is managed by a Head of School and supported by three deputy headteachers.

We are involved in a number of local, county and national projects and I hope you will find the details below both enlightening and informative. The list is not exhaustive and not presented in any particular order of priority.

Pupil involvement in the community

The school is involved in the following community projects:

Participated in the Corsham town's Suffragist march and commemoration, Corsham Town Christmas lights celebration (one of our pupils was the lucky winner who flicked the 'big switch'), established community orchards on both sites in collaboration with Transcoco. We partnered and supported the successful establishment of Kick Radio with music producer King P, undertook art workshops with the artists in residence at the Pound Art Centre, Olympic Art exhibition also at the Pound Art Centre, provided free accommodation for local artist Mazy Bartlett to prepare the town's Christmas displays. We have worked with the Pound Art Centre on the Shakespeare in Schools project, provided representation for education at the Corsham 1st World War Commemorative meetings, provided free breakfasts clubs on both sites for families in need (established due to funding from the Corsham Area Board), created award-winning Woodland Areas and pupil-led clubs on both sites (Corsham Town Council's Youth Award for contribution to the community and Environment Award for our Woodland Area).

The wider community

Having converted to academy status, and as a National Support School, we are able to support other schools and work more closely with like-minded organisations to improve educational experiences for the children and families both locally and nationally.

Successful bid of £1.5M to improve the buildings at our Pound Pill site including replacing outdated mobile classrooms, the training and appointment of two members of staff as Ofsted inspectors, successful consecutive Ofsted outcomes, three pupils are represented on the Corsham Youth Council and a Corsham Primary student is the current Chair. Support of the families in the Rudloe area to successfully contest changes to the bus route in the area (in collaboration with The Corsham School), successfully training Graduate Teachers on the Graduate Teacher Programme (GTP) and now continuing this success with the new Schools Direct training scheme, supporting adults Not in Employment, Education or Training (NEET)

with volunteers currently on placement, working in collaboration with the School Apprenticeship scheme and currently having an apprentice Facilities Manager on staff who is working towards NVQ Level 2. We provided advice to help a local parent group successfully apply for a local housing association grant resulting in a camping festival (CampFest) at our Broadwood site. We have provided financial support for the appointment of a local school sports coordinator (in collaboration with The Corsham School).

We have a number of staff who have received training to support other schools. These include Specialist Leaders of Education (SLE) and a National Leader of Education (NLE). Teachers are also trained on the Improving Teacher Programme (ITP) and Outstanding Teacher Programme (OTP). We are actively involved in the sponsorship of other schools as a Department for Education (DfE) approved Academy Sponsor. We have appointed a Families Support Officer to work with vulnerable families in the local community.

Conclusion

At Corsham Primary we believe that schools have a responsibility to work with families and organisations in the local and wider community to improve outcomes for all. We welcome enquiries from other interested parties and constantly strive towards increasing opportunities for the children in our care both now and in the future.