



Chawson First School

Caring, sharing, learning together

Independent



Aspirational



Articulate





Welcome to Chawson

A huge welcome one and all to Chawson 1st School.

It is hard within the limits of a traditional headteacher's welcome to do justice to the wonderfulness of our school. There are so many things we are proud of, so many things that set us apart from the rest and make us unique.

Chawson 1st School is a friendly, joyful and vibrant place to be. From the moment you walk onto our playground you will know we are the home of happy and confident children. This is the children's school and we are lucky enough to share it with them every day.

Our proudly displayed motto of '**caring, sharing, learning together**' sums up our approach perfectly.

Our aim is to not only secure the best possible academic outcomes for each and every child, but to give them everything they need to be successful, happy and secure. For us, this means promoting our school vision in all we do; supporting our children to be **independent, articulate** and **aspirational**. We know these three qualities will be a gift they carry long into their future.

Chawson 1st School has a larger than life personality! We invite you and your children to join us.



Our Vision

Our shared vision at Chawson is that all of our children become **independent**, **articulate** and **aspirational** young people.



We do this by:

- 1.** Encouraging independence, problem solving and perseverance so children can develop the skills needed to tackle any task or challenge
- 2.** Explicitly teach speaking and listening skills in a language rich environment so children can articulate and express their thoughts, feelings and ideas
- 3.** Promoting high expectations and ensuring children recognise their strengths and successes so they are ready for the next stage of education and beyond

School Details

Chawson Community First School

Wych Road, Droitwich Spa, Worcestershire, WR9 8BW

Telephone number: 01905 773264 | Email: office@chawson.worcs.sch.uk

School Day

Pre-school sessions available	Morning	8:30am to 11:30am
	Lunch	11:30am to 12:30pm
	Afternoon	12:30pm to 3:30pm
Reception and Key Stage 1	Morning	8:30–8:40am to 11:45am
	Lunch	11:45am to 1:00pm
	Afternoon	1:00pm to 3:10pm
Key Stage 2	Morning	8:30–8:40am to 12:00pm
	Lunch	12:00pm to 1:00pm
	Afternoon	1:00pm to 3:10pm

Admissions

For a school place

Worcestershire County Council manage all school admissions for Reception classes and above.

www.worcestershire.gov.uk/schools

For a place in pre-school

To enquire about a place in pre-school, please contact the school office.

Please note that a place in pre-school does not guarantee your child a place in Reception. A new application must be made for all children wishing to apply from the pre-school to the Reception year.

Our pre-school admissions policy can be found on our website:

www.chawson.worcs.sch.uk/preschool-information/

If you would like a school tour or an informal chat before applying for a place with us please contact the school office.



Foundations for Learning

At Chawson, we endeavour to give children the best possible start to their learning journey. We aspire for our youngest pupils to be happy, confident and independent learners through a play-based curriculum that promotes communication, well-being and the development of key life skills and experiences.

This begins with our teacher-led pre-school where we welcome children from 3 years old.

Our early learning practitioners create a warm, friendly and nurturing environment for your child so that they can discover and learn about the world around them with a big smile on their face.

The early learning journey continues in Reception where the children will further develop key areas of learning and development through a combination of adult-led and child-initiated learning opportunities. Our Reception staff plan and deliver a curriculum by carefully considering children's interests, promoting a



real love of stories, and immersing themselves in back-and-forth conversations with the children so that they can truly get to know your child's strengths and next steps.

We recognise that starting school is an exciting and significant step in your child's life. To help with the transition process, prior to starting in Reception, we offer a carefully planned induction programme and find that children quickly settle into life at Chawson.

We have an annual Open Day during the autumn term for parents and visitors but if you would like to arrange a visit please do contact the school office.

The School Curriculum

Our curriculum at Chawson is unique and individualised to suit our amazing children. We take a personalised approach to learning so children can effectively access their learning and develop the knowledge, skills and concepts that are most important to them.

We provide an exciting learning environment and endeavour to provide a range of rich experiences, from visits to near-by museums and farms to getting to know our local area; we look to provide opportunities to further develop children's understanding of the world around them.

Teaching staff plan engaging, cross-curricular topics that link to the National Curriculum. We ensure children have the opportunity to spend time investigating and learning about their particular interests, allowing for a great depth and breadth of knowledge to be learnt by all.



School Meals

If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, you will be automatically entitled for free meals under 'Universal Infant Free School Meals' funding by the government.

Children in Years 3 and 4 may also receive free meals via Pupil Premium funding if families meet certain income criteria. For further information please visit:

www.chawson.worcs.sch.uk/pupil-premium/

Hot meals can be ordered via our hot meal provider where a variety of meal options are available. For further information, please see our website:

www.chawson.worcs.sch.uk/lunch-menus/

If your child would prefer to bring a packed lunch to school, we ask that you send it in a suitable lunch bag that is clearly labelled with your child's name and class. We request you send healthy foods in your child's packed lunch so they are having a balanced and nutritional lunch.

Playtime Snacks

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are given a piece of fruit or vegetable.

Children in Years 3 and 4 can bring in healthy snacks such as a piece of fruit or vegetable sticks.

Milk is free for under 5's. All other children can order milk if they wish.

School Uniform

Our school uniform consists of:

A royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan with a school logo

Pale blue polo shirt

Grey trousers, skirt or pinafore

Black shoes

Shorts and summer dresses are welcomed in warmer weather

Please ensure all items of clothing are clearly named with your child's name.

Where to buy?

Blue sweatshirts and cardigans can be bought from:

School Togs Schoolwear

31 New Street, Worcester, WR1 2DP

Ace Essentials

57 High Street, Droitwich, WR9 8EP





Inclusion

At Chawson we value the individuality of all the children in our care.

Our school adopts a fully inclusive approach to children with additional needs and we are committed to giving all our children every opportunity to achieve the highest of standards. Please see our website for further information about our special educational needs provision at Chawson.

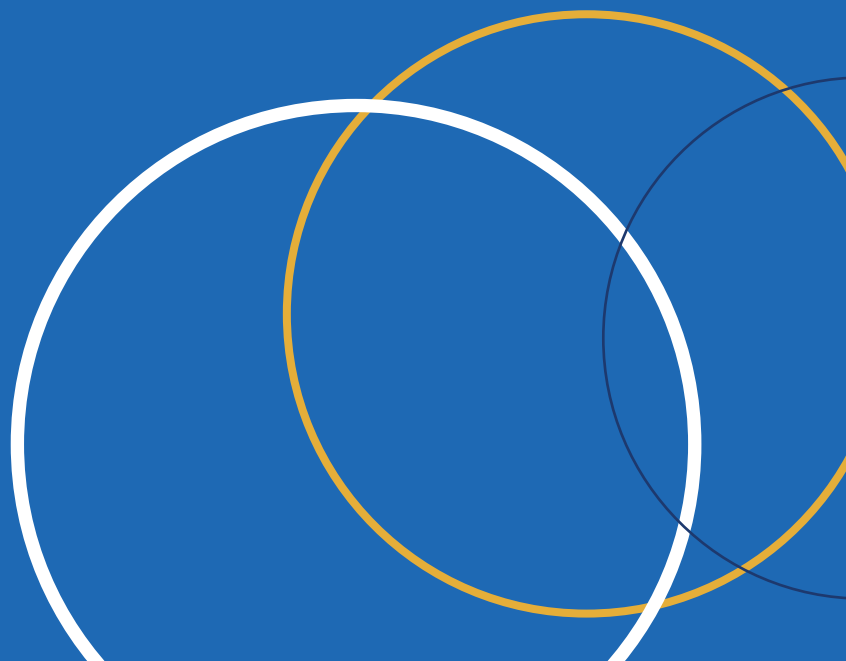
Governing Body

Chawson's Governing Body are proactive and dedicated governors who work closely with the Headteacher and staff to ensure the best quality of education and learning environment for all our children.

www.chawson.worcs.sch.uk/governors/

Attendance

Attending school everyday and on time will have a positive impact on your child's learning experiences at school. We therefore work alongside families in promoting and celebrating high levels of attendance and punctuality. If a child cannot attend school due to illness, parents will need to inform the school office as soon as possible.





“Our daughter is happy to attend school and relishes getting involved in the wide range of learning experiences on offer. From the moment you come through the door, there is a clear feeling that all of the adults in school care about the children and they put their needs and interests at the heart of what they do.”

“My daughter settled very quickly into Reception, and soon made a lot of friends. I have found all of the school staff and especially my daughter’s teacher and TA to be very approachable and supportive. There is a true parent-school partnership in place.”

“Chawson teachers really know their pupils; they communicate pastoral and academic strengths and weaknesses effectively, and work with parents to support their children’s best outcomes. The staff work hard to provide an engaging curriculum on a daily basis and events such as ‘Enterprise Week’ and ‘Arts Week’ add huge amounts of opportunity and breadth to the educational experience.’

Parents

We value that children’s education is a shared process between home and school with parents and teachers collaboratively working together to make sure your child has a positive learning experience whilst at Chawson. We listen to parents’ point of view and keep them regularly informed of school policies and events.

‘Pupils’ Voice

We value the positive contribution that our children make to shaping the vision of our school. We have an active school council who meet regularly to consider suggestions and ideas as part of the school’s self-evaluation process. Pupils actively contribute towards:

Behaviour | The Arts | Charity events

Sports events | Reading at Chawson

Environmental education | Online Safety







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