



# Starting School in September 2024

## The Admissions Process





Welcome  
*Tracey Jerome: Headteacher*

Introduction





Children born between  
1<sup>st</sup> September 2019  
and  
31<sup>st</sup> August 2020  
will be due to start school in  
September 2024



You are likely to be here as your  
child is due to start school in  
September 2024

or

You are looking for an in year place



You are welcome!



We don't underestimate that choosing the right school for your child is a huge decision



# We do believe that:

- 1) No one knows their child better than you
- 2) It is important to look at other schools
- 3) we will guide you through the process...regardless....we are not a sales pitch!



## What you will not get today:

- A sales pitch
- You will be encouraged to visit other schools
- You will be supported in the process regardless





# All about us...





# An Endowed School





# A Church of England School





Governors, Trustees  
Canterbury Diocese  
Kent County Council





# What we believe...





# Learning to Live, living to Learn!

- Happiness, happiness, happiness
- Preparation for the big wide world
- From happiness everything flows!
- School vision and values as opposed to rules
- Curious not Furious – Zones of Regulation
- All equal
- No one left behind!
- An environment where everyone flourishes



We believe that:

*'every day is a learning day'*

We model that to our children in *every* aspect of life.

We believe that everyone is valued, everyone is loved for who they are. We believe in everyone reaching their full potential.

We believe that everyone should flourish



Our Christian School Vision lies at the heart of everything that we do.

### **Learning to live! Living to Learn!**

Inspired by our founder Mary Gibbon, we are a welcoming, nurturing community, providing the opportunity for each person to recognise and fulfil their God given gifts and abilities. Through a creative, inclusive curriculum, we inspire all to be lifelong learners, equipped with the skills needed to be thankful, generous members of society.

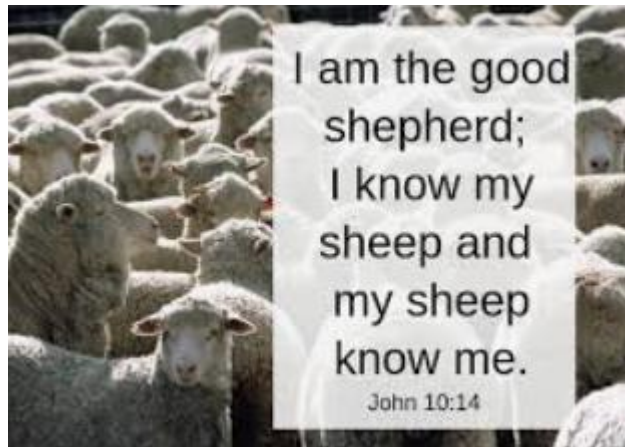




## Our Bible Narratives:

Our Vision at Hartlip School is embedded in the imagery of God/Jesus as the Good Shepherd. We draw upon these images in both the Old and the New Testament of the Bible. We believe that our daily living in school, directed by our values draw parallels to that of a shepherd taking care of his sheep.







Every day, we strive to live in accordance to our School Christian values of:

Peace

Forgiveness

Friendship

Trust

Thankfulness



## No easy task!

**Friendship:** As the Good Shepherd cares for every member of the flock, we live together in friendship. In learning to live, we accept that not every person may be our friend and at times, we may, like the Lost Sheep, lose our way. Despite our difficulties, we are all still members of the same flock. We care for each other and treat others in the way we would like to be treated ourselves.



**Forgiveness:** In order to live in friendship, we must learn forgiveness. We recognise that in living together, we will make mistakes. We understand that to live in friendship with each other, we must learn to forgive each other, in the same way that God forgives us:

“forgive each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.”

We teach that we learn from our mistakes. By forgiving others, we ensure that we live in friendship:

“Be kind and compassionate to one another, **forgiving** each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.”



**Peace:** When living in friendship with each other and learning to forgive each other, we experience peace. This learning extends beyond our school community in to society. To live in a peaceful world, we need to cascade friendship and forgiveness.



**Trust:** As the sheep trust the shepherd to take care of them, we learn that Christians believe God takes care of us. Our school community is a safe environment where all can flourish. Children and parents trust staff to provide a nurturing, caring and safe environment where all can fulfil their God given gifts and abilities. Children, parents and staff trust the leadership of the school to ensure their safety in an environment whereby everyone can thrive. In the same way that a shepherd protects sheep from all harm and danger, the school does likewise for its members.



**Thankfulness:** Just as a sheep is thankful for the safety of a rich environment, so too are we thankful for our school community and all that it offers. We learn to be outward looking, thinking about 'we', as opposed to 'me'. We try in all things to 'give thanks,' to be grateful for what we have and to give to others less fortunate than ourselves. We seek to serve and extend this learning in to a wider world, learning to live!





## We aim to serve our community:

- Breakfast and after school club.

*This means that our school is open from 7.30am – 6pm. Prices are reasonable and competitive*

- Close links with Church and establishing links with Methodist Church
- Singing Squad and Band
- Extended Curriculum: clubs available every lunch times
- Sports Teams: Girls and boys' football
- Enrichment Days and weeks
- Charity support



More than a school...  
We are a family







## The official bits!

- Ofsted
- SIAMs
- But the children are our best advocates!







## ***APPLY ONLINE FOR A SCHOOL PLACE***

Just go to Kent Online Admissions at:

[www.kent.gov.uk/ola](http://www.kent.gov.uk/ola)

For children starting school in September 2024 applications for both reception year and year 3 (junior school) opened on Friday 3 November 2023



## A helpful tip:

If you pay your Council Tax to Medway, apply to Medway. If you pay your Council Tax to Kent, apply to Kent





# Closing date

The closing date for applications is

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024**



# A word of warning...

#Christmas!



# Help!!!!!!

If you require any help or assistance in applying online, please contact the Online Admissions Team on 03000 41 21 21 or email [kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk](mailto:kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk).

We are also happy to help



# Naming Schools

- You should complete the application by naming up to three schools; putting them in order of preference with the one you would like most as first.
- **Even if you already have an older child at the school, you MUST apply for a place for your younger child. You will not automatically receive a place because you already have a sibling there.**



- There is no requirement to name three preferences but it is in your best interests to do so.
- When schools rank the children, they will not know if you have named their school 1st, 2nd or 3rd, they will simply rank the child against their oversubscription criteria.
- Naming only one preference does **NOT** guarantee your child a place at that school or give your child priority for a place over another child, neither does naming a school more than once.
- If you name a school multiple times, the duplicates will be deleted from your form and you will have lost the opportunity of naming different preferences.



# SIF

Hartlip Endowed Church England Primary School require completion of a SIF: Supplementary Information Form

This form is used by the schools to rank your child against their oversubscription criteria.

The SIF is not the official Kent County Council application form and you must still complete an application naming the school otherwise your child will not be considered for a place at that school.



# Oversubscription

Where the number of applications for admission exceeds the places available, applications will be considered in accordance with the oversubscription criteria



1. Children in Local Authority Care or Previously in Local Authority Care
2. Vulnerable Children

Any of the following four areas below meet the Vulnerable Children criterion:

- Children of families with confirmed refugee status.
- Children with physical or medical needs
- Children where one or both parents have a disability that would make travel to a different school very challenging.
- Children from families associated with Military Services.





3. Children living in Hartlip
4. Sibling / Current Family Association
5. Distance from school



Don't Forget...

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# Keep in Touch

- Please complete your record of interest form
- [www.Hartlip.kent.sch.uk](http://www.Hartlip.kent.sch.uk)
- Twitter: @hartlipschool
- Facebook page....to come!



- Thank you for joining us.
- We wish you well in the education journey that you are about to embark on.