



# Iver Village Infant Academy Curriculum Vision

## Personal and Emotional Development - Embracing and Celebrating Diversity

We believe that the foundation of a great education starts with a happy, confident child. Our aim is to create a nurturing space where everyone feels empowered to explore who they are and the world around them.

### Emotional & Personal Development

We place emotional well-being at the centre of our curriculum. By teaching self-regulation, empathy, and resilience, we help our pupils build the "inner toolkit" they need to face challenges with confidence.

### Celebrating Our Diverse Community

We are proud to be a school where different cultures, languages, and perspectives meet. We enjoy an **inclusive environment** where every family is heard and every child learns the value of kindness, respect, and global citizenship from their very first day.

## Enriching and Creative Experiences

We believe that learning should be an irresistible adventure. Through a rich tapestry of creative arts, music and activities, we aim to ignite every child's imagination and encourage them to think outside the box. By providing a wide range of hands-on, enriching experiences—both inside the classroom and further afield—we give our pupils the freedom to express themselves, take creative risks, and discover their unique talents. We don't just want our children to follow instructions; we inspire them to be innovators and dreamers.

### Learning Beyond the Classroom: Visitors & Trips

Some of the most powerful learning happens when we step outside our school gates or welcome the world into our classrooms. Whether it's a local walk, a visit to a museum, or a workshop led by a visitor, these real-world encounters bring learning to life.

## Curiosity

Every child is a natural investigator, which is why our curriculum is designed to harness their innate sense of wonder.

### A Curriculum Driven by Curiosity

Each new journey of discovery begins with a captivating starting point, whether it's a mysterious letter, a curious object, or a themed transformation of the classroom, designed to spark immediate interest and excitement. We create an environment that invites questioning and exploration. We ensure that learning is always purposeful. We don't just teach subjects; we nurture lifelong learners who will be brave enough to wonder and eager to find out more.

## Knowledge

We are committed to providing a robust and sequenced curriculum that builds deep knowledge. We believe that knowing more helps children to do more.

### A Foundation of Knowledge & Skills

Our curriculum is carefully mapped out to ensure that foundational skills in not only literacy, numeracy, and the sciences are taught with clarity and purpose, but also the wider curriculum. By layering new information onto what they already know, we help our pupils build a strong web of understanding that stays with them. At Iver Village Infant Academy, we empower our children with the essential facts and vocabulary they need to become confident, articulate, and well-informed young learners.

## A Place to Grow, A Time to Learn, A Life to Soar



We have the highest aspirations for our pupils to ensure they achieve their very best—academically and personally.

### A Place to Grow



We provide the nurturing roots of emotional security and a celebration of our diverse community, creating the perfect environment for confidence to flourish.

### A Time to Learn



We make every moment count. Through a knowledge-rich curriculum and captivating "lesson hooks," we ensure our children gain the academic excellence, literacy, and numeracy skills they need to succeed.

### A Life to Soar



We don't just aim for "good enough." We strive for outstanding progress, equipping our children with the curiosity and resilience to reach their full potential.

We want our children to leave us not just prepared, but inspired to excel, with the strong foundations and high standards that allow them to truly soar in everything they do.

## Putting Children in the Digital Driving Seat



The Park Federation ambition is for all children to become confident and critical users of all things digital and acquire the knowledge and skills necessary for school, university, employment, active citizenship, and personal development and happiness.

In this video below, digital leaders discuss the many benefits that digital learning has brought to pupils, teachers and parents across The Park Federation.

[The Park Federation Academy Trust - Digital Learning](#)



The video explains how the one-to-one chromebook strategy was implemented, and the positive impact that it has had across the Academies.

To find out further information on the Digital Strategy as well as our mission statement, follow the link below:

<https://www.theparkfederation.co.uk/page/?title=Digital+Learnin&pid=25>

## Federation Childhood Promise



Childhood is a very special gift that should be treated with the utmost care. We respect this unique gift and ensure that it is as perfect as possible. Every child is entitled to experiences of childhood memories to remember and savour for a lifetime...

Experiences like ... a walk in the woods ... a paddle in the sea ... a picnic in the countryside... an outing to the theatre .. a river boat journey ... a trip on a train .. a sightseeing tour of London!

### We Will:

keep your children safe, secure and cared for;

provide first-rate teaching in all lessons and strive for excellence in everything that we do;

ensure that high standards in English and Mathematics are at the heart of a broad and exciting curriculum;

prize your children's creativity and individuality, and listen attentively to their views, opinions and feelings;

be by their sides lending a hand as their self-belief and self-confidence grows and blossoms;

ensure they leave us ready, willing and able to take the next step in their learning and the next step in their lives.

**Our values underpin who we are and how we learn. Each half term we focus on a new value and share our experiences.**

**We care, we learn, we grow. We are ready, respectful and safe.**

### Caring

We use our hands and our words to be kind, making sure everyone in our school family feels happy and cared for.

### Learning

We dive into every lesson with a resilient attitude, using our curiosity to discover something new every day.

### Growing

We celebrate every small step we take, however big or small, building on our self-belief so we can all reach our full potential.

### Ready

We show up with smiles and open minds, prepared and excited to take the next step in our learning adventure.

### Respectful

We listen to each other and celebrate the different cultures and stories that make our school so special.

### Safe

We look after one another and our school, creating a secure space where everyone is protected and cared for.

# Early Years Foundation Stage



The IVIA nursery and reception classes that make up our early years provision, provide our children with strong foundations in their early education. Following guidance from Development Matters, Birth to 5 and White Rose schemes, children experience many opportunities to satisfy their natural curiosity. Our resources and stimulating environment ensure that our children receive the best start possible in their young lives.

## Implementation Of Our Curriculum

### Phonics and Reading



We use Read, Write Inc. to start on the path to reading, by recognising, blending and segmenting sounds. Comprehension lessons then follow, either by studying a whole text, or short extracts. Reading corners in classrooms provide further opportunities to read for pleasure. Reading is an integral element in every subject of our curriculum.

### Writing



Exploring the craft of great authors is at the heart of IVIA writing units. Children are immersed in text and respond through talk, drama, role play and illustrations. Oral rehearsal is an essential step of the learning process, whilst planning, drafting, reviewing, editing and finally publishing their own work, ending with a celebration.. Our children read great authors to become great authors.

### Maths



We aim to make maths an enjoyable and engaging learning experience, whilst developing a solid understanding and fluency of mathematical concepts. Through White Rose and real life activities and experiences, our children develop skills to become independent, confident and competent with maths.

### Science



Science at IVIA nurtures a deeper understanding of the world around us. We aim for our children to acquire specific skills and knowledge in order to think scientifically and to question the uses and implications of science in their present and future lives. Science week is celebrated each year.

### History



At IVIA, we aim to instill a love and curiosity of history in all our children. We provide a relevant curriculum of local, British and worldwide history by covering significant global events and figures beyond living memory. Children recognise when a new period of history occurs and how the past affects us today.

### Geography



Geography provokes and provides answers to questions about the natural and human aspects of the world. At IVIA, children are encouraged to develop a greater understanding and knowledge of the world, as well as their place in it. They will study their local area and beyond.

### Art



We believe every child at IVIA is an artist. Our focus is on the joy of exploration, giving children the freedom to use their imaginations and share their work in many different ways. We value the creative process just as much as the finished piece.

### DT



Our children receive a design and technology curriculum which allows them to exercise their creativity and problem solving skills. Projects are often linked to other subjects, bringing relevance and purpose to the work.

### PSHE/RHE



Through the Jigsaw scheme, and other child based services, such as NSPCC, our children learn how to contribute to their world. They learn how to behave and live as healthy, safe and respectful citizens in their community .

### PE, Music and Computing



Specialist sports teachers work alongside us with our children to deliver irresistible learning with high expectations for all. We aim to instill a lifelong ethic of creativity and well-being. Children are taught how to stay safe online as well as the technical skills required for computing.

### RE



IVIA children come from many different faiths and backgrounds. RE is an important element in the broad and balanced curriculum we provide. The children learn through first hand experiences and real life stories.

### Clubs & Enrichment



Our daily clubs give children an opportunity to try new things and build resilience. We also have a commitment to supporting working parents and the wider home life. Enrichment brings learning to life and helps children become ready for the social demands of the next stage of their education.

## Impact Of Our Curriculum



Children who achieve educational success and develop positive learning attitudes, prepared for their next stages of education in Key Stage 2 and beyond

Children who take pride in what they do, show resilience to new challenges, celebrate diversity and demonstrate our school values to be the best they can be.

Children who know how to keep themselves physically, emotionally and mentally healthy, whilst in school, in their community and in the wider world.