

Shortstown Primary School



We are a thriving school, in the heart of our community. We opened our new building, with a preschool, in September 2013. The environment is bright and open, allowing flexibility of learning zones for teaching. We encourage the children to become independent, resilient and develop a positive attitude towards their learning. Our values link to everything we do and the wellbeing of all in our community is a priority.

We celebrate wellbeing, throughout the year, including e- safety, Anti bullying, National well-being day and children's mental health week. We have a Forest school provision, which operates both in curriculum time and outside of school, for all children to access. We also have a Nurture group, providing additional emotional support for children in KSI.

Our values highlight learning and perseverance, but we also have enthusiasm (fun and laughter). We are serious when it comes to doing the best for our pupils and enabling them to progress from their individual starting points. We also recognise the talents our children have, or may have. With this in mind, we embrace creative learning and provide a number of opportunities for children to shine, across the curriculum and non-curriculum areas.

Staff appreciate the day to day challenges of teaching and share their knowledge, expertise and support with each other, every day. There is always someone willing to help. We pride ourselves on encouraging staff to train and continue to learn. 80% of our teaching staff started as newly qualified teachers and have stayed with us, to take on leadership roles, within the school. We value our Learning support assistants, many of whom started as parents, became Midday supervisors, engaged in training and are now supporting and leading teaching, in the school.

We listen to our children and respect their thoughts and views. There is a Culture club, who are also our art ambassadors, working on creative aspects of the school and the art award. The Eco council lead the Sustainability agenda. Our digital leaders support staff and students use the IT effectively.

Being part of the Shortstown Primary School team, is being part of something that makes a difference.

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Why work at Shortstown Primary?



Staff within HEART Academies Trust are valued and supported, allowing them to contribute fully to the wider school community. Our commitment to staff development and wellbeing is paramount.

Some of the employee benefits within HEART are:

 FREE Gym	 Day off for Wellbeing	 Cycle to Work Scheme	 Access to Employee Assist Program
FREE Hot Drinks 	FREE Breakfast 	Tech Scheme 	Discounted Cinema Tickets 

Additional Trust-wide Staff benefits include:

- A competitive salary.
- Regular training and development programmes tailored to your needs.
- An exceptional ECT induction programme.
- Secondment and shadowing opportunities within the Trust.
- An open and collaborative working environment, including a Staff Forum.
- A focus on staff welfare, with a comprehensive
- Individual laptops for teaching staff.
- An excellent catering provision.
- Free car parking.
- Free shower facilities.
- Free eye tests.
- Cycle to Work Scheme.
- Regular celebration of staff success.
- On-site EV charging points
- A commitment to environmental sustainability.

