



Lime Academy
Larkswood
Putting Children First



Prospectus

Welcome

Thank you for your interest in Lime Academy Larkswood.

Our school's shared ambition is to work together to make a positive difference to the lives and opportunities of children, young people and adults within our school and the global community. This ambition requires qualities of courage, risk-taking, determination and resilience, from both adults and children; it includes values of openness, zero tolerance of poor performance and a total refusal to tolerate low expectations.

We will be working hard to give your child the best education, creating a love of learning and a curiosity about the world around them. We look to praise and reward them for their successes, for the courage they show and the resilience they build; to be confident both in what they can do now, and in taking up the new challenges we set them and ourselves. That applies to progress and success in creative work, PE and sport as well as to core subjects, and to excellence in behaviour.

Courtesy, care and consideration for others underpin community life. Larkswood is a diverse and tolerant school where cultural difference is acknowledged and celebrated.

We welcome visits to the school and we look forward to meeting you.

Very best wishes

Brendan Plunkett

"I think Larkswood is an excellent, well-run school. I love my child attending Larkswood as I feel she will achieve a good standard of education." — Parent of Year 2 pupil

Lime Academy Larkswood is a three-form entry primary school which is a member of a not-for-profit organization The Lime Trust, established to share and embed good practice between schools. We have places for around 750 children catering for children between the ages of two and eleven.

Larkswood Academy Values

- Courage
- Equality
- Enjoyment
- Excellence
- Partnership
- Trust

Courage

At our school we have a clear moral purpose, which is to place pupil's learning at the centre of all that we do. We rigorously judge our processes, performances and people against that standard:

Putting children first.

We value every child as an individual. We develop our pupils academically and socially so that they have the drive to succeed. We help them to become confident and brave, to be ready to take risks and to try new things, just as we do as adults.



Equality

Our ambition is to work together to make a positive difference to the lives and opportunities of the children, young people and adults within our school and the global community.

Our children come from rich cultural and linguistic backgrounds and everyone is valued as part of our friendly learning community. We have very high expectations of what children can achieve and strive to innovate and inspire all children to attain their very best and to become confident and productive individuals with the character, values and skills to find their place and to succeed in modern Britain.

We firmly believe that all the children deserve every opportunity to explore their many talents. More importantly, we want them to enjoy their time with us being instilled with a lifelong love of learning.

Lime Academy Larkswood is committed to a broad and balanced curriculum accessible to all, including the importance of Physical Education and healthy development, and competition. Our very high expectations of behavior result in a school environment that is very calm and positive, where all can flourish.



“You have set high expectations for what pupils can achieve. These expectations are based upon mutual respect. The school motto exemplifies this: ‘no harm to others’. One of the strengths of the school is the pupils’ attitudes to learning. They work hard to support each other. They are also polite and resilient, and take a pride in their school.”

— OFSTED, February 2018

"We like the way we explore different topics and subjects."

— Pupil, Year 4

Enjoyment

At Lime Academy Larkswood we provide a curriculum where every day is exciting, fun and engaging. In each of our classrooms you can expect to find children actively thinking, questioning and learning.

Our aim is always to help each perform to his or her best and develop a love of learning. Our pupils are very proud of their books and their behaviour is excellent. They enjoy and celebrate their successes and we celebrate with them.

We complement, enhance and enrich learning in the school by providing exciting and inspiring extracurricular opportunities such as swimming, music lessons, West end theatre visits, Young Voices at the O2 and a range of sporting competitions. Pupils are encouraged to take part, helping to promote confidence and self-esteem.

In addition the school offers wraparound care on a daily basis with breakfast and teatime clubs held on site, making use of all the school's facilities. There are also a number of clubs run by staff and external professionals.



Excellence

We are committed to providing excellence and an opportunity for every pupil to experience first-rate teaching. We want all our pupils to leave us with high attainment, a thirst for learning and a competitive spirit.

Our committed teaching team enjoys being in an environment where they deliver purposeful and stimulating lessons every day. Rigorous quality assurance processes and thorough ongoing training opportunities for all staff ensure that we provide a high standard of teaching, with the commitment that every child has the opportunity to make a successful start to their education.

At Lime Academy Larkswood the senior leadership team set the standard of positive behaviour expected of all pupils at the school. We review and publicise the school behaviour policy annually, making it available on our school website. Our strong behavior policy supports all staff when managing behaviour including the use of rewards and sanctions.

Our modern building provides an exceptional learning environment within which we can focus on creating great learning experiences. We have made significant investments in our site including outdoor play areas and our wildlife area with seating for outdoor learning. We have also invested in new technology to drive forward learning.



“The school has made fantastic developments and is always striving for more. The educational support and the environment is very good. Well done the whole school team!”
— Parent of Year 5 Pupil

"This school is great at working together in partnership."

— Pupil, Year 6

Partnership

We welcome parents and carers as partners in their children's education. It is important to us that parents feel part of all school life and are engaged in their children's learning.

We were awarded the Leading Parent Partnership Award in 2018 for our excellent parent partnership working: working effectively with parents and carers to support learning and offering a range of parent and child enrichment activities.

We have an active Larkswood Parent Association, which raises money for the school to benefit pupils and to bring the community together. Our whole local community is important to us, as we believe success comes from creating an open, nurturing and stimulating environment.

Our pastoral care offers support to children and families and we work with partners beyond school to ensure individual needs are met.



Trust

Lime Academy Larkswood believes in building high levels of trust between everyone involved with the school; trust in others generates self-confidence and increased levels of performance and success for all. We work together to generate trust between children, between children and their staff, and between all adults associated with the school.

We know we can achieve much more when we work together, trusting and helping others.



Uniform

We believe that a school uniform helps to promote a good working environment and a positive attitude to learning. Through our uniform and dress code we aim to:

- Encourage pride in the school
- Support teaching and learning
- Enable pupils to be comfortable, safe and secure
- Encourage a sense of equality and belonging to the school community

Full details of our uniform can be viewed on our school website:

www.larkwoodlime.london

Uniform can generally be purchased from any high street supermarket. Our specialist jumpers are currently available from Speed Stitch, Unit 32, Walthamstow Business Centre, Clifford Road, Walthamstow, E17 4SX. Speed Stitch also have an online order service: www.speedstitch.co.uk

Parent Pay

We are a cashless school. All money to the school will be paid via ParentPay. Payments can either be made online or at paypoint store. Every child, when admitted to the school, is set up with a parent pay account, we will issue you with an account activation letter.

School day and extracurricular activities

Our school day starts at 8.45am and finishes at 3.20/3.30pm.

We have breakfast club that opens at 7.30am and an after-school activities club which ends at 5.30pm.

We also offer a variety of clubs that take place before school, during lunch break and after school. These include a range of sporting activities including: football, karate, tri-golf, athletics, gymnastics, basketball, dance, choir, booster classes, book club and many more!

For full details and costs please review our school website. For some of our families concessions on cost are available.

The Governing Body and School Community

We have an exceptional elected Larkswood Governing Body, which is strongly committed to excellence. The Governing Body holds the school to account. It plays a vital role in the life of our school with responsibilities for curriculum, standards, staff recruitment and finance. Governors consider our school as a hub for the local community and strongly support partnership work including with parents.



Home-Academy Agreement

Our Home-Academy Agreement is an important contribution to the life of Lime Academy Larkswood. It sets out what the pupil, parents/carers and academy agree together.

The partnership between home and the academy is one of the most important influences on the education and personal development of our pupils. This agreement recognises the need for an effective working partnership between the home and academy.

Aims of the academy and home partnership:

- To enable all pupils to make the most of their abilities.
- To work with our parents and carers to ensure that the pupils are secure and receive the highest standard of care.
- To help pupils to develop self discipline and to learn to behave towards others with care, respect and good manners.
- To encourage our parents and carers of pupils to participate in the life of the academy and to celebrate the achievement of their children and others.
- To help our parents and carers of pupils develop high aspirations and to enable them to progress towards a rewarding and fulfilling future.

All pupils and parents/carers must ensure that they have signed the Home-Academy Agreement prior to pupils starting at Lime Academy Larkswood. Full details of the Home-Academy Agreement can be reviewed on our website.

The Lime Trust

Larkwood Primary School converted to academy status in February 2015. Lime Academy Larkwood was established as the founding member of the Lime Trust.

The Department for Education has recognised the Lime Trust as a high-quality not-for-profit organisation and endorsed its plans to support and link individual primary schools through a beneficial formal partnership.

The Lime Trust has recognised Multi Academy Trust (MAT) sponsor accountabilities, which ensure strong governance and a powerful commitment to improving joining schools. We work with schools in challenging urban circumstances serving disadvantaged, multi-ethnic communities.

The Trust is committed to:

- Putting children first – a moral purpose to place pupils' learning and wellbeing at the centre of all that we do
- Setting the standard – for all pupils, all staff, all parents and all stakeholders

The Lime Trust is a not-for-profit organisation, registered as a charity.

To find out more about our work and established partnerships visit our website:

www.limetrust.london

How to request a place for your child:

Please contact our school directly:

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