



HOW DOES CORSHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL WORK IN THE COMMUNITY?



How do we act as a focal point for the community?

We work closely with the Corsham Transition Group (Transco Co) and with their support have planted our community orchards at both Pound Pill and Broadwood sites.

We have been instrumental in developing a collaborative partnership with Snapdragons Nursery which led to the building of nurseries at both sites.

We have worked closely with local town councillors in the development of the Corsham Youth Council and support the work of many community groups such as the Corsham Food Bank.

We have an active PTA who run fayres, discos, celebration evenings and all sorts of other activities which are well advertised in the community and open to all.

Local community groups use our facilities e.g. Yoga, writing groups and Warrior Academy.

We enjoy Christmas carol singing and visit care homes for the elderly to play music.

There are many volunteers from the wider community who regularly visit school to expand the children's learning opportunities e.g. volunteers who run our pupil Knitting Clubs.

We work closely with The Corsham School on community art projects and transition events for our pupils.

We work closely with the Corsham Area Community Board regularly attending meetings and supporting community development projects.

We enjoy a positive partnership with Green Square Accord and work closely with the organisation of community events.

We take positive action to ensure that all members of the community know what our core values are and what we believe in by:

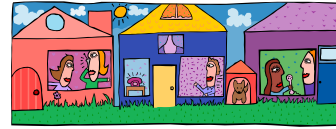
- Ensuring that we have an informative and colourful brochure.
- An excellent school website where all information about the school is posted.
- Releasing articles in the press to cover our events and activities.
- Operating an 'open door' policy for people to share ideas, concerns and issues about the school.
- Liaising closely with local nurseries/playgroups and the local secondary school.
- We are an Eco-School and promote recycling waste, using water butts, harnessing solar power and using water fountains.
- We are passionate about equality of opportunity and engage the wider community in the development of our Single Equality Scheme.

Here are some contributions we make to the surrounding community:

- We always take part in 'Corsham in Bloom'.
- Local religious leaders regularly visit and take our assemblies.
- We have been involved in local art competitions.
- The PTA support our school's mini bus fundraising.
- We support the Corsham Library by promoting their reading initiatives.
- We have many active sports teams that participate in local tournaments/competitions.
- We support the church Christmas Tree Festival and St Barts Spire Appeal.
- We maintain and preserve the community orchards on both sites with the help of Transco co.

We communicate with our community on a regular basis. Here are some examples:

- ⇒ We publish our news in the magazine 'Corsham & Box Matters' every month, which is circulated to all households in Corsham and the surrounding villages.
- ⇒ We create and distribute a general newsletter every month covering school news, as well as PTA newsletters.
- ⇒ We have 'Celebration of Learning' evenings.
- ⇒ We have an excellent website and a Twitter feed.
- ⇒ We have superb and longstanding good relations with the local press who are positive about promoting our community issues.
- ⇒ We run regular parent/carer evenings throughout the year.
- ⇒ We use community facilities for our Christmas and end of year celebrations.
- ⇒ We use a VLE (Virtual Learning Environment) to communicate and share learning achieved in school.
- ⇒ We visit local pre-schools before new children join the school.



We want to ensure that our pupils understand they are part of a wider community in the UK, Europe and beyond. This is how we do it:

- ⇒ We take part in Sport Relief fundraising, individual pupils often organise their own Blue Peter appeals and assemblies are held through the year which highlight the children and schools in the global community.
- ⇒ The children are involved in local community projects such as 'Corsham in Bloom'.
- ⇒ We are involved in the 'Corsham Arts Society', 'Box Gardening Club', 'St Bartholomew's Church Christmas Tree Festival' and the 'Corsham Town Council Annual Christmas Card Design Competition'.
- ⇒ The children raise money at our annual Indhu Rani Day to support children who attend the Goodwill Village School in Southern India.
- ⇒ We participate in World Book Day.
- ⇒ We provide resources such as books, posters and our Immersive 4D Spaces to help to raise pupil experience and develop an awareness of the global community.

