



The oldest part of Shrivenham Primary School fronts onto the Village High Street. The later additions, modern classrooms, playgrounds and grassy areas are all directly behind.



Shrivenham Primary School Governors. June 2002.

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# SHRIVENHAM C.E. (C) PRIMARY SCHOOL



## INTRODUCTION

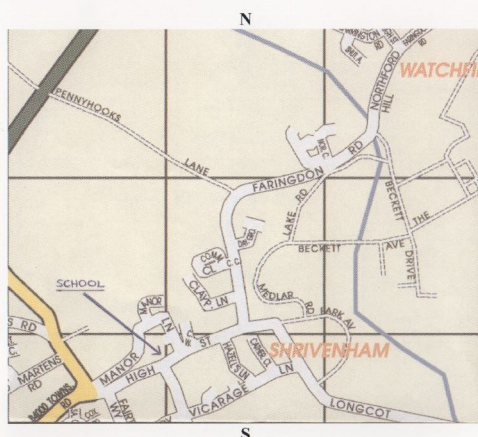
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## GUIDE FOR PARENTS



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#### LOCATION OF SHRIVENHAM SCHOOL



Scale : 500m squares.

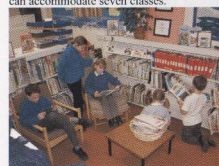
#### LOCALITY

Swindon 6 miles to the West.  
Faringdon 5 miles to the North East.  
Oxford 25 miles East.  
A420 by pass at top of map.  
Defence Academy campus East of Faringdon Road stretching for about 2000m.  
M4 motorway about 4km to the South.

Shrivvenham is a picturesque and lively Oxfordshire village. It has a good range of shops, hairdressers, an estate agent and eating places, pubs and a garage. It is also served by a doctors' surgery.

#### INTRODUCTION

The school was built in 1863 and is situated right in the heart of the village of Shrivvenham and very close to the village of Watchfield. It has the "School House" attached to the original schoolroom. It was expanded to two classrooms in 1899. Further additions and changes were made in 1950, 1966, 1974 and 2002, so the school has a very high standard of modern facilities and can accommodate seven classes.



The school is Church of England (Controlled) with the ethos and atmosphere of a small village school. We have children from a variety of countries and regions but everyone is part of the school 'family'.

The school has a dining hall, large school hall fitted with P.E. equipment and use of the nearby large recreation ground and tennis courts for games. It is well equipped with books, toys, computers in every classroom, musical instruments and all the other equipment one would expect a well-run school to have.

#### ADMISSIONS

Please contact the school at any time if you have a son or daughter who may come to the school. The contact details are on the cover.

#### THE STAFF

The normal establishment is seven teachers including the Head Teacher. The school staff includes several Education Support Assistants, a "lollypop" lady for the road crossing, the cleaning and dinner staff and two school Administration Officers.

#### THE SCHOOL

At Shrivvenham Primary School we aim to develop the interaction skills acquired at home in a friendly and structured process. We help to maximize each pupil's individual social and educational potential within the framework of a modern school environment where all children are happy to learn and grow. We seek to provide a first class education for all of our pupils in a caring and welcoming environment.

In addition to the traditional learning and social developmental skills, we aim for all the children who leave Shrivvenham Primary to have a sound working knowledge of the computer age they are entering.



We think children are happiest when they are kept busy. We aim to create a balance between hard work in the classroom, plenty of physical exercise, a range of extra curricular activities and opportunities for recreational play.



#### CURRICULUM

All pupils follow the national curriculum

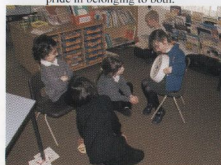
#### THE PUPILS

We normally have about 160 pupils with a wide range of abilities. The majority of our pupils live in the villages of Shrivvenham, Watchfield and Bourton. They may join the school as "rising fives" (i.e. they enter the school in the term they are five) and the eldest in year 6 are aged 11.

About 30-40 pupils join our school during each year. Many come into the "reception class" and a significant number join other years, particularly those with parents coming to do courses or tours of duty at the nearby Defence Academy.

We have four main objectives when your children come to us:-

- To settle them happily in their new surroundings.
- To get them to work willingly to the full limits of their abilities.
- To stimulate their interest in educational, recreational, sporting, cultural and artistic activities.
- To foster a sense of service to the school and the community and a pride in belonging to both.



#### SPECIAL NEEDS

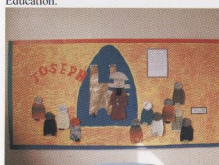
All pupils are taught in the mainstream classes. The children are assessed and where there is need they receive assistance to accommodate physical disability, learning or other problems. The Special Needs Coordinator is a specially trained teacher from within the team of teaching staff who ensures that learning support is given where appropriate.

#### MISSION

Shrivvenham School aims to provide a stimulating, secure and caring environment in which the children can happily achieve their full potential. We encourage consideration for others and equal opportunities for all. As a church controlled school, we instil a firm foundation of Christian values and beliefs, as well as extending children's religious, social and cultural awareness. We believe children, staff and parents are essential partners in achieving our aims.

#### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

As a Church school, Shrivvenham Primary School has close links with the churches in Shrivvenham. Both the Vicar and the Methodist Minister are frequent visitors (and governors) and both take school assemblies on a regular basis. The curriculum, which is carefully adhered to, includes Religious Education.



Every few weeks, each class gets its turn at the "class assembly" to lead the morning act of worship and perform a short piece. This is both stimulating and developing for the children.

All pupils participate in the annual Christmas production. At least once per term, the entire school holds a service in nearby St Andrew's church, to which all parents are invited.

#### STANDARD ASSESSMENT TESTS

The school is proud of its consistently high SAT results. Without unduly pressurising the children, the school ensures that the pupils are well prepared for the tests and achieve the best levels.

#### HOMEWORK

The school has a well established homework policy. The pupils are all given a certain amount of homework. The work can cover subjects from reading or maths to written work or topics. The amount increases as they go through the school. This is designed to help with their learning as well as preparing them for the disciplines of secondary school.

#### CONTACT BETWEEN SCHOOL & HOME

Parents are always welcome in school, indeed many parents will come in for an hour or two by arrangement and read with small groups of children or do some other activity such as music or sport.



Ours is a caring school with a 'personal' touch: should anything worry you or unsettle your child, we will always encourage you to get in touch or come and talk to one of the teachers. The school holds regular parents' evenings where parents are encouraged to come along and discuss any matters of interest.

Every few weeks, the parents of each class are invited to attend their "class assembly". Afterwards, the parents may visit the classroom and stay for coffee and biscuits while they see the work of the class.

#### PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

We hope that you will support the work of our lively and successful PTA. This group of parents and teachers promote and organise events throughout the year. They also sponsor items such as the school's fleecy jacket and the sturdy and attractive school bag (depicted below). All parents at the school are automatically members and are welcome to attend any meeting.



#### GOVERNORS

The school has an active board of governors who are all volunteers. There is a good mix of parents, teachers and representatives from the local authority, local church and the parish council. The governors have a wide range of responsibilities for setting policies and budgets etc within which the school is to be run. They hold an annual meeting for all parents and produce an annual report explaining their work over the past year.

#### BEHAVIOUR CODE & UNIFORM

Pupils are encouraged to wear preferred clothing and most do wear the sweat shirts with the school logo. Visitors frequently comment on the smart appearance of our children and there is little doubt that it gives our pupils a sense of pride in belonging to and identifying with the school.

The staff and governors wish the school to have a reputation of being a place where all the people who meet or work in the school conduct themselves in a civilized and responsible way. The rules of the school are based on common sense, courtesy and consideration for others.

#### OTHER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES



The school has a good number of clubs and after school activities and compares well with other primary schools. There is provision for learning musical instruments and parents and other helpers come to school to assist with games, music groups and other activities.



A great tradition of the school is its educational field trips. These go to Cornwall, the Mumbles (Swansea) or the Isle of Wight. It speaks volumes for the school that the same venues are revisited each time with our hosts being glad to welcome Shrivvenham Primary School children time and again.

#### MEDICAL, HEALTH & SAFETY

The school has a full set of up to date policies in all these critical areas and they are carefully adhered to. They are available for inspection and are distributed to parents where appropriate.

#### CALENDAR, HOURS & LUNCH

The school year is split into three terms each of which has a half term holiday. Each parent receives a regular newsletter with the calendar with any other special events.

School normally starts at 0845 and finishes at 3pm with a lunch break and a morning break. All children may enjoy school meals at Shrivvenham School, which has its own kitchen. Many children take sandwiches and eat them under supervision. Children may also go home for lunch.

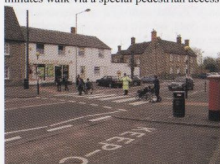
#### TRANSPORT

Safe cycling is encouraged and bike racks are provided. The cycling proficiency test is normally run yearly.

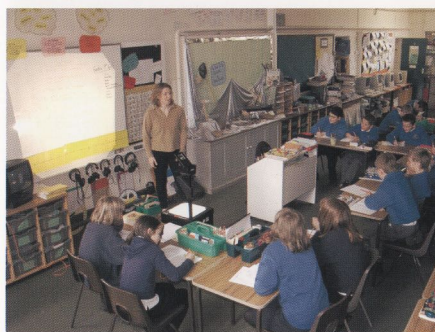


A free school bus operates from Bourton.

There are safe and easy walking routes to school with a "lollypop lady" outside for the zebra crossing. The majority of Shrivvenham is within 10 minutes walk. The closest parts of the Defence Academy are within 5 minutes walk via a special pedestrian access.



#### A CLASSROOM IN THE ORIGINAL BUILDING



#### FOOTBALL TRAINING ON THE VILLAGE RECREATION GROUND

