



Isambard Kingdom Brunel Primary School

Opening September 2020



Prospectus

Achieve

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Welcome

It is always exciting for children when they start school, an opportunity to make friends, to explore and find out what they can do and what they are good at. We are very excited to be opening Isambard Kingdom Brunel Primary School for Reception and Nursery children in September 2020. It has been a long and rigorous process to ensure that the school will open fully equipped, fully staffed and ready to receive our first intake. We pride ourselves on the friendliness of our schools and the close relationships between staff and children. It is very much a family ethos we foster at The Castle Partnership Trust and we believe that our schools should be an extension of the family, warm and welcoming, with the child firmly at the centre of everything we do.

The Trust's ambition is that every child achieves his or her full potential, to feel that they belong and to participate in learning, enrichment and to be part of their community.

We are deeply committed to Wellington as a community and the collaborative relationships we have with other organisations, schools and agencies enable us to offer your child the very best education possible.

At Isambard Kingdom Brunel Primary School (IKB), we will develop our children's thirst for learning through encouraging them to experiment, explore and play. We want this enthusiasm and energy to last throughout their school life, and for them to discover interests and passions that will enrich their whole lives. To do this, we are developing a curriculum that is broad and balanced, with a particular emphasis on Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (known as STEM subjects) as well as English, Humanities and the Creative Arts.



We also want our children to have healthy lifestyles and to make good choices for themselves so we will be offering a good range of physical activities.

Our expectation and ambition for every child is that they leave IKB with a rich experience of learning, with good physical health and a strong mind, with the resilience to keep on trying and thinking for themselves so that they live a happy and successful life.

We look forward to welcoming your family to our new school.

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Mrs Sarah Watson
Executive Headteacher, The Castle Partnership Trust



Our approach

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‘Every child will belong to a happy community where children are physically and emotionally safe.’

Every child is valued and important

Our aims are simple. We want every child at IKB to achieve their true potential, enjoy learning so they develop solid learning skills and articulation from the beginning. We achieve this by delivering high quality teaching and learning through a broad and balanced curriculum. We will provide a safe, nurturing, structured environment where children will thrive and be given the opportunity to try new activities and learn new skills.

We also encourage personal and social development to encourage children to have:

- High self-esteem and resilience
- Increasing confidence
- Growing sense of independence
- Awareness of self discipline

These are values that enable children to enjoy primary school and progress to secondary school with a belief in themselves as learners and as valued individuals.

Our School

‘Children at IKB will be safe, happy and have good self-esteem.’

IKB will open in September 2020 to Reception and Nursery age children only, and will grow each year, filling its 420 places over the next six years.

The school building has been carefully and rigorously planned and designed to provide the best learning environment for its pupils. It will be a two storey building with the Key Stage 1 classes and the Nursery positioned downstairs, alongside the hall, studio, kitchen and offices. Upstairs will be home to Key Stage 2 and the library. There are plenty of outdoor spaces and areas for continuous play, with dedicated Key Stage 1 outside areas. The whole site is access friendly with lifts between floors and ramps in the grounds. It will be a wonderful space, well-resourced ready for pupils to flourish.

Outside, the school will have a number of areas for play, PE and exploring. This will include a hard court and playground, a soft PE area, a large sports field and a planned forest school area, complimented by habitat planting, creating a natural environment for children to enjoy.

IKB will centre itself firmly in the heart of the local community, ensuring pupils have a clear sense of what makes a good citizen and a good neighbour. Pupils will have a strong sense of themselves in the local, national and global context so that they understand the responsibility they have to others, in the present and in the future.



The Castle Partnership Trust

IKB is part of The Castle Partnership Trust which includes The Castle School in Taunton and Court Fields and Wellesley Park in Wellington.

With a strong record of achievement and success already in the Trust, IKB will be well supported by a committed and experienced team, guided by the IKB Headteacher. A close working relationship in the Trust, and with all Wellington primary schools, helps us share best teaching practice ensuring your child is taught using the most current and effective methods.

The Trust will provide for children with Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) requirements and ensure that any pupil who may be struggling with mainstream school, is still part of our communities and feel that they belong.



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‘Our ambition is for every child to love reading, to thrive and to enjoy learning.’

The Curriculum

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Children will learn both formally and informally, inside and outside the classroom. We will give pupils an education that is intrinsically worthwhile to prepare them for life beyond school and to lay the foundation for lifelong learning.

English, Literacy and Maths are the foundation of every child’s education and start the building blocks of all future learning.

By sharing books, with and without words, as a class and individually, we hope to instil a lifelong love of books and enjoyment of reading in all our pupils.

Playing with shapes, measuring water, weighing ingredients, we aim to show children the relevance of maths in real life situations.

These skills are enhanced in further core subjects such as Science, Languages, Design Technology, Computing, Health & Wellbeing and PE.

We want our children to be able to:

- communicate effectively through talking, listening, reading and writing
- learn to work independently and as part of a group
- think, problem solve and make decisions
- be creative
- be happy to learn

Children will be encouraged to develop as rapidly as is right for them; gifted and talented children will be encouraged, for example, to read beyond the age-related range of reading materials and to explore challenging books and ideas. There are some children who will need a little extra time on certain subjects and skills and teachers will provide the necessary support so that every child achieves their best.

It is really important for children to read with their families at home, whether that is with parents, carers, siblings or grandparents. The more a child reads, the more confident they are in learning.



Bright Sparks Nursery

The Bright Sparks Nursery has purpose-built rooms and outdoor space accommodated within IKB. It has been designed to create a stimulating, nurturing and safe environment where young children can play, make friends and grow in confidence. Nursery is a child's first experience of school life and we want them to look forward to coming to Bright Sparks.

Play will form a large part of their day and through this they will learn about themselves, each other and the world around them. Through well planned and structured activities, children will learn how to be creative and independent but also how to share and co-operate with each other. Children will be encouraged to take part in adult led activities both in small groups and with the whole group so they develop team work and social skills.

Reading and writing will be encouraged, step by step and at a pace that is right for each child. Bright Sparks will have comfortable corners for reading where children can find books that encourage their imagination and where adults and older children can read with and to them. Early maths will also be explored, with counting and number games, shape sorting and patterns, and playing with water and sand.

At Bright Sparks, special attention will be paid to emotional wellbeing so that children learn about feelings and emotions through stories, circle time, 'golden rules' (for example, kind hands, kind feet, kind words) and through role play areas and imaginative play. Key workers will be allocated to each child and they will be responsible for ensuring the child is feeling happy and safe. They will be a family's direct link to the nursery and where families can receive feedback about their child's day, what have they been playing, what they have eaten. Key workers will also use their observations of the children to identify play activities that encourage children to learn.

Bright Sparks is the start of your child's journey in education and will provide a solid foundation for future learning and progress. Children will leave nursery with the skills required for a positive and confident transition in to primary school.

Safeguarding

The Castle Partnership Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of the children and expects all staff to share this commitment. We work closely with other agencies such as social services and health professionals to ensure this. Parents and families are always encouraged to come and talk to the Headteachers about any concerns that they may have.

Contacting us

If you have any questions regarding IKB, your child's enrolment or any other matter, please email: ikb@castle.somerset.sch.uk.



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