

## School Direct

Ashcroft Infant and Nursery School is a happy, friendly school where we aim to provide the best start in education for all of our children. Our current OFSTED grade is 'good' which was given in our previous inspection in December 2011. The Ashcroft staff are very supportive of one another and are constantly striving to improve their practice and leadership roles actively looking for ways to evaluate what we provide for our children. Our Early Years and transition processes are highly regarded and were utilised last year on a number of occasions to share our practice with NQTs and experienced teachers.

Ashcroft currently has a 32 place Nursery, 2 Reception classes and 3 KS1 classes. We provide wraparound care in the form of a Breakfast Club, Afternoon Nursery Care and Afterschool Club. Further to the support we share with our immediate cluster of neighbouring schools, we are also part of a network of Tamworth Primary Schools called the Belgrave Learning Network Community (BLNC), who collaborate to share expertise and support. Collaboration includes cluster meetings for subject leaders, NQTs and SEN, joint training days and head teacher meetings. In addition we provide each other with bespoke support where appropriate.

Our children are proud to belong to Ashcroft and are extremely well behaved. Our parents are highly supportive of the school and there is a great community atmosphere. We have developed our own 'Ashcroft Values' which our children aspire to live by on a daily basis at school and beyond. They have excellent attitudes to learning within the classroom and are always keen to share their achievements.

Our school council is highly effective and meet regularly to discuss further activities or improvements for Ashcroft. Given the young ages of our pupils they were able to ask challenging questions and hold discussions with a local MP last year who was impressed with their level of knowledge. Each class chooses a charity for the year and the children will work hard to raise awareness and finances for these causes.

Ashcroft has always been supportive and welcoming of student teachers. We have a close relationship with the University tutors who are always extremely pleased with the support and guidance we provide ensuring our students feel fully prepared to begin their careers.

I hope this information provides you with some information about our school. I would be delighted to expand on this further and provide a visit to Ashcroft at your convenience.

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Headteacher