



**CHATER
INFANT
SCHOOL**

**WELCOMES
YOU...**



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TO CHATER
INFANT
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On behalf of my team, I would like to thank you for your interest in our school.

Chater Infant School is a two-form entry community school for children from 3 to 7 years of age. We are very proud of our diverse community and celebrate the richness that the various cultures bring to our school.

We aim to create a trust and equality rich environment which nurtures everyone as individuals. We aim to create a culture of successful learners who are confident, resilient and responsible citizens. We recognise the need to invest in a very high standard of Nursery and Infant education for all children. We strive to provide excellent and positive teaching in a way that will nurture the overall development of all children during the time that they are with us.

We believe in encouraging all children to work hard and to have the highest aspirations. To help the children achieve their full potential, we develop a love for learning through building a high level of respect, self-esteem, commitment and collaboration. It is also imperative that our children have fun and most importantly are happy and enjoy school.

We pride ourselves in nurturing the children's personal development, including their social, moral, spiritual and cultural understanding. The children are actively encouraged to develop the skills that they will need in later life.

These skills include: developing a good level of resilience, co-operation with one another, working within a team and respecting other people who live and work in their community.

The learning experiences are enhanced and enriched through school visits and visitors. We arrange to take the children to as many educational establishments and places of interest as possible.

I am very proud to be the Headteacher of Chater Infant School. I am supported by an excellent, hardworking team who create exciting and interesting learning experiences for children. The School Governors are keen to be actively involved in all aspects of the school life and support the school very well.

Please feel free to contact the school directly with any queries you may have. We are keen to involve our children and parents in all aspects of school life, as we strongly believe a close home-school partnership helps the children achieve their best. We are always pleased to show prospective parents and children around our school.

Chater Infant School is a unique and special place. We look forward to welcoming you to our school.

Amrit Bal-Richards
Headteacher, Chater Infant School



**" I LOVE READING
CHAPTER BOOKS
& LOVED HAVING
FUN DAY! "**

UMER, YEAR 2



Our school aims to help all children to:

- Achieve the highest possible standards in academic and personal and social development
- Develop an understanding and enjoyment for lifelong learning
- Develop moral awareness, and understanding and respect for racial, religious and cultural diversity
- Understand and respect differences such as gender, ability and make up of families
- Understand their rights and the responsibilities of duty bearers to protect their rights and keep them safe
- To become persevering, curious, confident and inspirational learners
- Work and play with kindness, empathy and gratefulness
- Develop optimism, inner strength, confidence and independence to overcome challenges and adversity
- Become perceptive, caring and resilient members of society.



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CLAIRE, TEACHER



**“ VERY GOOD
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VERY HELPFUL
FEEDBACK ”**

HELEN, PARENT

CHATER INFANT SCHOOL - OUR VISION:

An exceptionally high performing professional and learning culture creating excellent achievement for all.

'Remembered for all the right reasons'

What do you remember about school? Good, bad or unmemorable?

These questions shape our school and everything we do here:

Light bulb moments because we learn,
Sparkling eyes because we are inspired,
Furrowed foreheads because we are challenged,
Laughs of delight because we have fun and feel safe.

This is why our school stands proud in our community:

Children want to come to school;
Parents want to send their children to our school;
And staff choose to work at our school.

We believe school should be remembered - for all the right reasons.

SCHOOL CHARTER:

At Chater Infant School we are proud to be a rights respecting school. We are working together to promote the United Nations Convention of the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) as a community. We work together to ensure that the whole school community knows about the rights that every child is born with and to ensure these rights are being respected. We respect each other's rights at our school.

We have the right to go to school -
so I am in the line at 5 to 9 and I look after property.

We have the right to be safe -
so I am gentle, kind and helpful.

We have the right to be safe -
so I am honest and tell the truth.

We all have the right to be healthy -
so I try my best in P.E. and eat healthy food.

We have the right to learn -
so I always work hard and do not disturb others who are learning too.

We have the right to enjoy lots of different activities -
so I always have a go.

We have the right to be ourselves -
so I say kind things to others.

We have the right to be listened to -
so I do my best listening.

We all have the right to play and relax -
so I take turns and share.



OUR PROMISE

We are passionate about learning at Chater Infant School and actively seek to involve parents and carers in their children's learning.

We plan and fully utilise rich, relevant and exciting learning opportunities.

We deliver a bespoke, personalised curriculum which is ambitious and constructed to give all our children the knowledge and cultural capital they need to succeed in life.

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The Building

Chater Infant School opened in 1989, replacing the old Chater School building which accommodated pupils up to the age of 11.

Chater Infant School is an ethnically rich school which caters for Infant and Nursery aged children.

The classrooms offer stimulating, well presented teaching and learning environments.

The school has a very well-resourced library with regularly replenished reading books to support individual reading both at home and school.

Each class is equipped with an interactive screen, visualiser and access to laptops, programmable equipment and other handheld devices.

The school grounds provide an attractive outdoor learning area and a beautifully designed garden. We have a designated outdoor learning area for the children in the Nursery and Reception classes

Watford Borough Council has funded a separate play area with climbing apparatus and swings which our children use during the school day. This is open to the public after school.

CHATER INFANT SCHOOL DAY:

SCHOOL HOURS YEAR 1 & 2

**MORNING SESSION:
8.50AM - 12.15PM**

**LUNCH BREAK:
12.15PM - 1.15PM**

**AFTERNOON SESSION:
1.15PM - 3.10PM**

RECEPTION CLASSES

**MORNING SESSION:
8.50AM - 11.45PM**

**LUNCH BREAK:
11.45AM - 12.45PM**

**AFTERNOON SESSION
12.45PM - 3.10PM**

**THE NURSERY
AM: 8.45AM - 11.45AM
PM: 12.30PM - 3.30PM**

A soft start at the beginning of the day at 8.45am and finish at 3.15pm enables a smooth drop off and collection from Chater Junior School

" I LOVE THAT I GET TO PLAY IN THE ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND & SPEND TIME WITH MY FRIENDS "

ALIYA, YEAR 2

**“ I HAVE
WONDERFUL
TEACHERS,
THEY TEACH ME
INTERESTING
THINGS. ”**

LILIA, YEAR 2



The Curriculum

At Chater Infant School we are committed to ensuring that each child receives high quality teaching.

We believe that all children should enjoy learning and that each child must be encouraged to be a life-long learner and have an equal opportunity to achieve their maximum learning potential.

We offer a curriculum which is broad and balanced and which:

- Promotes the spiritual, moral, cultural, mental and physical development of pupils at the school and in society
- Prepares pupils at the school for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of later life
- Comprises all learning and other experiences that Chater Infant School plans for its pupils.

These include opportunities for real-life experiences, such as; exploring the great outdoors, cooking, fundraising, observing how animals and plants grow and change over-time, experiencing live performances and learning through scientific investigations.

British Values

At Chater Infant School the curriculum actively promotes the fundamental British Values as outlined by both Ofsted and the Department for Education.

The British Values have been broken down and matched across the curriculum. In some instances, the British Values compliment and reinforce our values, the Rights Respecting School Agenda and International School Award values.

Growth Mind Set (GMS)

We believe that children learn best when they have a growth mindset (GMS) as opposed to a fixed mind set. We encourage a growth mindset across all areas of the curriculum.

We encourage and nurture our children to develop resilience through a focus on:

- Being resilient
- Being independent
- Persevering and being perceptive about themselves and others
- Embracing challenges, learning from their mistakes and taking risks with their learning
- Being curious, inquisitive and asking questions

- Working hard both independently and with others
- Reflecting and improving their learning skills.

Teaching and Learning

Teachers plan collaboratively to ensure that the children receive a broad, balanced and progressive curriculum of the highest quality.

Nursery & Reception

When children are in the Nursery and Reception classes, they are taught from the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum.

This is organised into seven areas of learning:

- Personal, Social & Emotional Development
- Communication & Language
- Physical Development
- Literacy
- Maths
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Arts & Design.



**" I LIKE
THIS SCHOOL
BECAUSE
EVERYONE IS
FRIENDLY... "**

MAYA, YEAR 2

Year 1 and Year 2

Work is based on the National Curriculum and also the needs and interests of the children. Teachers ensure that all children have equal and equitable opportunities to enjoy all areas of the curriculum, regardless of their race, gender, disability, or social background.

Personal, Social and Health Education

The well-being of each child is very important and this is considered in all aspects of school life.

Planning, support and engagement with parents and carers reinforces our commitment to ensure each and every child thrives at Chater Infant School.

We fully utilise any opportunities to improve each child's physical and mental well-being.

P.E.

We are committed to healthy living and exercise and this is reflected in our curriculum and extra-curricular activities.

Religious Education

The school teaches Religious Education (R.E.) in line with the Hertfordshire R.E. Syllabus. All faiths practised by children in the school are celebrated during assemblies

School Visits

A wide range of visits and visitors are arranged to ensure children have a wealth of first hand experiences.


School Clubs

There is a range of extra curricular activities which take place during lunch times and after school, depending on the time of year.

Home Learning

All children are expected to read to an adult at home on a regular basis. Home learning activities are set each week in all year groups. Termly topic plans are available on the school website, so parents are aware of their child's learning and can support learning at home.

We use Microsoft Teams and a wealth of online subscriptions to help parents to support their children with learning enrichment activities.

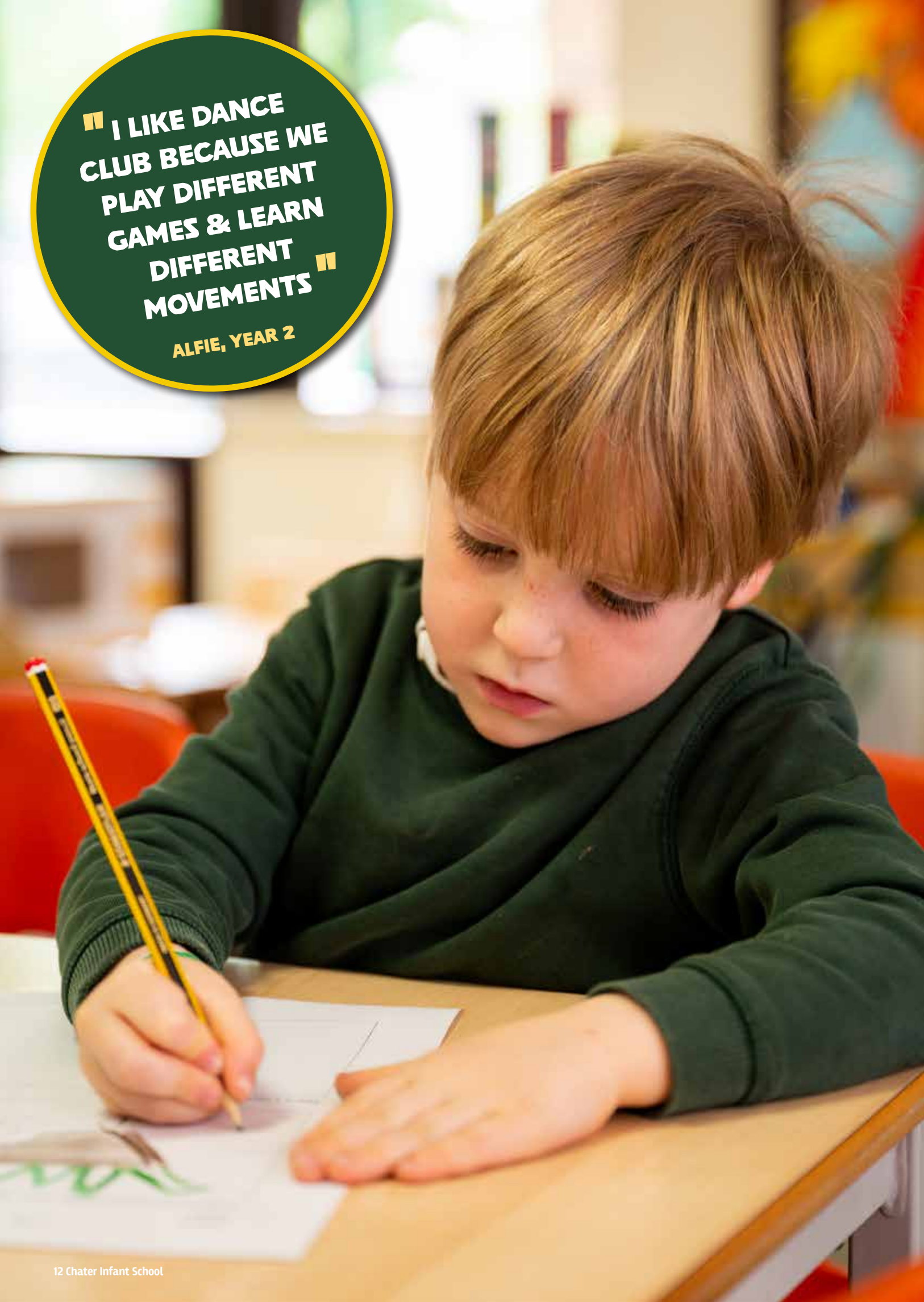


" THIS WHOLE SCHOOL IS KIND & GENEROUS, IT'S A BEAUTIFUL PLACE "

HAFSA, YEAR 2

**“ I LIKE DANCE
CLUB BECAUSE WE
PLAY DIFFERENT
GAMES & LEARN
DIFFERENT
MOVEMENTS ”**

ALFIE, YEAR 2



School Awards

Rights Respecting School Agenda Award (UNICEF)



As a multi-cultural and diverse school community, it is important to celebrate and learn about countries and different cultures around the globe. As a school, we have achieved the British Council's Award for International Schools.

The 'international' curriculum supports our children to have a better understanding of the world around them. It enables our school to develop a curriculum that celebrates who they are and where they are from and also develop socially and culturally.

The 'international' activities are interwoven into our topics so there is a clear purpose for learning in a range of subjects. Alongside the activities, the award gives our children the opportunity to develop global links with other schools around the world.

Our links with an international school may be in the form of completing joint projects, class email, sending cards, pictures and writing letters to learn more about each other.

As well as activities within the classroom, our international school activities are supported through whole school events and assemblies.

Chater Infant School has been awarded silver status by UNICEF in recognition of our work promoting children's rights.

The Key Stage One curriculum embraces our children's rights in our learning in lessons (particularly in PSHE and Religious Education) and through assemblies.

We teach our children that everybody has these rights and that everybody should be treated equally and fairly. It is important to recognise that everybody should respect the rights of other people.

We have a responsibility to ensure that our pupils learn how to respect and value themselves to create a safe and happy school community.

The UNICEF articles underpin everything that we learn about across the school. It supports our children to develop the right skills to prepare them to become responsible young citizens.

International Schools Award:



We are proud to celebrate our school's commitment to include international work as part of our curriculum and school's culture.

Arts Mark Award (The Arts Council)



Chater Infant School has received an Arts Mark from Arts Council England which recognises how well the arts have been embedded across our Key Stage One curriculum.

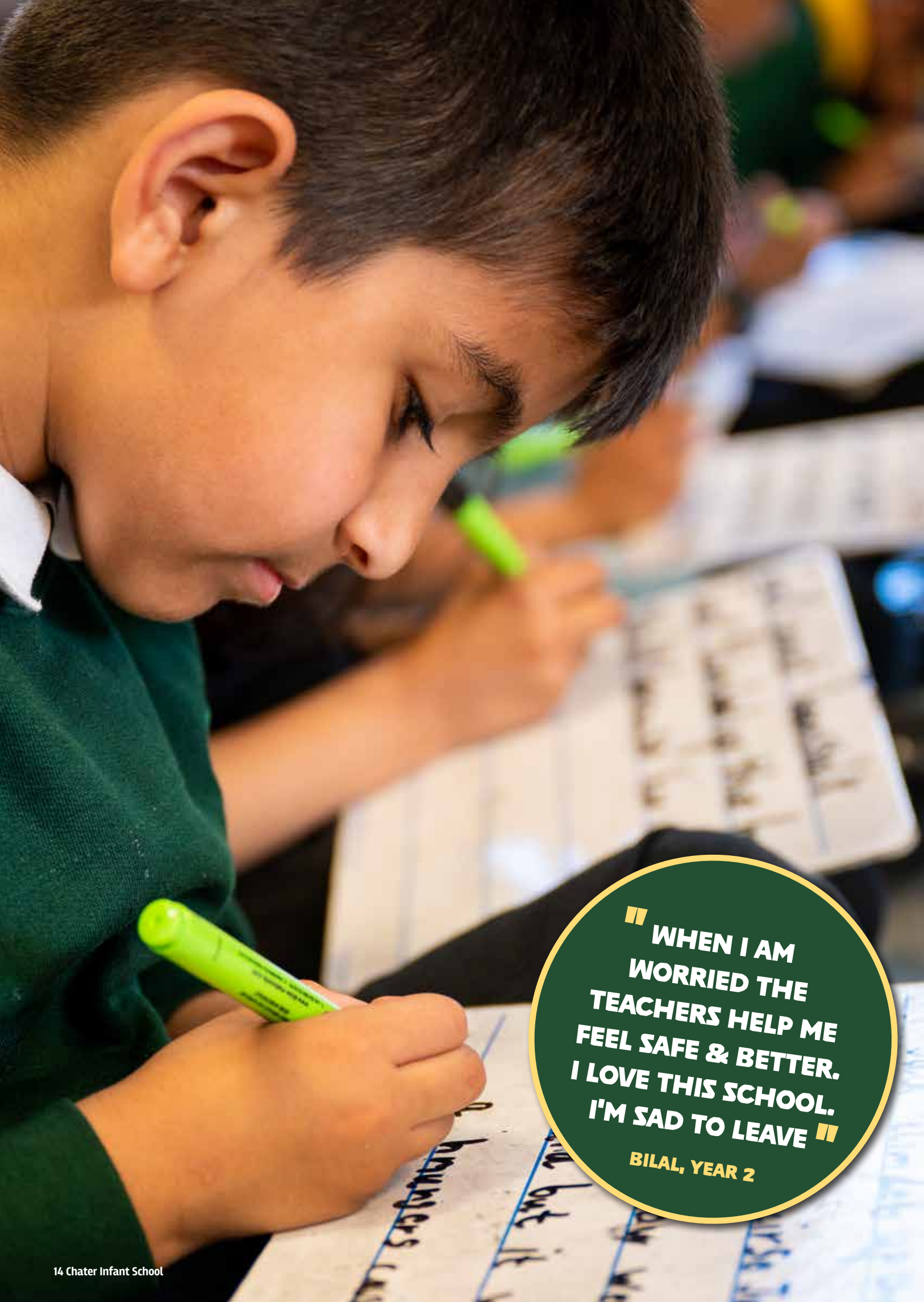
The Arts include: Painting, Drawing, Sketching, Artists, Genres of Art, Sculpture, Graphics, Craft, D&T, Literary Arts, Poetry, Drama, Music and Dance.

Achieving the Arts Mark status indicates the value and importance of these subjects across our curriculum. It recognises our commitment to provide a broad and balanced curriculum and allows our children to be creative and to explore the arts through various forms and media.

Eco Schools Green Flag Award:



This award demonstrates that our children care about their environment and have a strong desire to protect our planet.



|| WHEN I AM
WORRIED THE
TEACHERS HELP ME
FEEL SAFE & BETTER.
I LOVE THIS SCHOOL.
I'M SAD TO LEAVE ||

BILAL, YEAR 2



**“ IT WAS A
WONDERFUL SHOW!
WE REALLY ENJOYED IT
& IT LOOKED LIKE YOU
DID TOO. WELL DONE
EVERYONE! ”**

SOPHIE, PARENT

Parents

We like parents to help in school; if you have any time to spare we would be delighted to see you. If you would like to help in any other way please let us know.

Parents tell us they enjoy the time they spend in school and your help will be greatly appreciated.

Friends of Chater Infant School (FOCIS)

Parents are encouraged to meet on a monthly basis: to get to know and support each other, find out about what is happening at school and to discuss and plan fund raising activities.

All parents are welcome to attend. Parent Representatives from each class help us to communicate and organise activities and events.

Volunteers & Students

We welcome and really value student placements and volunteers at Chater. This is a rich and rewarding experience for students, volunteers and our school. We work together with students and volunteers to ensure that they are able to gain maximum benefit from this experience.

A Learning Community

At Chater we consider ourselves to be life-long learners and actively encourage pupils, staff and parents to grow and learn alongside each other.

Parent & Carer Learning

We inform parents and carers about courses running both at the school and also at other

locations. We work closely with the local Children’s Centre to support parents with their children’s learning, personal, social, emotional and physical development.



**" WE HAVE
REALLY GOOD
RESOURCES
& A KIND
HEADTEACHER "**

RAMEEN, YEAR 2

Training for Staff

We are proud of the learning opportunities provided to staff and endeavour to ensure that staff are up to date with current education practice and initiatives.

Working with other schools

We pride ourselves on our links with other schools. We work in partnership with a number of local schools and are always keen to share our expertise and to learn from our colleagues at other schools.

Supporting other schools

We are keen to share our knowledge, skills and expertise; and a number of senior staff are involved in supporting schools at a local and a national level.

School Meals

Chater Infant School recognises the importance of a hot school meal and a healthy diet. Children have a wide choice of meat and vegetarian dishes.

Full details of our menus are available from the school office.



“ BELIEVE IN YOURSELF, WORK HARD & CELEBRATE YOUR SUCCESS ”

SEND, LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT



**" I REALLY
ENJOYED THE
TRIPS &
I ENJOYED ALL
THE SUBJECTS "**

RITISHA, YEAR 2

CHATER INFANT SCHOOL VALUES:

C
COLLABORATION

H
HARD WORK

A
ASPIRATION

T
TRUST

E
EQUALITY

R
RESPECT

RESILIENCE



At Chater Infant School we respect each other's rights & are aware of our responsibilities.

Equality and equity for all our children

At Chater we are committed to ensuring that every child, whatever their background or their circumstances, has the support needed to ensure they are safe, healthy, enjoy and achieve, make a positive contribution to society and work towards economic well-being in the future.

Working with external Agencies

We work closely with other organisations involved in providing services for children, for example, the health services, children's services, other schools, the police and voluntary groups.

We share information and work together to protect children and young people from harm and help them achieve their potential and goals.

Behaviour

- Every child has the right to be safe
- Every child has the right to learn
- Every child has the right to be heard
- Every child has the right to be themselves
- Every child has the right to enjoy school and a wide range of learning experiences.

Effective learning takes place in a caring, well-ordered and disciplined environment.

We recognise that all behaviour is communication. Any behaviour that interrupts learning will be addressed quickly and robustly. The children are always encouraged to be polite and well behaved. Children are encouraged to behave well because that is what is expected, rather than through fear of punishment or for a reward.

However, if a child persistently misbehaves, there are procedures to deal with this, which are set down in the school Behaviour Policy. If we are concerned about a child's behaviour, we inform the parents. We also like to know if parents have noticed any changes in their child's behaviour at home or have any other concerns.

Safeguarding

- Every child has the right to be safe
- Every child has the right to be healthy.

Child Protection

We take the responsibility of looking after all our children very seriously. Keeping our children safe means:

- Providing a safe and nurturing environment in which all children flourish as individuals
- Ensuring the health and safety of every child
- Ensuring all adults that work at Chater have undergone full safeguarding and security checks
- Being proactive against any discrimination
- Meeting the needs of children with medical conditions
- Caring for children's personal and emotional needs
- Keeping children safe when they use the internet
- Making sure our school is secure.

At Chater Infant School we promise to respect each other's rights and encourage all children to be aware of their rights and the responsibilities of duty bearers.

**FANTASTIC
FEEDBACK &
TEACHING. WE ARE
REALLY HAPPY WITH
CHATER INFANTS
AS A SCHOOL.**

ZEENAT, PARENT





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