BE YOUR BEST SELF





Welcome from the leadership team

Welcome to Meon Way Federation, a family of schools that are stronger together to enable children to be their best selves.

Meon Way Federation comprises of Moorings Way Infant School, Meon Infant School, and Meon Junior School. As a proud member of the Thinking Schools Academy Trust, we are focused on transforming the life chances of every child.

Meon Way Federation is led by our Executive Headteacher; Sara Paine. She works collaboratively with Ruth Vonk, Head of the Infant Schools, Christine Turner, Head of the junior school and Rachel Thripp, Assistant Head leading on Inclusion across the three schools.

At Meon Way Federation, our three schools work together to deliver the best practices for every individual who learns in our happy and safe environments. Our school motto of 'Be Your Best Self' ensures that every child is recognised for their uniqueness. From effectively supporting children with special education needs, to consistently delivering an enriching curriculum, we are passionate about positively impacting on every child's future.

Partnerships with parents and carers is vital to our school values and to ensuring our children are successful. We are privileged to have a supportive parent community in the heart of Milton and the surrounding area.

Within this prospectus, we hope the information will lead you to choose Meon Way Federation as your first choice for your child's education.



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Our vision and values

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- Be kind and respectful
- Be confident and resilient
- Be creative and independent
- Believe in yourself

We strive to ensure every school within our Federation is consistently developing to positively impact the learning and lives of every pupil. Meon Way's four key principles are Relational, Restorative, Resilient and Reflective.



Our school is committed to ensuring:

- Every child achieves well through a challenging and engaging curriculum
- Every child is a reader
- Every child will master number
- Every child has good attendance
- Every child is transformed through arts and culture
- Every child is an active citizen in their school community
- Every child is a curious and critical thinker
- Every child is healthy in body and mind







Moorings Way Infant School

Moorings Way Infant School offers a beautiful and natural environment for children to thrive within the city of Portsmouth.

We believe the foundations of a child's education are laid during these early years and it is therefore crucial that every child feels successful, valued and safe at school.

At Moorings Way, we have high expectations for every child. We believe that every lesson matters, which is why they are delivered to our pupils in an interactive and engaging way, focused on motivating pupils to think and learn.

Our expansive outdoor space allows us to enrich our curriculum offer. We can provide opportunities for growing and producing our own fruit and vegetables, links with Beach and Forest Schools, field sports and areas for children to develop friendships and play in a natural environment.

The joint work of the Meon Way Federation ensures a smooth transition into Meon Junior school and builds on our strong sense of togetherness.



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Meon Infant School

Meon Infant school, situated within the heart of Milton, is a happy, inclusive environment that enables children to flourish. We offer every pupil an excellent start to their education.

Our unique building offers the space for children to explore their learning beyond the classroom environment. Including a large library at the heart of the school, purpose-built music, drama and IT areas.

Our staff pride themselves on having high standards and expectations and work closely with our families to achieve our vision and values. Our shared curriculum with Moorings Way ensures that every child excels in early literacy and maths and develops a breadth of knowledge. Children develop skills across a wide curriculum which encourages pupils to take an interest in the world

Most of our children progress onto Meon Junior School and enjoy an all-through educational experience within our Portsmouth 'Hub' of schools, which includes a nearby secondary school.



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Meon Junior School

Meon Junior School is a very friendly and ambitious school where we have a highly motivated and talented team.

Our children are encouraged to become confident, caring and articulate, using their abilities to the fullest. We provide a learning environment that enables the children to acquire a wide range of knowledge, skills, and practical abilities.

We aim to meet the needs of all children as we strive for excellence in all we do. It is important to us that your child loves learning at Meon Junior School.

At Meon Junior School, our intent is aligned with both infant schools within the Federation and our curriculum is designed to build upon the learning in the first key stage. Reading is at the heart of our curriculum; we introduce our pupils to exciting, challenging books so that our pupils learn to love words.

They can talk enthusiastically about books and authors and they become increasingly articulate and speak confidently.

We place high importance on the arts and STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) curriculum to ensure our pupils experience the breadth of learning they will need for the future. We are passionate about being active with daily physical activities and a wide range of extra-curricular opportunities, including sports teams and field gun.

We offer an exciting curriculum with the aim to ensure that our children are well-prepared for the next stage in education.



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Why Meon Way Federation?

The three schools that form Meon Way Federation work collaboratively and cohesively to benefit every child.

We have a number of programmes and activities that we believe make us stand out within the city, some of which are listed below.

We prioritise the wellbeing of every child. Whether someone is feeling unhappy, or perhaps they want to talk to someone about something, we have a friendly and approachable team of trained staff who can support children with their challenges but will also encourage them when good things happen.

We are serious about protecting our planet. Every school has a team of 'Eco-Warriors', a group of children who come together to discuss ways in which every school within the Meon Way Federation can be more eco-friendly. We believe this supports them as they grow into caring and considerate individuals.

We pride ourselves on promoting cultural capital.

We're all about giving children opportunities to enable them to find their place in the world. From exploring different cultures and enjoying school trips to learning how to play an instrument and discussing current affairs in a child-friendly way, we have a clear programme to support children in developing their cultural capital.

We encourage children to walk, run, cycle or scoot to school. Where possible, we encourage children and families to be active when making their way to and from school. We have ambitious plans to continue promoting an active journey that will always benefit children.









Thinking Schools Academy Trust

The Thinking Schools Academy Trust is a family of schools that work together to transform the life chances of all our children and young people.

We share a common mission to nurture successful young people who are confident and can think and act independently.

Students are equipped with a bank of Thinking Tools designed to prepare them for a range of scenarios, dilemmas and circumstances that they may face in life as part of modern society. The use of these tools in our curriculum is supported by scientific and metacognitive research, and pupils are encouraged to apply their tools independently and use them to unlock new ideas.

Our Thinking Tools include: Thinking Maps, De Bono's Thinking Hats and Art Costa's Habits of Mind. These tools are used consistently across all areas of our curriculum and support our pupils tremendously in their learning and personal growth.

The concept of 'Being your Best Self' is also at the heart of our approach to learning at the Meon Way Federation. Pupils are encouraged to strive to be and achieve their best and are given multiple opportunities to reflect on their learning and work on their personal development.





