

Lakelands Primary School is a brand-new primary school that opened in September 2020 to our first-ever reception class. We are privileged and honoured to serve this new local community. Lakelands will be a place where children are nurtured, encouraged and challenged. *Break to snippet in class.*

My name is Koulla Anslow and I am the founding Headteacher of Lakelands Primary School, which is part of the Chelmsford Learning Partnership. The community ethos is really important for us here at Lakelands. It is in everything that we do, our relationships with each other, our relationships with the pupils and their families. The children will be provided with an excellent environment in order we can deliver an aspirational education where pupils can thrive. We have recruited teachers who are passionate about creating an engaging and meaningful experience and who will build the children's love for learning in all subjects. *Break to snippet in class.*

Personal social and emotional learning will be high on our school's agenda and as part of this we have a family dining lunch time service. Lunch times at Lakelands are really special. When the children come into lunch the tables are already laid for them. The children work on a rota so that they have a table leader. The table leader will then pour the water for their friends. They sit on round tables, and they all talk together and continue to build relationships outside of the classroom.

The other thing that makes Lakelands unique is our love for books. It's really important for us that our books are inclusive and diverse and that represent our pupils. It's also really important that they fit in with our global curriculum. *Break to snippet in class*

Our phonics here at Lakeland's is excellent. We have an established a structured phonics programme and we are using the "Read Write Inc" materials to deliver excellent phonics lessons. Each child has an individual personality and our dedicated staff help to develop their confidence and self-esteem.

Our school motto "**Be The Change**" reflects the values we wish to instil here at Lakelands. Our pupils are creative, adventurous, brave and respectful to all. The school ethos and culture is driven by our six core values compassion, honesty, aspiration, nature, generosity and equality. Our Early Years curriculum is designed to provide a strong foundation for our pupils' future learning including developing a positive attitude. We provide the children with a range of knowledge and skills and lay the foundation for excellent future progress throughout their school life.

We are extremely lucky to have state-of-the-art facilities including a 4G pitch, food technology room and the latest technology in our classrooms. At Lakelands, pupils learn what it means to be part of a diverse and inclusive community. There are no outsiders at Lakelands regardless or background, age, gender, abilities, race or religion. The children are really happy to come to school every day. It's so lovely to see them come in with beaming smiles and be ready for their learning. We look forward to welcoming you into the Lakeland's family.