

## **What is flexi schooling?**

Flexi Schooling describes an arrangement between the parent and school where children are registered at the school in the usual way but attend school only part time. The rest of the time the child is home educated. This can be a long-term arrangement or a short-term measure for a particular reason. "Flexi-schooling" is a legal option provided that the headteacher at the school concerned agrees to the arrangement. The child will be required to follow the National Curriculum whilst at school, but not whilst he or she is being educated at home.

Flexi-schooling can be a great home-school compromise: children have access to specialist educators and resources they might not have at home plus they can join in parts of the timetable such as PE. They have opportunities to work and socialise with their own peer group, and will have the chance to join in with activities such as school trips and plays. For parents, it potentially means they can work part-time.

Requesting flexi schooling is not a decision to be taken lightly without careful research and planning. Even with flexi schooling there is a clear structure to the week and parents will be expected to sign an agreement regarding the fixed days of attendance, rather than being able to mix and match to suit the home education timetable. The success of flexi-schooling depends on parents and the school being able to work closely together. Both parties will need to maintain regular contact about the learning at school and at home and be committed to this approach.

## **Why should I choose Pott Shrigley for my child?**

Here at Pott Shrigley we aim to provide a personal learning journey for all our children, whether they attend full time or on a flexible arrangement. Our very small class sizes mean that every child is treated as an individual and we are able to provide a flexible, bespoke and supportive approach to ensure that your child's needs are met. Coming into our school is like walking into a welcoming home.

We are very proud of our school and care, respect and responsibility underpins all our work, making our school a happy, safe and fun place to be. Our exciting curriculum is full of rich experiences that are well matched to the needs and interests of all learners. How this might be seen in practice is captured by our agreed pupil promise below. As well as academic expectations, we believe that all our pupils should enjoy a range of experiences which challenge them and develop their self-confidence and abilities. We propose to ensure that our children will have certain exceptional opportunities during their time as pupils of Pott Shrigley School. These are some of the important additional experiences that we believe will support the children's development. In no particular order, these are:

- *Visit a city*
- *Have an opportunity to learn to play an instrument*
- *Play and perform as part of an orchestra*
- *Visit a theatre*
- *Take part in residential visits*
- *Visit a farm*
- *Take part in climbing, abseiling, canoeing and other outdoor pursuits*
- *Experience a major live sporting event*
- *Sing in a choir before an audience*
- *Play in an inter schools sports' team*
- *Take part in an enterprise project*
- *Plant and grow vegetables*
- *Have an opportunity to be a leader on a project*
- *Be responsible for a fundraising project*
- *Cook a range of meals*
- *Visit a range of places of worship*
- *Have an opportunity to act as a support or buddy to others*
- *Meet and get to know people from other cultures or environments*
- *Have an opportunity to contribute to social care (eg: visit nursing home)*
- *Visit a major art gallery or sculpture park*
- *Work with a professional artist or craftsperson*
- *Take on a project or visit a site which supports environmental or sustainable development*

We have recently been working with another school in Derbyshire which has successfully championed a flexi school approach.

Parents are most welcome to make an appointment to visit our lovely and unique school so that you can see what we have to offer and discuss how we could support the education of a variety of children through a variety of flexible approaches.