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Droxford Junior School is located in the village of Droxford, Hampshire and within the beautiful South Downs National Park. We are one of only three Ambassador schools for the South Downs National Park and are proud to work closely with the authority. In February 2024, we proudly retained our outstanding judgement through the Ofsted process.

Although some children live in the village itself, the catchment area is wider and takes in a variety of village communities in the Meon Valley. When cohort numbers are low, we do take in children from out of catchment.

Droxford Junior School retains a village ethos but has a modern, contextual curriculum for learning. All classrooms have large Promethean interactive computer screens for staff and children to assist learning. The rest of our computer technology: chromebooks, laptops and tablets are well maintained and used safely and widely, across all aspects of the curriculum.

We have been busily developing our school grounds to enhance opportunities for learning and play, outdoors. The children have worked with a Local Authority landscape architect, the South Downs National Park Authority and the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust to develop these plans into something tangible.

The children use the field all year; can build dens; play all the familiar team sports; climb on low ropes; jump around on the natural play equipment. All these developments go hand in hand with commitments to encourage more wildlife into our grounds by planting trees, shrubs and flowers to attract pollinators. We wish to take more learning outdoors which is supported by parents and the local community who attend our 'Dig Days' twice a year.

The children also have access to a well-stocked library with a dedicated librarian, an ICT suite and a large, modern hall for PE, music and drama.

The uniqueness of the local environment is reflected in the school's curriculum. Although we ensure all areas of the National Curriculum are covered, our Droxford curriculum is meaningful and relevant to our learners. Strong community and business links are utilised; our wonderful FODS team dedicate their time to excellent fundraising events and our governors are knowledgeable and experienced in supporting and challenging the school to be better as well as compliant to statutory obligations.

We actively participate in local events including sport competitions, the Droxford village fair, the annual Remembrance Service and the Scarecrow competition!







