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### About Godmanchester bridge academy

Godmanchester Bridge Academy is a new school in Godmanchester, built on the Romans' Edge development. Sponsored by The Orchard Learning Trust (OLT), the Bridge Academy seeks to provide the best possible start to education for children aged 4-11 years in the Godmanchester area.

The school offers high levels of teaching standards, robust organisational structure and wide-ranging curricular and extra-curricular opportunities. The state of the art premises also have a purpose built preschool, a breakfast club and an after school club on site. The school will be established as a community school with a catchment area of the parish of Godmanchester.



## About Orchard Learning Trust

In 2014, the Academy Trust which has been responsible for running Godmanchester Community Academy since it converted to academy status in 2012, decided to put in a bid to sponsor the new primary school planned for the Bearscroft development.

After a competitive process the bid was successful and as a result the Trust is now a Multi-Academy Trust and is responsible for both schools.

## What is a Multi-Academy Trust?

A multi-academy trust is a collaborative organisational structure enabling a single Trust to govern more than one school. This has significant advantages including sharing best practice, economic benefits due to shared costs and central services, flexibility of resources and improved staff retention due to enhanced development opportunities.

## Orchard Learning Trust (OLT)

Orchard Learning Trust is a registered company and charity. It has a Board whose members oversee the work of the Board of Directors who are responsible for achieving the Trust's objectives. The Board of Directors implement the strategy on behalf of the Trust, hold school leadership to account, ensure financial probity and are responsible for compliance with the various legal requirements involved in running an organisation of this nature. A number of responsibilities are delegated to local governing bodies, one for each school.





*The outside classrooms and play areas are colourful and inspiring*

### Message from the Head of school:

When the Orchard Learning Trust was announced as the successful bidder chosen to open the new primary school in Godmanchester it was an exciting opportunity.

Our new school, Godmanchester Bridge Academy, benefits from considerable experience and expertise, while also enjoying the advantages of a brand new school building and grounds carefully designed to support high quality learning in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

We will work tirelessly to ensure the children who attend the Bridge Academy experience a first class primary education and leave the school fully prepared for the next stage in their education as confident, motivated and independent learners who care and respect others; children who will grow up determined to make a positive contribution to their world.

Claire Wood

**Head of school**

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## What Godmanchester Bridge Academy can offer you and your child

### Learning at the Academy

The Learning experience at the Bridge Academy involves a forward thinking and modern approach to learning the traditional, fundamental knowledge and skills required by the National Curriculum.

To achieve this vision the mornings are dedicated to acquiring the essential literacy and numeracy skills vital to success in education and life. The mornings are also interspersed with other activities to make the learning fun and never confined to the classroom.

In the afternoons, pupils at the Bridge Academy cover the other areas of the curriculum; learning through a topic based exploration which develops their curiosity, creativity and understanding of the world in which they live. The children are then able to partake (if they so choose) in a number of clubs and activities that extend beyond the official school day but are still important in developing physical, creative and social skills. There is also a before- and after- school childcare club run by Godmanchester Bridge Kids' Club who provide a happy, safe and stimulating environment.

### A Family / School Partnership

As we firmly believe that a child's development and progress are best achieved through a close partnership between home and school, the afternoons also provide a number of opportunities for parents to be involved in their child's learning in school, through school-based projects that can be continued at home.

### Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) / More Able Pupils

The Bridge Academy is fully inclusive catering for children of all abilities.

As the children progress through the school they will increasingly benefit from being taught by teachers who specialise in and are passionate about their subject. Due to the benefits of shared resources across the Trust, the children will also have greater access to specialist support and tuition.

### Information Technology

The school has been built with IT to the fore so the children's learning will be continually enhanced by technology and they will quickly become confident and skilled. They are introduced to laptops, iPads and bee-bots very early and encouraged to become confident with modern technology.

## Community

Community has also been a priority in the design of the building with the accommodation planned to enable a full range of use in the evenings by clubs and groups. The Academy will be at the heart of the new community while connecting fully with the existing community of Godmanchester.

The ethos of the Academy will constantly reflect the Trust's values of: **Respect; Aspiration; Enjoyment; Caring; Determination; Challenge; Honesty and Sharing.**

## The Curriculum

### Literacy

The rapid acquisition of reading, writing, listening and speaking skills will underpin the learning of literacy at the Academy. This will ensure the children quickly meet the age related expectations of the National Curriculum for literacy at the earliest opportunity.

### Mathematics

Early acquisition of the key numeracy skills will be the target for every child entering the Academy, enabling them to progress quickly to become independent and robust problem solvers. They will then be guided and encouraged in developing the capacity to apply mathematical reasoning so they reach Year 6 as able and confident mathematicians.

### Foundation Subjects

All the National Curriculum Foundation subjects will be taught through exciting and exploratory learning.

## The School Day

The school day runs from 8:45am – 3:00pm. Extension activities will be available between 3 – 4pm. These activities will be provided as part of the Academy's provision for all children on most days. The extension activities will focus on developing life skills, physical health, social skills, creativity and teamwork.

## Out of School Care Provision

Out of school care is provided by Godmanchester Bridge Kids' Club and runs Monday to Friday 07:45 – 08:45 & 15:00 – 18:15. The Academy and the care provider will be responsible for transferring the children between each other's care. This is extra to the Academy provision and involves the payment of fees.

## Admissions

Godmanchester Bridge Academy has a clearly defined admissions policy which is available via our website and has a catchment area defined as the parish of Godmanchester.

Whilst Godmanchester Bridge Academy has its own admissions policy, this is administered by Cambridgeshire County Council who will receive all applications and administer any appeals. If you require further information on this admissions policy, please consult either the school office or the Local Authority. The contact details for the Local Authority Admissions team are as follows: tel: 0345 045 1370, and email:

[admissions@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

Our PAN (Published Admission Number) for 2019-20 of 95 dictates 20 children in one EYFS class; 20 children in Y1, 20 children in Y2, 20 children in Y3 and 5 children in each year 4, 5 & 6.

(Godmanchester Bridge Academy is a new school built to provide school places for the Bearcroft Housing Development therefore the initial PAN is subject to on-going revision and will be amended to account for the increase in occupied housing over time).



*Classrooms are modern and bright*

## School Staff & Governing Body

Led by the Headteacher, Claire Wood, the Bridge Academy will have its own senior leadership team of specialist and experienced teaching staff. Each class will have a designated teacher or teachers who will be responsible for all aspects of that class and their day to day learning. They will be supported by a team of teaching assistants and ancillary staff.

The Bridge Academy also has its own local governing body, a team of volunteers made up of parents, community representatives and staff who oversee every aspect of the school and its conduct.



## School Uniform

The uniform is:

- School royal blue sweatshirt or royal blue cardigan
- School royal blue fleece jacket / coat
- White or blue shirts, polo shirts or blouses
- Black or grey trousers, skirts or pinafore dresses
- Shorts or blue summer dresses in summer

Footwear needs to be sensible and appropriate to the weather and school.

All our uniform is available for purchase online at <https://www.pbuniform-online.co.uk/godmanchesterbridge>





*The library and ICT area*

## School Facilities

The new school has an enviable range of sports and play facilities as well as state of the art teaching facilities including:

- Purpose built classrooms incorporating modern technology
- Multi-purpose hall
- Library hall and activity space
- Multi-use sports pitch which will offer a junior sized football pitch or three mini-football pitches
- Two hard play courts with netball court markings
- Soft play areas and nature habitats and trails



## Preschool Day Nursery

There is a pre-school provision for children aged two years and over. The pre-school is run by the Early Years Alliance and opened in April 2018.

## Any questions?

If you have any questions you would like to ask, or if you would like more information on a particular aspect of Godmanchester Bridge Academy, please contact [office@godmanchesterbridge.co.uk](mailto:office@godmanchesterbridge.co.uk) or telephone 01480 276599

## Useful Contacts

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