



CATSHILL MIDDLE SCHOOL

PROSPECTUS
2026-2027



Catshill Federation -

a nurturing community that
challenges all to succeed



Welcome from the Headteacher

Choosing the right school for your child is one of the most important decisions you will make as a family, and I would like to thank you for your interest in Catshill Middle School.

At the heart of our school are our core values of kindness, aspiration and self-belief. These values underpin a culture of high expectations, where every child is encouraged to aim high, work hard and take pride in their achievements. We are committed to providing a rich and challenging curriculum within a caring and nurturing environment, enabling pupils to flourish both academically and personally.

As part of our federation and Spire Trust, we work closely with our partner schools to share expertise, resources and best practice. This collaboration strengthens teaching and learning and ensures a

seamless, ambitious educational journey for all our pupils.

We believe that parents and carers are vital partners in a child's success. We value your involvement and are committed to open, clear communication so that you feel informed and confident in your child's progress.

This prospectus offers a glimpse into our school community, but the best way to appreciate it is to visit us. We warmly invite you to attend one of our Open Mornings or arrange a personal tour.

We look forward to welcoming you and your child to Catshill Middle School.

Julia Shingler

Catshill Federation
Headteacher



Working Together for Every Child

As Chair of Governors for the Catshill Federation, and as a parent with my own son attending Catshill Middle School, I am incredibly proud of the warm, ambitious and supportive community our school provides.



From both a governor's perspective and through my family's experiences, I see how our values of kindness, aspiration and self-belief are woven into school life, helping pupils grow in confidence, independence and resilience.

What makes Catshill Middle School special is the balance between high academic expectations and genuine pastoral care. Our dedicated staff create a nurturing environment where children feel safe, valued and encouraged to challenge themselves. A broad and engaging curriculum, alongside opportunities in music, sport, performance and enrichment, allows every child to discover their strengths and develop a love of learning.

As governors, we are proud of the improvements the school continues to make and the strong relationships between staff, pupils, families and the local community. As a parent, I have seen first-hand how much the school cares for each child and prepares them for both high school and life beyond the classroom.

We are delighted to welcome new families to discover all that Catshill Middle School has to offer.

Rosie Critchlow

Chair of Governors

Working in Partnership

Catshill Middle School is proud to be part of The Spire Church of England Learning Trust, a family of schools united by a shared commitment to collaboration, learning and achievement. The Trust believes that by working together, schools can provide richer opportunities, stronger teaching and better outcomes for every child.

At the heart of the Trust is the belief that every child deserves the highest quality education, regardless of their background or starting point. Through shared expertise, professional development and school-to-school support, staff continually develop their knowledge and practice to ensure pupils receive the very best learning experiences.

As part of the wider Spire family, Catshill Middle School benefits from strong partnerships, shared opportunities and a collective commitment to improving life chances for all pupils.



Our Core Expectations and Values

At Catshill Middle School, our core expectations of kindness, safety, respect and being ready to learn underpin all aspects of school life. They help create a calm, purposeful environment where pupils feel secure, valued and able to achieve their best.

We encourage pupils to take responsibility for their actions, their learning and to contribute to the wider community. Through clear routines, high expectations and positive relationships, pupils develop confidence, resilience and independence, alongside the social skills needed to work collaboratively and respectfully with others.

Beyond academic success, we aim to prepare pupils to become thoughtful and responsible citizens of the future — individuals who understand their role within school, the local community and the wider world. Through opportunities to explore diversity, leadership, teamwork and service, pupils develop the character and values needed to make a positive difference both locally and globally.



98% of pupils feel they are encouraged to respect and treat others equally.



Academic Excellence

In recent years, Catshill Middle School has seen significant improvements in curriculum, teaching and pupil outcomes. This progress is reflected in our strong SATs results, which place us at or above national averages, at expected, in all areas.

Our success is driven by a focus on high-quality teaching and a well-structured, ambitious curriculum. Pupils are supported to make strong progress and achieve high standards across all subjects. We place particular emphasis on literacy and mathematics, ensuring these essential skills are embedded across the curriculum and reinforced through teaching, marking and feedback.

We are proud of our upward trajectory, but remain committed to building on this success. With a clear vision and high expectations, we strive for excellence in all that we do.

2026 SATs Outcomes

Reading

82% of pupils achieved the expected standard
26% achieved greater depth

Writing

73% of pupils achieved the expected standard
15% achieved greater depth

Mathematics

74% of pupils achieved the expected standard
24% achieved greater depth

SPaG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar)

74% of pupils achieved the expected standard
25% achieved greater depth

The vast majority of pupils met or exceeded their expected targets across core subjects.



In our pupil survey, pupils felt they receive a high level of support and are helped to achieve their best.

‘I enjoy my lessons, especially PE. The teachers make it interesting!’

Henry Yr7

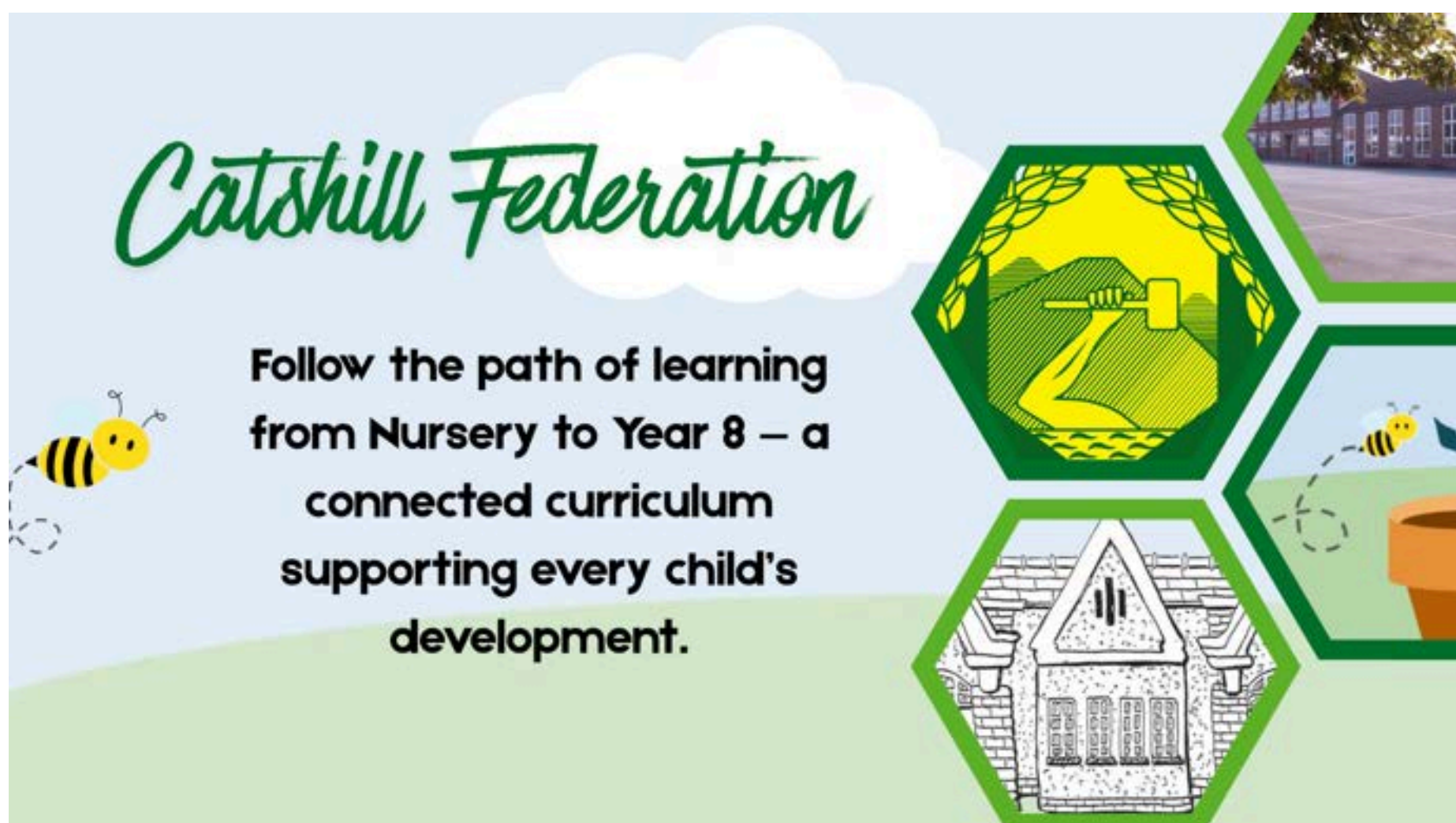
Curriculum, Teaching & Learning

At Catshill Middle School, we provide a broad, balanced and ambitious curriculum for pupils in Years 5 to 8, built around our core values of self-belief, kindness and aspiration. We believe the middle school years are an important stage in developing confidence, independence and curiosity.

As a middle school, pupils benefit from specialist teaching in subjects including Spanish, Science, Art, Design Technology, Music, Computing and Physical Education. Dedicated facilities, including science laboratories, specialist practical classrooms, computer suites and extensive outdoor spaces, enrich learning and encourage creativity and collaboration.

Our carefully sequenced curriculum develops strong knowledge and skills over time, preparing pupils well for high school and beyond. Literacy and numeracy are embedded across all subjects, while high-quality teaching and clear expectations support pupils to achieve their best.

Inclusion is central to our approach, ensuring all pupils feel supported, challenged and successful. We also encourage pupils to develop independence, responsibility and positive learning habits, taking ownership of their learning both in school and through regular homework routines.



“Catshill Middle School offers supportive staff, high expectations and fantastic opportunities beyond the classroom. My child is happy, motivated and enjoys learning with specialist teachers who inspire confidence and enthusiasm.” — Parent survey response.



Support for Learning

Catshill Middle School is committed to providing a fully inclusive, high-quality education for all pupils, ensuring every child has the best chance to succeed.

In line with the SEND Code of Practice (2015), we focus on early identification, high-quality teaching and targeted support to improve outcomes. We work closely with parents, carers, pupils and external professionals through open communication and strong partnership working.

Pupils with SEND are supported to access a broad and balanced curriculum and, wherever possible, take part in the full life of the school, including enrichment and extracurricular activities.

We ensure parents are fully informed and involved, pupils are included in decisions about their learning, and effective collaboration is maintained with external agencies to meet individual needs.



“I love how warm and welcoming the school feels. You can tell it’s a small school at the heart of its community.”

- Prospective Parent

Our facilities

At Catshill Middle School, our facilities are designed to support far more than lessons alone — they provide spaces where pupils can explore interests, develop confidence and enjoy learning in a supportive, welcoming environment.

As a middle school, pupils benefit from specialist teaching areas that bring subjects to life. Our science laboratories encourage practical investigation and curiosity, while dedicated Design and Technology spaces allow pupils to develop hands-on skills in areas such as food preparation, textiles and resistant materials. Creativity is nurtured through specialist art and music classrooms where pupils are encouraged to perform, create and express themselves with confidence.



Our computing facilities support the development of essential digital skills, preparing pupils for an increasingly technological world, while our extensive outdoor spaces, playing fields and gymnasium provide opportunities for sport, teamwork, fitness and outdoor learning.

Importantly, our school environment combines these opportunities with a strong sense of community and character. Visitors, staff on educational visits and colleagues at competitions regularly praise the resilience, focus and conduct of our pupils, describing them as a credit to the school.

Whether in sport, music, drama or wider enrichment activities, pupils consistently demonstrate confidence, teamwork and determination. At Catshill Middle School, children feel safe, valued and ambitious, enabling them to thrive academically, socially and personally.

“The PE department is fantastic and always seems to find new opportunities for the children. My child has loved getting involved in the wide range of activities on offer, and the quality of PE provision has been excellent.” — Parent survey response.



Beyond the Classroom

Student life at Catshill Middle School is vibrant, ambitious and full of opportunity. With over 50 clubs on offer, pupils are encouraged to explore new interests, develop their talents and discover passions beyond the classroom with 90% of our pupils engaging in an extra curricular opportunities.

Across their time at Catshill, pupils take part in more than 60 enriching experiences, including educational and reward trips, residential visits, themed days and a wide range of inspiring guest speakers. Pupils are also given opportunities to perform and compete in events such as Young Voices, sports competitions and “We Are the Champions”.

Our enrichment programme includes Catshill Congress, our pupil council, alongside a strong focus on pupil leadership. Roles such as prefects and Head Pupils enable students to develop responsibility, confidence and pride in their school community. Beyond school, we work at the heart of our community engaging in events around the village.

From sport, music and the arts to leadership roles, performances and competitions, pupils are actively involved in experiences that build teamwork, ambition and resilience. Every child is encouraged to get involved, aim high and make the most of every opportunity school life has to offer.

‘The school is brilliant for children who enjoy music and performing arts!’ — Parent survey response.



Pastoral Care & Wellbeing

At Catshill Middle School, pastoral care is central to everything we do. We are committed to ensuring that every pupil feels safe, supported and valued as part of our school community.

A key feature of our provision is Nurture—a dedicated, supportive space designed with students for students. It offers a calm, inclusive environment where pupils can feel secure, build confidence and develop positive relationships.

Nurture reflects our belief that every child's experience is unique. It provides opportunities for pupils to express themselves, reflect and communicate in ways that best support their emotional wellbeing, helping them to manage the challenges of school life and beyond.

Our approach is highly responsive and pupil-centred. Staff take time to listen carefully to individual needs, ensuring that support is tailored, meaningful and effective. This helps pupils feel heard, understood and able to thrive both emotionally and academically.

Alongside this, safeguarding is a key priority across the school, ensuring that all pupils are protected and cared for within a safe and secure environment.

Together, these elements create a strong sense of community where wellbeing is prioritised and every child is supported to grow in confidence, resilience and self-belief.



It is clear that students at Catshill Middle School feel safe and supported. They all feel there are adults at the school they can and would report concerns to. They are confident they would be listened to. All adults in the school are approachable and the students are educated about how to keep themselves safe.

Gill Gittins

visiting consultant - 2025



Over 90% of pupils feel safe, know they have someone to talk to and say bullying is dealt with well.

Wrap-around Care

Kool Crew are the before and after-school club based at both Lickey End First School and Catshill First & Middle. We provide supervised care, activities, and learning opportunities for children outside of regular school hours and are designed to accommodate the needs of working parents/carers who require additional child care services outside of the regular school day.

We open from 7.30-8.55am and 3.00-6.00pm. In the morning we offer breakfast, if required, and then the children can engage in various activities such as games, arts, construction play or quiet reading etc until the start of the school day.



Getting to Catshill

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Kindness

Aspiration

Self-belief