

Sherwood Primary School

Long Term Strategic Plan

Parent and Carer Consultation Feedback April 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

In October 2024, for the third consecutive time, our School was graded as Outstanding in all areas of the Office for Standards in Education Framework. This exceptional achievement is a testament to the hard work, dedication and unwavering commitment of our entire school community.

Our teachers and support staff were praised for delivering consistently high-quality teaching. Our Governors and School Leaders were praised for the quality of the Curriculum delivered and the exceptional enrichment offer available to our children.

Our families were praised for sharing our sense of ambition for every child and our children showcased our School Values and their enthusiasm to learn exceptionally well.

While we celebrate this accomplishment, I want to assure you that our ambition does not waver. We remain committed to providing the best possible education for our children now and in years to come. The day after our Inspection, it was business as usual for Sherwood!

In the **Autumn Term 2025**, Governors and School Leaders will be identifying key priorities for our Long Term Strategic Plan.

Our Long Term Strategic Plan, outlines our key priorities for our children and School for the next five years. Underpinned by our mission statement and values, it will define clear objectives to achieve across the next five academic years.

In the Spring Term 2025, we invited you to share your views about all aspects of Sherwood school. Your views are so valuable and will support the development of our new long term priorities.

Here is an overview of your feedback and ideas. Sincere thanks for your trust and for being an integral part of the School - we are all so proud of today.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs J Lumb

Headteacher

Firstly, very well deserved result in Ofsted rating, thanks to fantastic dedication and hard work of teaching, support and leadership staff. Due to a lot of children these days leading sedentary lifestyles (too much screen time) would like to see more/daily physical activities during the school day to keep children's fitness and physical health levels up (especially for children that don't attend any clubs etc).

Introduce sign language as an alternative to Modern Foreign Language to become more inclusive for those learners with hearing difficulties or language barriers. Even at a very basic level, it would be incredibly innovative, possibly, the first primary or even secondary school in Preston, to offer this subject. It's something that has been long discussed but not implemented. Hoping Sherwood can lead the path to positive change!!!!

I would like to thank everyone for the efforts! We are truly grateful. I wondered if there is an option to provide some more variety of extra curriculum activities such as dancing or badminton or netball etc? I do feel in the past there has been a bigger variety certainly for the younger years. Thanks for your help.

Spider reminder for items to be reminded at i.e swimming, dance, things to be brought it e.g book day, forms to be returned. It is a lot some weeks to remember.

Few ideas underpinned by Sherwood mission statement and values:

1. Demonstrates a strong commitment to promoting high literacy and numeracy standards, particularly for children with Special Educational Needs (SEN) and those from disadvantaged backgrounds. Also, Implement a comprehensive Mathematics curriculum designed to reduce mathematics anxiety among children and provide professional training for staff, especially in Key Stage 2.
2. The previous OFSTED report underscored the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) as a notable strength for the school. Sherwood has the opportunity to sustain this success by implementing high training standards for EYFS staff.
3. To ensure a thriving environment for our students, prioritise children's well-being and inclusion by implementing a whole-school well-being programme that actively promotes resilience—an essential quality increasingly lacking in today's children. Also, establishing a children's well-being council (well-being council) will empower our children and give them a voice in shaping their experiences.
4. Create a respectful and inclusive culture that fosters a strong sense of belonging through robust diversity initiatives. Moreover, support children in engaging with activities that encourage kindness and respect, which support with setting the foundation for a positive community.

I think the following topics would be hugely beneficial for the curriculum:-

- 1. Introducing the concept of using AI- it's going to be their future.*
- 2. Mindfulness and Mind techniques- for mental health & wellbeing in this fast pace world we live in now.*
- 3. Financial Acumen- teaching the children about money- credit cards, interest rates, the danger of over borrowing etc. Thankyou.*

My child loves getting involved in all sorts of things and I'm grateful for all the hard work and support from everyone. Thank you. I think if possible maybe some more variety for the younger years? Maybe some hockey training or netball for the younger ones? Or maybe girls football? However I do appreciate there are a lot of children. I am truly grateful for all the support. Thank you.

Healthier breakfast options at base (remove Frosties and other sugary cereals)

I think a good idea for future is an option to have homework on paper instead of all on the seesaw app, as some parents struggle with technology and would prefer paper homework.

In my opinion Sherwood school is in the right path of how to deliver quality education. From my personal experience, the high interest of my child to go to school everyday is a clear picture of how the education system works in favourable to each and every single need of a child. I am fully satisfied in everything.

Hi, these are a few suggestions, they could be more opportunities for parents to come into class and read to their children ie world book day to have that deeper connection between school and child's school environment. Maybe also do religious events where they could do a Eid party where they children could possibly have non uniform day and dress up in celebration clothes and bring snacks i , this can include all children no matter their religion. Maybe do different religious festival days. There could also be more mental health awareness days for the children where there learn more about mental health, feelings and emotions and learning empathy, active listening and understanding boundaries.

Sherwood is a thriving community. He loves every bit of this place, he shows great respect for his teachers, loves his friends and always excited for adventure area. Every step is taken for the betterment of kids already.

Once in a month there should be a non uniform day for students.

Thank you for your message and for the opportunity to contribute to Sherwood's Long Term Strategic Plan. While we are extremely pleased with the school's progress, we would like to suggest an area for further improvement. We have noticed that children are sometimes exposed to overstimulating programmes such as Octonauts or Spidey. While we understand that screen time may occasionally be used, we feel that alternative activities or programmes would be more beneficial for children's wellbeing and development. Instead, we would love to see more activities that provide opportunities for children to engage with nature, develop fine motor skills, and foster creativity, while promoting a sense of calm and mindfulness. Encouraging hands-on experiences would further support the school's already excellent approach to holistic development. Thank you again for your continued efforts and for considering our feedback.

Firstly, congratulations on Sherwood's Outstanding rating once again! As a new parent to the school, I am truly grateful for the warm and supportive environment my child has experienced since starting in Reception. It's clear that the dedication of the staff and leadership team creates a fantastic foundation for learning. Looking ahead, I really appreciate the opportunity to share my thoughts on the school's long-term plans. As a parent of a Reception student, some areas I'd love to see continued focus on include:

Early Years Outdoor Learning: Expanding outdoor play and learning opportunities to encourage curiosity, creativity, and physical development.
Phonics & Early Literacy Support: Providing additional guidance for parents to support early reading and writing at home.

Well-being & Social Development: Continuing to nurture children's confidence, friendships, and emotional well-being as they transition through their early years.

After-School Clubs for Younger Children: Exploring options for Reception-friendly extracurricular activities that support different interests. Thank you for your hard work and commitment to making Sherwood such a wonderful place for our children. I'm excited to see how the school continues to grow and develop in the coming years.

School has great influence on kids in every single. They learn soo much in school. Is there any strategy to make kids Emotionally Strong?