



INFANT SCHOOL FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- What is a typical Infant school day like?
 - Supervision starts at 8:00am with a daily assembly at 9:00am. Students have a break at 10:30am, with lunch at 12:00pm. The school day ends at 3:30pm **with COVID end of day staggering this is now 3.20pm.*

- What before school care do you offer?
 - Breakfast Club is available from 7.30am at a charge of £5; a light breakfast is available. Parents are billed each half term, in line with arrangements for After School Care.

- What after school care do you offer?
 - After School Care is available until 6.00 pm (*during COVID restrictions to allow for a cleaning of the school this is now 5.30pm until restrictions are lifted*). The cost of this service is £7.50* a session when booked for the term and £8.50 when booked on an ad-hoc basis. **this fee has been reduced to £6:00 to allow for a shortened session.*
 - There are many Co Curricular activities after school and arrangements for these are sent home either before they start or at the beginning of each term. Information is also put on the school website and in the weekly newsletter.

- What subjects do you offer?
 - In Reception children follow the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum which comprises of seven areas of learning:
 - Communication and Language
 - Personal, Social and Emotional Development
 - Physical Development
 - Literacy
 - Mathematics
 - Understanding the World
 - Expressive Arts and Design
 - The following subjects are taught in Key Stage 1:
 - English
 - Mathematics
 - Science
 - Computing
 - History and Geography (under the subject title of 'Topic')

- RE
- Art and Design
- Design Technology
- LAMDA (in Year 1 and 2)
- French
- Music
- PE including swimming
- PSHE

Although timetabled as discrete subjects, there is a great deal of overlap and the children will often be working on themes or topics which link areas together under topics as Key Stage 1 follow a creative curriculum. Trips and visiting speakers are also used to enrich many areas of the curriculum.

- What Co Curricular clubs are there?
 - There are a mixture of clubs that change either termly or annually:
 - This term have the choice of construction Club, Sports Club, Junior Journalist, Yoga, Games Club, Eco Club, Ballet, and Crafty Kids Club
- Are you offering tours?
 - We are offering tours with our Infants and Juniors Head Teacher – Mrs Barnett. The tours are available on weekdays after 4:40pm. For more information please contact our Admissions team on 01254 506088

Pastoral

- How do you handle bullying?
 - We work on prevention. Our PSHE sessions and assemblies focus on tolerance, respecting differences and understanding and appreciating the circumstances of others. Friendship groups naturally shift as students progress through the school and we aim to give students the tools to deal with these changes and make new friends. We have a zero tolerance approach to bullying; we encourage any student that feels they are being bullied or any bystander that thinks they may have witnessed a bullying incident to report it.
- What pastoral care do you offer at Westholme?
 - At the Infant and Junior School, the person who is the lead for your child's pastoral care is their form teacher, or key worker. The responsibility for the pastoral care of all, however, falls to each and every person who comes in contact with your child from Teaching Assistants to our school secretaries and from the catering staff to the management team; as such the pastoral care needs, safety and well-being of children form a weekly agenda item in staff meetings at both Infant and Junior sites. Staff at both sites work to ensure that transitions between year groups, Key stages and sites is managed so that children move happily from one year group to the next.

- Is there an on-site nurse?
 - Yes - split between the sites.

- What makes Westholme a safe environment for my child?
 - It is a pleasant place to come each day. The children are happy, the staff and students know each other by name and we really get to know the students and their individual interests.

- Does Westholme have an 'open door' policy?
 - We have a lot of communication with parents as we believe it is always best to be open, transparent and work as a team.