



JUNIOR SCHOOL FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- What is a typical Junior 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 12:30pm. The school day ends at 3:30pm **Please note that during that the end of day has been changed to 3.40pm during the COVID pandemic to allowed for a more staggered collection from bubbles.*

- 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?
 - The following subjects are taught in all year groups:
 - English
 - Mathematics
 - Science
 - Computing
 - History
 - Geography
 - RE
 - Art and Design
 - Design Technology
 - French
 - Music
 - PE
 - Games

- 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. 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 Brass and wind group, recorder Club, Orchestra, Sports Club, Dram club, Football, Hockey, Netball, Cross-Country, Swimming, Zumba/ Dance, Little Voices, Scrabble Club, Art Club
- Do you have any holiday activities?
 - Normally we run W club and clubs such as swimming camp – unfortunately these are not running at the moment due to cross over of bubbles.
- Do you do SATS?
 - We carry out other standardised assessment; we also have our own entrance test into Senior School. These questions and answers can also go on as a FAQ for the Open Day Prospectus Pack idea above if they are not previously answered within the pack.
- 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 SEAL assemblies (social and emotional aspects of learning) tackle themes such as making friends, getting on and falling out. As a school we also run 'Respect Weeks and also highlight our approach to behaviour, our expectations and our policies on bullying in anti-bullying week. We have a 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.