

FISHERGATE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL



SCHOOL PROSPECTUS

"Achieving great things together"

Welcome to Fishergate Primary School

This brochure should give you a good idea of what our school is like. More information is attached to this brochure. We hope that this tells you all you need to know, if not, please call in and ask!

We are proud of our community school in the centre of the fabulous City of York. Do come and see us!



We are fortunate to be placed at the heart of the historic City of York. From walks down the river to dressing up as Romans, our community lies at the heart of everything we do.

We want the children to begin a learning journey that will continue throughout their lives. Active learning and teaching is central to all that goes on in our school. We encourage and motivate all children to achieve great things together, wherever they come from and whatever their needs.

We are an inclusive and open school and we ensure that the children are happy, safe and enjoy their learning.

Our Aims

To celebrate the uniqueness of each one of us and cultivate respect and empathy for others.

To encourage a lifelong *zest* for learning.

To provide a happy and safe environment in which each person can thrive and succeed.



Our Curriculum Aims are to enable all children to become:

Successful learners, who enjoy learning, make progress and achieve
Confident individuals, who are able to live safe, healthy and fulfilling lives

Responsible citizens, who make a positive contribution to society

At Fishergate School we want to instil all children with a love of life long learning and encourage them to continue that journey on to secondary school and adult life.

Achieving great things together

Our Values

- We know and value each child and encourage them to succeed in all they do
- Our school is at the heart of the local community
- Every person in our school community is valued and treated with respect
- Every person is encouraged to take responsibility, to make a contribution and to achieve their full potential
- We are an open and welcoming school and we work in partnership with all parents and carers
- The core values of integrity, courtesy, trust and respect run right through our school community and we treat others as we wish to be treated
- We have high expectations of ourselves and each other

What we believe...

We are proud to be an inclusive school where every child is valued and special. We believe that our rich and diverse community makes us unique. Every child deserves to have a high quality education at Fishergate School and we work with parents/carers to ensure the needs of every individual are met.

Every child, no matter their race, religion, background or gender, will be encouraged to achieve their best and reach their full potential.



I have lots
of friends

Sydney Year 4

Supporting every child

Meeting the needs of every child is central to our teaching and learning. Through the use of quality teaching, assessment for learning and targets for progress, we ensure each child takes the next steps in their learning journey.

We have a Special Needs Coordinator who supports those children with particular needs working with our caring team of teaching assistants. We work well with other agencies when needed to ensure every child is able to make progress in their learning.

We have children attending our school who come from different cultures and backgrounds and we value our diverse community greatly. Some children receive support from a specialist teacher when beginning to learn English.

We also support families and their children when posted to York and stationed at Imphal Barracks in Fulford. We work closely with the Army Welfare Service who provides particular support for forces families.



Our Creative Curriculum

Our curriculum starts with the interests of the children and what they want to learn. Building links with the community and the historic City of York, we plan exciting and vibrant lessons to engage all learners using a variety of learning styles.

We believe the essential basic skills of speaking, listening, reading, writing and maths are vital and essential building blocks for all children to succeed in life.

We use themes and topics to bring the national curriculum alive through first hand experiences. These themes are interlinked with essential skills for learning such as communication, problem solving, and teaching children to evaluate their own performance and set targets.

Learning and Progress

All children make progress during their time at Fishergate School. Teachers match work to meet the needs of each child in their class. We believe children learn and make good progress when they know clearly where they are in their learning and the next steps they need to take. Children know what is expected in each lesson and how they can achieve this.

Targets are used and shared with parents. Regular assessment by the teaching team ensures no child is left behind. This is a strong feature of the quality of teaching at Fishergate School.

We believe that our partnership with parents/carers is vital in ensuring each child makes progress with their learning. We expect all parents to support us with this by attending the regular parent interviews (held during Autumn and Spring terms with an optional one at the end of the year), communicating through planners, reading regularly with your child and helping your child with homework.



We are an open and inclusive school where parents feel able to talk to staff about how best they can support their child, or if there are any concerns.

Parents and Community

Fishergate School is part of the local community and we are really proud of the ways we use partnership to enrich the learning and teaching.

We have close links with the local cemetery where children go pond dipping and orienteering, Castle Museum for bringing history to life, our own children's allotment where they get the chance to grow fruit and vegetables and learn how to harvest produce. We have links with local community groups which help children develop a pride in and sense of responsibility for the local environment.

Every year we hold a series of "Enrichment Days" which often involve partnerships with the community and encourage creative learning across the curriculum. These days are always a huge success with the children developing a range of skills and opportunities to work collaboratively across age groups.

There are many ways parents/carers can get involved in the life of Fishergate School. We are always open to offers of help and we value the way lots of parents come in to share their skills and interests. The children really love this too! Parents often volunteer to listen to children read, accompany children on visits and trips, help out on special days like sports day and help to run sports or other clubs after school.



A really rewarding way for parents/carers to help is through our **"Friends of Fishergate"** PTA. A dedicated group of parents/carers who organise a range of activities throughout the year this helps develop a sense of community and raises valuable funds for specific projects for the benefit of the children.

Friends are always looking out for more volunteers either for a one off event or in a more involved role over time.

We try our best to keep all parents/carers informed about what is going on in school through our weekly Newsletters which usually come out on a Thursday. Please look out for these on line through the school website or in your child's bag.

The website address is:

www.fishergateschool.com

Things you need to know

Opening Times

School opens at 8.45am each day and we expect all children to be in school on time. This is a really important time and sets the children up for their learning for the rest of the school day.

In Early Years and Key Stage 1, parents/carers have the opportunity to go in to classes and work with their child for the first part of the day from 8.30am. We really encourage this and it gives you an opportunity to see the learning and speak to staff.

School closes at 3.15pm each day. Early Years and Key Stage 1 children are collected from classrooms and children in Key Stage 2 make their own way down to the playground.

It is vital that your child attends school every day to make sure they achieve as well as possible. If your child is absent through illness, please make sure you contact the school office on that day before 10am to let us know.

School Meals

We have our own school kitchen and staff ensure the children have a lovely healthy hot meal every day. If you want your child to have a hot meal, money needs to be sent in to the office at the beginning of each week. Whilst all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be able to claim a free school meal, parents and carers of children who would normally qualify are still advised to apply by completing an Educational Benefits Form or by visiting www.york.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals.



Alternatively, your child may bring a healthy packed lunch. We do regularly monitor these to check that they are healthy and we do not allow chocolates, sweets or fizzy drinks in packed lunches.



We have a **NO NUT POLICY** at Fishergate School there are several children who have a very strong nut allergy. Parents must ensure they follow this for the safety of those children.

Healthy snacks are provided for all children in Early Years and Key Stage 1 every day. Older children may bring a healthy snack for morning playtimes if they wish. Children are encouraged to drink water regularly through the school day.

We encourage all families and children to be as healthy as possible and Fishergate School has plenty of cycle storage for those families wishing to cycle to school.



School Clothing

Our Uniform consists of:

Red sweatshirt or cardigan with school logo if purchased through our supplier "Kool Kidz" or plain red sweatshirt or cardigan (available from any supermarket)

Plain white or plain red polo shirt

Black or grey trousers or shorts for boys or girls

Black or grey skirt, pinafores or culottes for girls

Plain tights in uniform colours (black, grey, white or red)

Red gingham summer dresses

Many items of uniform are available from High Street stores and local supermarkets. However, uniform items bearing the school logo (i.e. polo shirts, sweatshirts, hooded sweatshirts, cardigans and fleeces) are available from:

Kool Kidz

17 North Street

Wetherby

LS22 6NU

Fishergate School Rep: Julie Gray

Ways to Order:

Order form either post or call: 01937 589422

Via Website: www.koolkidzuniforms.com

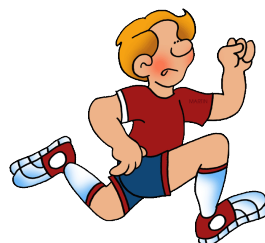
Call into shop in Wetherby (address above)

Please make sure that clothing is labelled with your child's name. There are stations for lost property if items go missing and any clothing unclaimed at the end of each half term is sent on to charities.

PE Kit

All children do PE and they need shorts, plimsolls, t-shirts or other suitable clothing. For outdoor PE in winter tracksuits or additional clothing can be worn. PE should be stored in a bag and needs to be available at all times during the week. It is best to wash this at weekends.

Children are asked not to wear jewellery (except watches and stud earrings) or make-up for school. Watches are removed and stored safely for PE and any earrings must be covered with a plaster for PE activities.



Golden Rules for Behaviour

We expect all children to follow these Golden Rules:



- We are polite and friendly to others.
- We show consideration and respect to others in school at all times.
- We always work hard in our lessons.
- We take responsibility for our own behaviour.
- We look after the school building and equipment and are respectful of other people's property.
- We always do what we are asked by an adult in school.

For more information about the school's expectations of behaviour, see our "Good to be Green" Behaviour Policy on the website.

Health and Safety

At Fishergate School we take every step to ensure all children, staff and parents/carers are safe when in the school building or out on school trips. The governing body takes this responsibility very seriously and our site managers are proactive in inspections of the school site and deal promptly with any issues or concerns.

Please let us know if you have any concerns so they can be investigated and acted upon if necessary.

We take safeguarding of our children very seriously and work openly and proactively with a range of outside agencies when necessary to support a child and family. Our named Child Protection leader is the Headteacher, Tina Clarke, and all staff and governors receive regular training in child protection.

The school maintains up to date policies on Health and Safety and Safeguarding and these can be seen by parents/carers on request.

Medicines in school

Fishergate School has a clear policy and set of procedures to ensure the safe managing of medicines in school. If your child has any medication that needs to be administered during the school day, our trained person responsible for this is Ann Cole. It is essential that the correct form is filled out before we will agree to give any medication to any child and copies of this form are kept in the school office.

Clubs and other activities

At Fishergate, we believe it is really important to offer a range of clubs during lunchtimes and after school. These give the children the chance to develop interests and skills and build relationships with each other and with staff and visiting coaches.



In addition to these, the school works with a number of visiting teachers who provide music tuition for those wanting to learn a musical instrument. Details about this can be obtained from the school office.



These clubs vary depending on the demand and the season. Details about clubs are sent out through the weekly newsletters each term.

Every year our Year 5 and Year 6 children have the chance to go on a residential visit for three days. This is a great time to build confidence and team work skills in a safe and purpose built activity centre.

We are very fortunate to have Funfishers Out of School Club on our school site. This provides wrap around care for families through Breakfast Club, After School Club and Holiday Clubs. For more information, a booklet is available and there is more information on the website.

Supporting Information and Policies

Attached to this brochure, you will find a set of information and policies that you may find useful. This information may change from year to year and we do our best to keep this updated.

If there is anything you have not found out about, please come in and ask. We are always happy to speak to you and help in any way we can.

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