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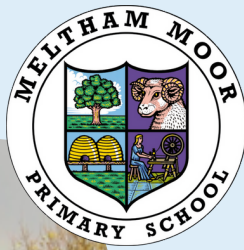
MELTHAM MOOR PRIMARY SCHOOL



More than meets the eye.



**PROSPECTUS
2023/24**



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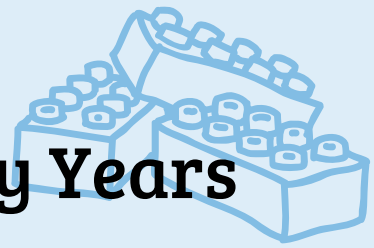
A very warm welcome to Meltham Moor Primary School. We are located on the edge of the Peak District National Park, against the stunning backdrop of the moors. With a fabulous outdoor environment, surrounded by farmland, our children enjoy learning and developing skills in our woodland area, large school field and expansive play areas.

We have approximately 220 children with one class per year group, ranging from nursery to Year 6, and a highly skilled and dedicated staff team who are committed to providing the very best education for our children. There is an out-of-school club on-site, providing care before and after school, and a family centre which offers valuable support to some of our families. Contact details for Moor Fun Wraparound Club and the Family Centre can be found at the back of this prospectus.

Core Values

Our children are polite, well behaved and love to learn. With a feeling of calm and an air of respect, we are a happy school and by providing a safe and secure environment, our children thrive. Our core values – compassion, resilience, confidence, respect and love of learning – run through all that we do. Our aim is for every member of the school community to be the best that they can be – personally, socially and academically.





Early Years



Meltham Moor Early Years is a warm and welcoming setting which caters for children age 3 to 5. Our setting is a happy place, where children thrive and learn to develop their independence skills with support from warm and highly experienced staff.

Our Early Years Curriculum is based around half-termly themes and was written by our staff, for our children. It aims to provide the foundations children need to enjoy school and prepare them for learning throughout their school life. We provide fun and engaging play-based activities that develop the children's skills and knowledge in a meaningful way.

Our nursery provides morning sessions in a teacher-led environment, which focuses on high quality education and care. We also provide the option of afternoon sessions, which are nursery manager led. Our large outdoor area is shared with our Reception class and includes a bike track, climbing equipment, outdoor kitchen and large sandpit. We also take part in weekly music and movement sessions in the hall and regular outdoor sessions on our school sports court and in the woodland area.

We are very much part of the school and are involved in whole school activities such as the Christmas concert, school visits and occasional assemblies. We work closely with the Reception team to provide a seamless transition when the time comes for children to start full-time school. Our morning sessions are supplemented by afternoon sessions and wraparound at our onsite private provider, Moor Fun Preschool/Wraparound Club, which was rated 'Good' by Ofsted in 2019.

Our Reception class continues to follow a play-based approach to learning, whilst also starting to introduce more formal learning through high quality whole class teaching and well-planned activities. Children will start to tackle some of the skills and knowledge they will need in school, such as grasping the concepts underlying phonics and maths, and gradually increasing their attention span.



Our Curriculum

Here at Meltham Moor, we will ensure that every child can achieve their best personally, socially and academically.

'The well-planned curriculum engages pupils' interests and ignites their curiosity. Teachers work hard to ensure that pupils enjoy their learning and that they broaden their knowledge of life beyond their own community.' Ofsted November 2017.



We have identified three key themes which we have threaded through our curriculum: Deep Learning, Enrichment and Communication. Our curriculum aims to foster children's natural curiosity. Learning is defined as an alteration in long-term memory. If nothing has altered in long-term memory nothing has been learned. Progress means knowing more and remembering more. Children learn best when they are interested and inspired. Learning should result in the child seeing the world in a slightly different way; this is when deep learning takes place. We believe that deep learning provides the children with skills and knowledge that they will be able to use in an ever-shifting world and which will enable them to become life-long learners.

Through our 'More at Meltham Moor', we will provide many enrichment opportunities to engage children's learning and to give enjoyable experiences of the world. We believe that childhood should be a happy, investigative and enquiring time in our lives, where there are no limits to curiosity and there is a thirst for new experiences and knowledge. We want to empower our children to be confident communicators so that they can express their opinions on a range of different topics and issues and make a positive contribution to the school and our local community.



We use our Meltham Moor Values (Aspiration, Confidence, Resilience, Compassion and a Love of Learning) to promote positive attitudes to learning which reflect the values and skills needed to promote responsibility for learning and future success.





Community

We have an excellent reputation within our locality and we are proud to be part of this community. Our children are actively encouraged to make positive contributions to their community, as well as our school. We also believe passionately in the partnership between home and school. As a result, there are many opportunities for parents to be actively involved in supporting their children's learning and our school.



Communication & Leadership

Our children are empowered to be confident communicators so that they can express their opinions on a wide range of different topics and issues. Opportunities to develop communication are threaded throughout our curriculum. We also have an active School Council, where leadership skills are developed and nurtured.

Reading

We know that reading is the cornerstone to all learning. So, not only will every child leave our school a reader, but also a lover of reading. Phonics is taught daily in EYFS and KS1 using Unlocking Letters and Sounds. Children read books matched to their increasing phonic knowledge in school and we have a range of high quality reading scheme texts for home reading. Children are continuously exposed to high quality texts; we value reading for enjoyment and each year group has a timetabled 'storytime'.

Each year group also has 50 recommended books to share and treasure, plus we read to learn throughout all areas of the curriculum. Parents and carers are encouraged and supported to help their children become confident and enthusiastic readers. Videos which model how to articulate each phoneme are shared with home and we host reading meetings and workshops.





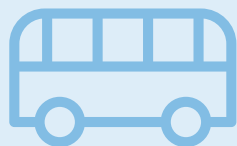
Sports & Activities

Sport is a vital part of school life and can have a hugely positive impact on children's future well-being. We provide an inclusive, broad and balanced PE curriculum that ensures ALL children will benefit, whether through enhancing existing skills, learning new skills or being introduced to new sports, clubs, teams and organisations. We prioritise the understanding of leading a healthy lifestyle so that our children can take care of themselves: both physically and mentally.

We believe that participation in sporting activity is a key element of developing a school in which pupils are proud of the community in which they belong. Children have opportunities to participate in a wealth of competitions in school and through a large programme of inter-school competitions led by the Pennine school sports partnership. We combine opportunities to develop and challenge our able sportsmen and women alongside providing plenty of inclusive, fun, non competitive activities to encourage all children across school to be active and involved in sport and in representing our school.

Beyond sport we also encourage and provide a rich range of other activities for our children. Our choir performs annually at the Mrs Sunderland and Kirklees Music Festivals as well as within the local community. Alternate years we hold either a talent contest, or a musical evening, with audiences comprising members of the school community. Kirklees music service provides in-school tuition in a range of instruments including piano, flute, violin and guitar and more. Our provision of after school clubs is wide and varied. Clubs include dance, gymnastics, football, baking, craft, gardening, puzzles, computing and many more.

Visits & Trips



Throughout their time at Meltham Moor, the children take part in various trips and visits, including an exciting residential trip in Year 6. Enrichment is carefully planned so that all children experience More at Meltham Moor. As part of this journey through school, our children learn to understand and appreciate life outside of the community they live in.





Inclusivity and SEND

We believe that all pupils, including children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities, should have access to a broad and balanced curriculum. We take great pride in our aim for every child to be fully included in school life and value diversity and celebrate all our talents and differences. We work in partnership with our parents to meet the needs of all children and enable them to achieve their full potential. We work with a range of outside services to support children at all stages of their school life.

School Uniform

We take great pride in belonging to Meltham Moor Primary School and therefore the children are required to wear our school uniform. On days when they have PE, children come to school wearing their PE kit.

OUR UNIFORM

- grey/black trousers (no leggings) or skirt
- maroon sweatshirts/jumpers
- summer - red/white checked dresses
- black shoes, trainers or boots

Uniform with our school logo on (including red PE t-shirt) is currently supplied by Term Time Wear in Huddersfield (online service also available). Our PTA also offer a wide range of second-hand uniform.



OUR PE KIT

- plain black bottoms (joggers, leggings or shorts)
- a school red PE t-shirt
- a plain black or red sweatshirt or school jumper
- black trainers

Communications

Our primary methods of communication are Class Dojo, email, and the school website. We also have a school Facebook page, Youtube and a Twitter account. Our school website contains a wealth of information including statutory policies such as our admissions, behaviour and safeguarding policies.



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Admissions

MELTHAM MOOR NURSERY

Children are admitted to our Nursery part-time at the next admission date following their 3rd birthday. This means that:

- A child with a 3rd birthday from 1 September - 31 December will be offered a place the following January. (The deadline for applications for January starters is 1 October)
- A child with a 3rd birthday from 1 January - 31 March will be offered a place the following April. (The deadline for applications for April starters is 1 January)
- A child with a 3rd birthday between 1 April - 31 August will be offered a place the following September. (The deadline for applications for September starters is 1 May)

STARTING SCHOOL - RECEPTION CLASS

You must apply for a school place for children who will be five between 1 September 2024 and 31 August 2025 by 15 January 2024 by using the online application facility on the Kirklees Council website, even if they already attend our nursery. Please see www.melthamoor.org/admissions for more information and our admissions policy.

We look forward to meeting you and your children and welcoming you into our Meltham Moor family so that you can experience all of these wonderful things for yourselves! If you are interested in visiting our school, please contact the school office on 01484 859032 or office@melthamoor.org and we will be delighted to arrange this.

Contacts

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VICE CHAIR - Mr Kingsley Hill

HEADTEACHER - Mrs Liz Woodfield

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SENDco - Miss Katherine Manuel

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