



Dodderhill
School



welcome to our
junior school



Our Junior School

- Family feel reflects the warm relationship between pupils, teachers and parents
- High expectations for every child
- Focus on individual achievement boosts happiness, self-esteem and confidence
- Experienced, enthusiastic teachers encourage active, independent learning
- One class in each Year Group, typically fewer than 20 children
- Modern, purpose built junior classrooms
- Spacious and secure play areas
- From Reception all junior and senior school pupils belong to a House - Booker, Corbett or Westwood - promoting a strong sense of loyalty and community
- Pupils are kind, polite and care about each other
- Smooth, seamless transition to the senior school

School day

- Extended day from 8am to 6pm
- Early Club starts at 8am with registration at 8.40am
- Every day begins with assembly, form time or hymn practice
- Break is from 10.30am to 10.45am
- A freshly cooked lunch is served at 12.05pm
- Between 12.35pm and 1.10pm children can play or go to an activity
- Pupils in Kindergarten to Year 3 can be collected from 3.15pm
- Pupils in Years 4, 5 and 6 can be collected from 4pm
- After School Club runs until 6pm
- Holiday Club runs at Christmas, Easter and during the Summer

Your child's progress

- Talk to your child's teachers at the end of the school day or at a time that is better for you by calling our Junior School secretary, Mrs Lane to make an appointment
- Parents' Evenings are in the autumn and spring terms
- Share your child's work during the 'At Home' in March and Parents' Day in July
- Pupils in Years 4, 5 and 6 receive grade cards in autumn and spring terms
- All pupils receive a full subject report in the summer term

Curriculum at a glance

	Mathematics	English	Science	History	Geography	French	ICT	Drama	Art	Design Technology	Music	Textiles	Physical Education
Kindergarten	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		◆		◆		●		◆
Reception	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		●		◆	◆	●	◆	◆
Year 1	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	●	●		◆	◆	●	◆	◆
Year 2	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	●	●		◆	◆	●	◆	◆
Year 3	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	●	●		●	●	●	◆	●
Year 4	●	◆	●	◆	◆	●	●	◆	●	●	●	●	●
Year 5	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Year 6	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●

Key: ◆ Form Teacher ● Subject Teacher

Curriculum

- Pupils enjoy a broad range of subjects every week throughout the year
- Subject experts and specialist facilities offer challenge and stimulation
- Homework starts with reading in Kindergarten and gently increases to 2 subjects every night (approximately 1 hour) by Year 6
- ICT skills are taught discretely and their use is fully integrated into the curriculum
- Physical Education includes music and movement, dance, gymnastics, athletics, rounders, netball, swimming and hockey

Extending the curriculum

- Lunch-time clubs include rounders, environmental club, junior and senior band, football, junior and senior choir, tennis, badminton, games club and multisports
- Before and after school clubs include ballet, art, trampolining, modern dance and judo
- Individual music tuition from Reception (instrumental or vocal coaching)
- Educational and recreational visits include outward bound courses, French trips, and visits to theatres, museums, galleries and creative workshops
- Regular drama and musical performances, sports fixtures and tournaments

Pastoral care

- Constant care and individual attention help to make sure that your child is happy
- Form teachers look after personal development as well as sharing overall responsibility for academic progress with subject teachers and Deputy Headmistress, Miss Betteridge

Teamwork and leadership

- All girls in Year 6 become prefects - serving our youngest pupils with lunch, heading lunch tables, assisting teachers and spending 'wet breaks' with younger classes
- From Year 5 girls representing the school in sports win Junior Colours

Transfer to the Senior School

- Transfer test (English, Mathematics and Verbal Reasoning) is taken by Year 6 pupils in the spring term
- External applicants may take the Entrance Assessment at any time
- Scholarships are awarded at this stage (more details on our application form)

Dodderhill School is a secure, supportive and stimulating place for children (3 to 7) and girls (8 to 16). With fewer than 220 pupils, each one is an important member of a community that encourages courtesy, creativity and caring for others. Academic challenge, the arts, sport and voluntary service create an holistic education designed for the modern world.



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