



# Outwood Primary Academy Kirkhamgate

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## Welcome!

On behalf of everyone at Outwood Primary Academy Kirkhamgate, we welcome you back to a new year, new class and new year group!



We would like to take this opportunity to make you aware of the Senior Leadership Team should you have any concerns.



**Head of School**  
Mrs Cooke



**Associate Vice Principal**  
Ms Leonard



**Assistant Principal**  
Mrs Fozzard



**SENDCo**  
Miss Jowett

## Safeguarding

Your child's safety is our number one priority. Mrs Foster, our Safeguarding & Attendance Officer and Learning Manager, works closely with children and families to support attendance and wellbeing throughout the academy.



## Outwood Curriculum

We are a welcoming and supportive academy, with a relentless determination to provide the very best education for every child. We place children at the centre of everything we do, with a focus on creating a culture of success and a positive climate for learning.

Our Curriculum is made up of four important areas:

### Intrinsic

The Intrinsic Curriculum starts with our vision of 'Children First - Raising standards and transforming lives'. This high expectation ensures that our pupils are supported to meet these standards and expectations.

In school we relate every expectation and action back to the three 'B's': Be Safe; Be Respectful; Be Responsible.

We establish a culture of deep learning by developing each pupils' qualities (being respectful, resilient, creative, confident and independent) and their skills (listening, communicating, co-operating, organising and investigating).



### Enhancement

There is explicit teaching at key times throughout the year that enhances and extends the academic curriculum through the Outwood Diploma and Time To sessions.



We promote the personal development of all pupils by ensuring children have access to a wide, rich set of experiences.

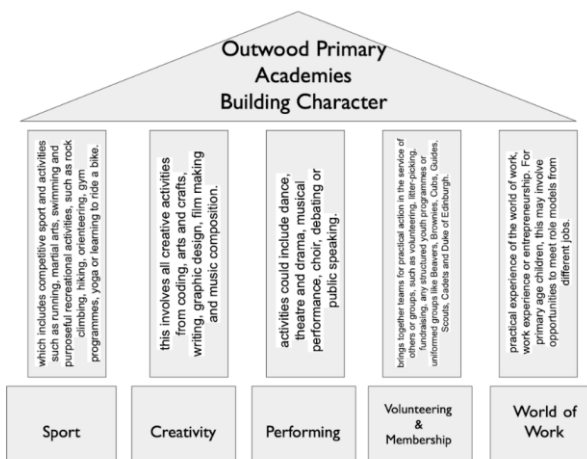
The Outwood Diploma is a key part of our curriculum and covers 6 key areas, ‘Be a good British and International Citizen’, ‘Keep Myself and Others Safe’, ‘Protect and Respect the Environment’, ‘Have High Aspirations and Skills for Adult Life’, ‘Actively Contribute to my Local Community’ and ‘Lead a Healthy Lifestyle’.

The weekly ‘Time To’ sessions allow the pupils to pause, reflect, connect and explore concepts, realms, skills and knowledge that are vital for our pupils.

### Elective

The Elective Curriculum consists of rich experiences we aim to provide in a coherently planned way, in the curriculum and through extra-curricular activities, that considerably strengthen our educational offer.

These experiences are provided through Sport, Creativity, Performing, Volunteering and Membership, and the World of Work. The children are able to elect if they wish to attend.



### Academic

The academic curriculum is progressive, ambitious and has been carefully designed to unlock pupils’ potential to enable them to succeed.

The academic curriculum follows a knowledge engaged approach.

Our aim is that pupils will know more and therefore remember more by committing knowledge to their long-term memory.

Connections between topics are identified and opportunities for repeat exposure to concepts and knowledge are reinforced and revisited in the subsequent years to build increasingly sophisticated schemas in our pupils’ minds, allowing them to think more coherently, critically and creatively.

The academic curriculum is delivered in an integrated and discrete approach built on a continued collaboration between all of our academies.

Underpinning the curriculum is a strong research based into effective teaching and learning strategies.

Our academic curriculum is aligned across all academies so that subject expertise, training and networking can be utilised on an ongoing basis to further strengthen the quality of education for all pupils in all subjects.

### Praising Stars

Praising Stars is a half termly report on your child’s progress in the Academy. The report will show current targets and achievement of reading, writing and maths and it will also give an effort grade.

It will show your child’s current level of attendance for the year so far. Each session equates to half a day which means there are ten sessions each week.

It will also show behaviour during lessons and social times, and highlight an area of the learning model which is being focussed on.

### Year Group Meetings

To ensure parents are fully informed of the offer we provide here at OPA Kirkhamgate, all teachers will be holding individual year group meetings to share valuable information such as topic coverage, diploma activities and what to expect from the year.

### Queries

We are here to support you and your child through their primary years with the aim being that they leave us as well-rounded and responsible citizens.

We believe in putting Children First, raising standards and transforming lives.

If you have any queries, please contact school and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

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