



**Prospectus**



# Welcome

On behalf of all the children, staff and governors of Westdale Junior School, may I offer a very warm welcome to Westdale Junior School's prospectus.

We are a two form entry junior school accommodating 240 children from Mapperley and the surrounding areas of Nottingham.

We are very proud of our school. Visitors comment on the warmth of the school and the friendliness of both staff and pupils alike. Our dedicated staff team are incredibly hard working and are committed to creating a happy, secure and stimulating environment in which every child can achieve their potential and develop a life-long love of learning.

Westdale is a calm, friendly and welcoming school where we have high academic aspirations for all learners.

We hope this prospectus will give you a flavour of this and a sense of both the work and achievements of our pupils.

If you would like to speak to us in person, or would like to see the school 'in action', please do not hesitate to contact us to arrange a visit. Visits to school are always warmly welcomed; we look forward to meeting you.

**Mr R Slater**  
Head of School



Westdale Junior School strives to be a school that is safe, happy and inclusive for all, where pupils and staff enjoy attending and learning.

We aim to provide a calm, stable, caring community where all children are encouraged to develop a lifelong interest in learning and know that both they and their work are valued.

We aim to encourage mutual respect and understanding between individuals and groups, and co-operative attitudes, which help to develop children's self-esteem.

We aim to promote relationships between our pupils, teachers, parents and governors which are of a high quality.

We aim to provide equal opportunities for all pupils in all areas of the curriculum in order that they may develop their full academic, creative and physical potential.

We aim to provide a curriculum that is challenging, creative, differentiated, broad, balanced and individualised.

We aim to ensure that all pupils learn, to the best of their ability, the skills, knowledge and attitudes that will enable them to grow into responsible, well-motivated and tolerant members of society, able to cope successfully and happily with the situations that they will meet. In order to take full advantage of the opportunities that the future has to offer for them.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to achieve our vision. Your support is crucial to your child's progress at school, particularly in developing positive attitudes towards work and behaviour, so as to achieve the high standards that we expect in both.

# Vision and Aims





# Curriculum

We aim to provide a broad and balanced curriculum for all our pupils. We enrich this in a number of ways including having class and year-group educational visits, visitors with particular expertise and interest come in to school, holding a number of special days during each year when we have a particular curriculum focus throughout the school and special weeks (e.g. Arts Week) each year.

Planning at Westdale takes place at several different levels.

Our 'long-term planning' outlines major areas of each subject that will be covered by each year-group in the three terms of the school year. This plan allows the Executive Head Teacher, Head of School, leadership team and teachers to monitor and ensure that, across Key Stage 2, we offer the children a broad and balanced curriculum which meets and exceeds the statutory requirements.

We then undertake 'medium-term planning', which is more detailed and indicates individual

learning objectives which will be covered in each of these areas or topics together with the major activities the children will undertake and any key resources that will be required.

These plans help year group teachers ensure that resources are in place in a timely manner to allow the learning to take place and to highlight appropriate links between subjects. They also allow curriculum leaders and members of the leadership team to monitor coverage of the curriculum within each individual subject.

Further, more short-term planning is produced by teachers for the week, day or individual lessons, to help them deliver the lessons as effectively as they can. These plans are normally considered to be for the teacher's personal use.

The admissions arrangements for our school may be found on the Nottinghamshire County Council website:

<https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/school-admissions>

This details arrangements for selection, over-subscription criteria and an explanation of the process of applying for a school place (and the link opens in a new tab or window).

The Nottinghamshire County Council document 'Standard Junior/Primary School criteria for admissions into Year 3 from a linked primary school' may be viewed using the above link.

Our linked infant school is Westdale Infants School, and this document outlines the criteria that we would follow if our Year 3 was over-subscribed.

For more detailed information, please see the Admission Arrangements page on our website.



# Admissions



# Where are we?

Our school is in Mapperley, a residential suburb of Nottingham, just outside the city boundary.

The building to the east of ours is Westdale Infant School and, opposite that (across Digby Avenue), is St Andrew's House. Continuing east, there is Carlton Digby Special School and also our school MUGA (Multi-Use Games Area).

We value the feedback from everyone associated with Westdale Junior School, and would love to hear from you.

Please use the information on the back of this prospectus to contact the school with any questions or feedback you may have.





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