



Towngate Primary
Academy



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A Warm Welcome to Towngate Primary Academy

Dear parents & carers,

Welcome to our wonderful school. Towngate Primary converted to an Academy in 2016 as part of the Inspire Partnership Multi Academy Trust; since we first opened our doors, we have grown into a one-and-a-half entry school, welcoming pupils from Nursery through to Year 6 into our school community.

At Towngate Primary, our pupils are at the forefront of all we do. Our school is a place of safety where we encourage our pupils to become resilient and independent learners. We place high importance on developing strong parental partnerships and strive to make purposeful links within our own local community and the wider world. As a proud member of the Inspire Partnership Multi Academy Trust, we work collaboratively with other professionals across our school networks, sharing best practice amongst our schools. Being part of Inspire Partnership MAT allows our school to relish in its own individuality and enables us to form our own identity for the community in which we serve.

Here at Towngate Primary Academy, we pride ourselves on providing a holistic curriculum, focusing on developing the whole child. We strongly believe our curriculum approaches mould our young people into good citizens who make positive contributions to the local and wider world in which we live. Our Values-Based curriculum is at the core of all we do: we teach and explore core values with our pupils, in the hope that they are then equipped to apply these values as they grow and enter life beyond primary school. As part of our curriculum, we work hard to offer first-hand experiences to our pupils, fulfilling 'Towngate Promises' as the children enter each phase of school. We place high importance on planning exciting educational visits which enhance our curriculum offer and focus heavily on our life skills curriculum which is led by our pastoral team in school.

We do hope that the information available in this prospectus allows you to explore our school and what makes it such a wonderful place to be. Should you require any further information please contact us on:

Telephone: 01924 302865

Email: TGA-enquiries@ipmat.co.uk

With warmest regards,

Mrs Annabel Berry & Mrs Laura Poole

Headteacher & Deputy Headteacher

Towngate Primary Academy



Instilling core values, inspiring bright futures



At Towngate Primary Academy, we are committed to supporting every pupil to achieve their full potential. We are passionate about supporting our school community to follow our 'core four' values to ensure that we teach our children to:

- show **compassion** towards others, including those of different backgrounds, beliefs and opinions;
- take **ownership** for our own actions, attitudes and behaviours in order to become respectful and valued citizens in the wider world;
- show **resilience** in all we do: persevering when challenges arise and managing difficult situations positively;
- aim for **excellence** and strive for the highest standards in our learning, our attitudes and our contributions.

Our Curriculum

Our Curriculum is derived upon four key intentions focused upon developing a holistic approach to teaching and learning. We use a consistent lesson structure across all year groups and subjects to ensure our pupils' curriculum offer allows them to know more and remember more.

Our curriculum is based upon the following key drivers:

1. Knowledge Acquisition
2. Core Values
3. The Local and Wider World
4. Raising Aspirations

Our curriculum is mapped to be progressive in each year group from our Early Years to Year 6. Pupils build on their prior knowledge throughout their time at Towngate Primary in order to be ready to transition to the next phase of education with a coherent and sequenced curriculum behind them.

Further information on our curriculum can be found on our website or by following us on Twitter:

www.towngate.ipmat.co.uk

[@IPMATTowngate](https://twitter.com/IPMATTowngate)



Our Early Years



Hi, my name is Mrs Kimbley and I am delighted to introduce our Early Years Foundation Stage Unit, comprising of our Nursery and Reception classes.

At Towngate Primary Academy it is our intention that all children are able to achieve their full potential and develop a love for learning as they progress through the school. We have high expectations of all staff and children within the setting, in both Nursery and Reception class. Ensuring that children feel safe and confident is at the heart of establishing a positive learning environment. Through valuing the children's contributions to their curriculum and supporting their thinking, staff aim to move each child's learning forward and encourage them to value their own learning and be reflective. Through our school values and rules, we teach the children to be ready, respectful and safe. We encourage children to develop independence, perseverance and determination and willingness to "have a go", seeing a mistake as a vehicle for learning. We aim to provide a language rich environment, which promotes a love of reading, writing and communication. We plan for all areas of the curriculum, and ensure these are embedded through the learning environment, allowing children to access a range of learning opportunities.

Nursery

Our Nursery setting caters for pupils aged 3 and above, allowing for a smooth and effective transition in preparation for statutory schooling in Reception class. Our staff team place high importance on parental partnership and working together to foster children's interests and identify their unique hobbies and skills. In Nursery we run three sessions daily: morning session (8.50am - 11.50am) afternoon session (12.30pm - 3.30pm) and all day 30 hours provision. Please contact the school office for further information on securing your Nursery place.

In Early Years we strive to ensure that all children have the right to learn and to feel successful.

Join us at Towngate Primary Academy, where the **smallest of steps become the biggest.**



We are **explorers**



We are **problem solvers**



We are **musicians**



We are **athletes**

We are **Towngate Primary**

Key Stage One



Welcome to Key Stage One at Towngate Primary Academy.

In Key Stage One, we aim to build our pupils' confidence to become independent learners and begin to take ownership of their own learning. We strive to ensure all of our children develop confidence with core skills in reading, writing and maths but also to embrace the wider curriculum opportunities on offer here at Towngate Primary Academy. An integral element of our Key Stage One phase is to support pupils' transition from the Early Years into the infants phase, before preparing children to become successful learners as they embark on their newest adventures in Key Stage Two.

Here at Towngate, we strive to teach the children about having a healthy mind with a focus on their own mental wellbeing, to choose positivity and using a positive mindset, to aim to make themselves proud as individuals and believe in themselves and their own abilities. In school, we are proud to promote a value-based curriculum where children learn specific skills about patience, empathy, honesty, kindness, optimism; all necessary for them to develop as they grow into young adults. Hand in hand with our values and core curriculum, we aim to have fun and learn with a purpose!

We work as a team: staff and pupils learning together side by side.

Welcome to Key Stage One!

We are **historians**



We are **collaborators**



We are **scientists**



We are **artists**

We are **risk takers**



We are **Towngate Primary**

Key Stage Two



Hi, I'm Miss Atkinson and I am the Key Stage Two Leader. Here in Key Stage Two, we strive to give every child an inspiring and motivating school experience as they progress through their academic journey. Our key priorities as children approach Key Stage Two include investing time in preparing and equipping our children to:

- become self-motivated learners;
- develop an enquiring mind, being curious and asking questions to lead our own learning;
- have high aspirations for ourselves and others;
- be independent thinkers and learners;
- demonstrate our core values in our own choices and behaviours, all of the time.

In Lower Key Stage Two, a primary focus is supporting the transition of children from Key Stage One to the junior phase in school. Through effective transition meetings and close communication between teachers, we ensure that all children are well-supported and prepared to take on the journey ahead in Key Stage Two. An exciting aspect of Lower Key Stage Two is the opportunity for children to take their first residential trip; this allows pupils to explore their own resilience, problem solving and independence— attributes we see as essential to build the whole child.

As a member of Upper Key Stage Two, children have the opportunity to apply for various leadership roles in school such as Prefects, Head Boy and Head Girl and Sports Leaders. These are fantastic experiences for the children to help develop their teamwork and leadership skills, focusing on building each individuals' confidence and character in readiness for the next journey into secondary school.

Throughout the year, we look forward to inviting parents and carers through our doors to work alongside the children, as we believe that parent partnership is key to successful development. We are proud to operate an open-door policy and as a parent/carer you can look forward to INSPIRE mornings, curriculum event days, Life Skills sessions, charity fundraisers and school fayres. Regular communication is held between school and parents/carers as pupils in the form of parents' evenings, phone calls and SATs preparation parent meetings - establishing a strong link between home and school for all of our pupils.

We are **mathematicians**



We are **resilient**



We are **geographers**

We are **performers**



We are **readers**



We are **Towngate Primary**

Safeguarding at Towngate Primary Academy

Pupils' safety is paramount at Towngate Primary Academy. We follow a robust Safeguarding policy which ensures that pupils' welfare is first priority, both in and out of school. Safeguarding is a term which is broader than 'child protection' and relates to the action taken to promote the welfare of children and protect them from harm.

In school, we have a team of Designated Safeguarding Officers whose role it is to safeguard and promote the welfare of all pupils in our academy. They are:



Mrs Berry



Mrs Poole



Mrs Bateman



Miss Lockett



Mrs Johnson



Miss Chapman

Our Safeguarding Governor is Mr Darren Bridgestock

In our roles in school, we form a multi-agency partnership with other external agencies in Wakefield including Social Care Direct, Future in Mind, CAMHS and Children's First Hubs. We promote our safeguarding policies and practices with all staff in school and commit to regular training and professional development as Safeguarding remains the highest priority in school.

Should you wish to discuss any welfare of a child, please contact a Designated Safeguarding Lead by contacting school immediately on 01924 302865. Thank you.



Our Pastoral Team

We pride ourselves on the pastoral offer we provide to parents/carers and pupils within our school. It is imperative to us here at Towngate that families feel supported in all aspects of school life - and beyond. In order for our pupils to reach academic success, we know that their pastoral needs must be met in order to access their learning. We are lucky enough to work with both Mrs Johnson and Miss Pyrah who strive to support our parental and pupil communities in their day to day roles in school.



Mrs Johnson

Hello, I'm Mrs. Johnson the Learning Mentor & Safeguarding Officer here at Towngate Primary Academy. My role is very diverse and includes supporting pupils to develop their social skills and friendships, liaising with families and offering support / signposting to external agencies and working closely with the Attendance and Behaviour Officer. Most importantly, my role is to help children engage with their education, by helping families overcome any barriers that may be in their way.



Miss Chapman

Hello, I'm Miss Chapman the Attendance and Behaviour officer here at Towngate Primary Academy. Good attendance is perhaps the most important factor in successful learning. Towngate Primary Academy recognises that there is a clear link between student attendance and achievement, and that students with good attendance have the best chance of being successful. In addition to my attendance work in school, I also support with promoting positive behaviour in school, working with the children during playtimes and lunchtimes and celebrating the children's choices in Friday's Celebration Assemblies.

We can't wait to work alongside you and support your children in making the most of each and every day at Towngate Primary Academy.

We are **compassionate**



We are **caring**

We are **listeners**

We are **resilient**



We are **thoughtful**



We are **Towngate Primary**

Our Academy Office and Admissions Process



If you would like to apply for your child to attend our wonderful school, you will need to contact Wakefield Admissions in the first instance. They can be reached by phoning 01924 306052 or by emailing them on admissions@wakefield.gov.uk.

Admissions will then get in touch with us to check our capacity in each class, if we do have spaces to accommodate your child, Admissions will then send you an offer letter. Once you have received your offer letter, you can then contact us and we can arrange a date for your child to start with us and we will give you all the information you need to join our school community.

Academy Uniform

Children are proud to wear the Towngate Primary uniform; wearing a uniform has many benefits such as giving a sense of belonging and unity. Our uniform provider is 'The Box' which is located in Ossett Town centre.

Our children are asked to wear the following uniform:

- Navy blue jumper or cardigan
- White polo shirt/formal shirt
- Grey or black trousers, skirt or pinafore dress
- Blue and white check summer dresses
- Black or grey socks for boys
- Grey, black or white tights for girls or white socks
- Black school shoes
- PE kit consists of trainers, black shorts and white round neck t-shirt, plain jogging bottoms and a plain jumper (outdoor only)

Jewellery: Children may only wear stud earrings if they have pierced ears. Children may also wear a watch. Children are not permitted to wear any makeup or nail varnish.

Please ensure that your child's clothing has their name written **clearly** in ALL items.



About Our School

Our school is nestled within the locality of Ossett, Wakefield; a rural space at the heart of the community in which we serve. We are fortunate here at Towngate to reside in a private location with large outdoor space available to us for our learning.

Our school boasts a 'Good' judgement from Ofsted, July 2019 which highlighted the following strengths of the school:

- The school shows energetic leadership, dedicated staff and strong support from the Academy Trust.
- High quality teaching of early reading, phonics and mathematics, where pupils make good progress in reading, writing and mathematics as a result of good teaching.
- A curriculum which develops pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural awareness well which contributes to good personal development and welfare and where pupils behave well both in lessons and outdoors.
- Children thrive in the early years as a result of good teaching, fun activities and focus on developing the essentials of communication and literacy.
- There is a rich menu of extra-curricular activities on offer where pupils enjoy participating in music and sports.



The school is lucky enough to have many links with the local community and wider organisations including Inspire Partnership Multi Academy Trust and the schools working within our trust, Kings Way Church and Huddersfield Giants Rugby. We boast a range of clubs both in school and after school available to the children. These include the School Council, the Eco Team, British Values Ambassadors, Anti-Bullying Ambassadors, sporting and mathematics clubs. Here at Towngate we even have our very own Towngate Mascot - Shelley the tortoise - who has been funded through fundraising activities by our academy Eco team.

We are supported by our wonderful PTA who organise a range of exciting activities in school for us to enjoy including the Christmas Fayre, the Summer Fayre and Easter events and support our plans in order to make our school the fantastic place it is for children and staff alike.



Before and After School Club

We are proud to offer a fantastic Breakfast and After School club here at Towngate Primary Academy. These sessions are tailored to meet the needs of parents/carers who require additional provision either side of the school day, where the children can thrive in a safe and stimulating atmosphere with their peers.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club in the academy hall each morning from 7.45am to 8.50am. where we strive to make each morning a positive experience for all of our children in attendance. At Towngate Primary Academy, we are committed to providing healthy and balanced food to start the day, therefore at Breakfast Club, the children are provided with a choice of cereals (Cornflakes, Rice Crispies, Shreddies and Cheerios), fruit, toast and a cold drink. The children are provided with games, activities and books and are fully supervised whilst attending Breakfast Club. They are then escorted to their classrooms ready for the start of the school day.

After School Club

Our club Manager is Mrs S Johnson who is supported by Ms Snowden and Mrs Harvey over the course of the week. Whilst attending our club, children will participate in a range of exciting activities including tech, sports, arts and crafts and even baking! There are two sessions available, Session 1 is from 3.15pm to 4.30pm and includes a healthy snack and drinks for your child and Session 2 runs from 3.15pm to 6.00pm and includes a meal and drinks for your child. If you wish to enrol your child into our Breakfast or After School Club please contact the School Office on 01924 302 865 as soon as possible to obtain and complete a Registration Form, as places are limited and filling up fast!





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