



WESTGATE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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PROSPECTUS





A SPECIAL PLACE

What more could I ask for as a parent?

Parent Survey Comment

At Westgate, every child is known, understood and cared for by everybody. We pride ourselves on being a genuine community, where everybody is significant and everybody is valued. There is something special about Westgate and something special, we hope, about Westgate children.

We aim to ensure that pupils are active participants in their own lives. This stands them in good stead for their future. We are often privileged to hear about the successes of our ex-pupils and thrilled when they return and tell us how well their time at Westgate prepared them for their next steps.

Parents too are welcomed into our community. We know that we work closely with them to ensure that their children are safe, happy and successful.

We value learning both in and outside the classroom. English and maths are central, but we also encourage creativity and participation. Westgate pupils are known for their involvement in the arts and for their strength in Modern Languages. We encourage talent and celebrate success. The school is big enough to offer a broad and exciting curriculum, but small enough to know every child really well.

We encourage links into the local community and we help pupils to be involved in community events, such as the Otley Victorian Fayre and Carnival, and to participate in a wide range of cultural and sporting activities and events beyond the school gates.

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A FAMILY SCHOOL

My child has received nothing but generous support and encouragement.

Parent Survey Comment

At Westgate, we understand that school and home work together to nurture young minds. We take well-being really seriously. The school was the first mainstream school in Leeds to achieve Mindmate Champion status: children are encouraged, supported and taught about how to stay well, healthy and to manage stress. Relationships are strong throughout the school and positivity is tempered with individual care and an awareness of each other's challenges.

Inclusion is a strength. Meeting the individual development needs of children is the responsibility of all staff and the teacher-teaching assistant teams work together effectively. Help is tailored to meet pupils' social, emotional and intellectual needs. Where necessary, this is with the enthusiastic and expert guidance of our SENDCo, who will also organise additional support where necessary.



The behaviour of our children is good. We teach them responsibility not only for their own behaviour, but also for helping others. There are lots of opportunities for pupils of different ages to mix and the size of the school allows the older children to get to know the youngest pupils quickly and make them welcome. Our buddy system is a great way for to organise this formally.

Westgate is a family school, with a lot of love in it.

Pupils are kind, polite and respectful to each other and to adults.

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A LEARNING COMMUNITY

My child is thriving – she loves school, adores her teachers and is inspired to learn.

Parent Survey Comment

We know that children learn through a breadth of experiences. Good classroom teaching is at the heart of our provision and pupil progress is good. But we also ensure that pupils gain the opportunity to develop skills through performance, artistic expression, PE and residential learning.



The curriculum is based on mastery, with gaps in understanding being addressed as soon as they appear. We teach technical skills in maths and English, including precise teaching of writing technique, but also encourage freedom of expression, providing inspiring experiences to stimulate this.

The school employs specialists for Spanish teaching from reception, for music and for sport. All pupils take music and there is a recorder club in Year 2, developing into the chance to study a range of instruments and to play in the school orchestra. The school choir regularly sings at community events such as the Christmas Tree Festival. We ensure that children have an inclusive, tolerant and informed view of the world.

The school takes pupils away on two residential trips: to an outdoor centre and to Whitby, where the wonderful location is used to teach and inspire. They also undertake other trips, including to participate in a range of competitions, including in sport. There is a school 'Eco Team', which has been involved in the school's decisions to install solar panels, LED lighting and to introduce food recycling and plastics reduction.

Teachers and other staff at Westgate are also learners. That is important not just to continue to improve the quality of our provision, but to be a complete learning community.

Teachers are skilled in developing pupils' subject knowledge across the curriculum.

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A GREAT SCHOOL TO JOIN

Thank you for making my daughter's first year exciting and positive.

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We welcome applications into our nursery and directly into the reception class. The Early Years Foundation Stage operates as a unit led by teachers, with the emphasis on learning through the provision of exciting and fun opportunities for learning. Children will be supported and assessed to ensure that the provision is correctly planned. Each individual receives the right challenge to ensure they will make a happy and successful start to their school journey.

The nursery can offer up to 30 hours free care and teaching under the government scheme. During term time, parents can supplement this with additional hours to make it possible for children to be with us from 7.45am to 6pm. All these hours are filled with exciting and constructive activities.

The school has the Healthy Schools' Award and school lunches are cooked on the premises to very high nutritional standards. We encourage youngsters to eat well.

The nursery has its own admissions policy which is available from the school office and online. For reception and other years, admissions are handled by Leeds City Council.

A good way of parents getting to know other parents and some of the other Westgate staff is to join the Friends of Westgate. This is our long-established parent group, famous for helping the children to produce amazing entries to the Otley Carnival each year.

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NEXT STEPS

My child has had a wonderful first year at school.

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For more information

- read our website: www.westgateprimary.co.uk
- email us: info@westgateprimary.co.uk
- phone the school office: 01943 462349

You can also contact **Leeds City Council admissions**. More details are available on their webpage

<https://www.leeds.gov.uk/residents/children-families-and-carers/schools-and-learning/school-places/admissions-primary-schools>

Pupils are proud of their school.

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