



Our Vision

'A love of learning developed in a Christian environment'

Our Aims

We aim high and have self-belief

We have community spirit

We are enterprising

We have enquiring minds

We respect others

Dear Parent/Carer

Thank you for showing an interest in our school. We shall be pleased to welcome your child to Tankersley St Peter's C.E. (Aided) Primary School and hope that he or she will be happy and enjoy learning. At Tankersley St Peter's Primary School we are passionate about making sure the children are given the best possible start to their education and we will do everything we can to help your child succeed.

We all share the same aims for our children; wanting them to aim high and have a strong belief in themselves, to feel valued members of the school community and to achieve their full potential in a distinctively Christian environment. As a Church School we aim to create a relationship with each pupil, which is based on acceptance, tolerance, respect, friendship and the sharing of Christian love. In effect, we aim to make the Christian faith implicit in the religious, academic, social and administrative structure of daily school life.

I am sure you will agree that the education of our children is a team effort and you are vital members of that team. You are always welcome to come into school at any time to discuss your child's education and development, more formal invitations are issued for Parents' Evenings and specific school events. Communication between Parents and school is vitally important at all stages of education. We hope that you will feel able to consult with us at any time.

We also have a school website and Facebook page which are updated weekly with important information – please see the details inside. Included in this prospectus is key information about the school which I am sure you will find informative and useful.

I would like to thank you for taking the time to read about our school and I hope to see you in school very soon.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Jayne Procter-Blain

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR PARENTS OF PUPILS AT TANKERSLEY ST PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY UNIT

Please find below information which may be of interest to prospective parents. We hope this gives you an insight into our school and nursery, please ask if you need any further information, or alternatively visit our school website at www.tankersleystpeters.org.uk

The School Day

Children are admitted into the building at 8.50 am for registration at 9.00 am. Please note that the school cannot assume responsibility for the safety of children who arrive on the premises before 8.50 am unless they attend our Breakfast Club which opens at 8.00am. Children are allowed to go to their classroom where countdown maths will be on the board for them to do. Parents are to collect their child at 3.30 pm from the designated area. Pupils in Reception to Year 2 will be handed over by school staff.

In order to safeguard our pupils, all outside doors and school gates are locked at 9.05am and re-opened at 3.20pm. The Nursery unit will re-open their gates and doors during the lunchtime period for those pupils attending afternoon nursery sessions.

Breakfast Club

Our school Breakfast Club is available to all pupils from 8.00 am until 8.50 am every day during term time at a cost of £3.50 per child, per day. This club is run by school staff from the school hall. The pupils will be given the opportunity of eating a healthy breakfast, completing their homework, reading or participating in creative activities.

As a cashless school, payment is can be made by cheque or via our online payment system. In addition, we accept payment via the employment deduction voucher systems Please contact our school office for further details of our Breakfast Club.

Admissions

As Tankersley St Peter's Primary is a Church of England school with Aided status, the Governing Body is the Admissions Authority for the school. The Governing Body works in close partnership with the LA on Co-ordinated Arrangements for Admission. The full school admissions policy and procedures are included in a separate document, which is available on our school website.

Any parent who is refused admission to the school has the right of appeal to an independent appeal committee. These appeals are independent of the decision made by the governing body of the school. For further information, please contact the head teacher at the school.

Attendance

We encourage all pupils to be learning consistently throughout the school day through good attendance at school, as absence from school will impact on your child's learning.

We reward good attendance in school through our attendance initiatives. The school has a weekly attendance award and the class with the highest attendance for that week receiving the school attendance trophy, and a £5 money token. Prizes are also given weekly to a random boy and girl for 100% attendance that week. Children with 100% attendance are awarded certificates termly.

If your child is going to be absent, please can you contact the school office at the beginning of the school day and notify us of the reason for absence. Failure to notify the school will result in the recording of an 'unauthorised absence'. A copy of the schools' Attendance Policy is available from the school office or from the documents section of our school website.

Our Attendance Officer is available to support all our families to promote good attendance. She is available at the beginning of the school day should any parents, pupils or families require her help and support or alternatively she can be contacted through the school office.

Under the National guidelines we do not authorise holiday/leave of absence during term time due to the negative impact on children's learning. Any requests for leave of absence in term time should be referred in writing to the head teacher.

Behaviour

We always promote positive behaviour and learning behaviours in school. The pupils are rewarded for general positive behaviour through whole school team points. Each child is in a team house named after a famous sports personality.

The team point trophy is given out in our weekly sparkle and shine assembly for the winning house team. Classes also have their own rewards e.g. postcards home raffle tickets, stickers, marbles in the jar etc. We also encourage teachers to give a positive phone call home to parents where appropriate.

Sanctions are given for poor behaviour. If a pupil moves from Green to Amber and then to Red on the class traffic light a text is sent home to parents so they are fully informed of the behaviour incident.

Our full school behaviour policy is available from the documents section of our school website or on request from the School Office.

Homework

Children are always encouraged to extend their learning at home by following up their lessons in school or by preparing for topics. Homework will be identified in your child's class via weekly newsletters and homework grids. We also pay a subscription the My Maths and the pupils in KS2 have a password to access this at home – please see your child's class teacher if your child is not given a password after joining the school.

These are also available from the documents section of our school website and links to great learning websites are shown in the links section of our website.

Curriculum

Pupils in KS1 (Year 1 and Year 2) and in KS2 (Years 3,4,5 and 6) follow the National curriculum. We teach English and Maths every day which includes reciprocal reading and phonics for younger pupils and the children have at least 2 lessons of PE a week. We have a wide creative curriculum linked to themes and topic areas and we have a specialist music teacher who comes into school every Tuesday. Our curriculum information is available on our school website.

Early Years Provision – Foundation Stage Unit

At Tankersley St Peter's Primary school we have an Early Years Nursery Unit with the provision for 52 pupils which is managed by our Foundation Stage Co-Ordinator, Nursery Teacher and Nursery Nurse. Pupils are admitted to our nursery at the age of 3 years. A copy of our Foundation Stage brochure is available on request or via the school website.

In our EYFS setting, pupils are taught a broad balanced curriculum which is available to view on our school website.

We are able to offer parents a flexible provision with the opportunity to purchase additional sessions if required at a cost of £12 per session per pupil, plus £2.00 lunchtime supervision should your child stay during the lunchtime period. The sessions can be booked on a regular basis in advance.

Payment can be made by cash, cheque or via the online payment systems or employer voucher system.

Parents Visits to School

There are two formal 'Parents' Evenings' per year when you are invited to school to see your child's teacher on a 1:1 and discuss your child's work and progress in a more formal setting.

Should you wish to see your child's teacher at another time please make arrangements via the school office or ask the teacher in person. Parents are welcome to come into school and help. If you have any particular skills or interests, you would like to share with the children or feel you would like to help in any way please contact your child's class teacher. Should you have any administrative queries you may contact the office staff at any time.

There is also an active Friends of Tankersley group and regular coffee mornings are held as well as many fundraising events where parents can get involved.

Uniform

Although the wearing of uniform is not compulsory, the majority of parents and the School Governing Body have indicated that they prefer a definitive dress code to be worn by the pupils of our school. This ensures a clear identity within the school and sets a positive attitude to learning.

The School has a recommended colour scheme:

1. Grey trousers/shorts/skirt (Gingham dress in red and white)
2. White/red blouse/shirt or polo shirt.
3. Red cardigan/sweater/sweatshirt.

School sweaters, cardigans and polo shirts can be ordered with the school logo embodied on them. Please enquire at the school office.

For PE lessons we request that children have plain black shorts or leggings and a plain red or white t shirt and suitable trainers for games lessons.

We would like the children to wear plimsolls or soft shoes indoors. This is particularly important during the winter months.

In your own interests will you please ensure that all clothing, particularly coats and shoes, are clearly marked with your child's name.

We would ask that children do not wear jewellery to school; however, watches and stud earrings are acceptable but will need to be removed for P.E. Governor's request that parents wishing to have their children's ears pierced, do so at the beginning of the summer break so that children do not miss PE lessons.

Illness and Accidents in School

If a child is ill, or has an accident in school, every effort is made to contact parents. It is important that parents keep us informed of all contact details and where you can normally be contacted during school hours. Please ensure you let school know if your telephone or mobile number changes from the one completed on our contact forms.

All our staff have received first aid training, with all staff adhering to the schools' first aid policy and procedures. We also have staff on site who are designated First Aiders and have received additional up to date training.

School Meals & School Milk

Children have a daily choice of either a traditional meal, jacket potato with filling or a sandwich option from the school menu. We also have theme days to reward good attendance and good behaviour in addition to a weekly 'specials' option.

Alternatively children may bring their own packed lunch from home and provision is made for them to eat these in the school dining hall.

Dinner money is payable in advance of meals taken. Meals are charged at £2.00 per day (£10.00 per week.) Payment can be made using either the online payment system or into the school post box by reception in a clearly labelled sealed envelope. Payments can be made either before or after school by cash or cheque. Cheques should be made payable to Tankersley St Peters Primary School. Parents may wish to pay for a half term or a term. Details of the online payment system are available from the school office.

Under our Healthy Schools status school promotes healthy eating and encourages healthy snacks and packed lunches.

Your child will be provided with the option of purchasing school milk which is available to pupils on a daily basis. If you would like your child to have school milk you must register your child at the beginning of each term with our online school milk provider, payment is required at the time of registration. Pupils who are entitled to free school milk through 'Scheme of Aid' can still register their child online however; payment will be made through this scheme. Details of the school milk provider and registration process are available from the school office.

Educational Visits

To enhance our curriculum activities and pupils learning your child's class teacher may arrange to take the pupils on an education visit relevant to the topics studied. These visits can be valuable to enhance a child's learning.

In order to support these visits parents will be asked for a voluntary contribution to fund the costs incurred. Educational visits usually take place every term, however if the contributions received do not cover the costs incurred the visit may be cancelled with all monies being refunded.

Extra-Curricular Activities

The school holds regular extra-curricular activities which may constitute afterschool clubs or sporting events. These are usually held from 3.30pm until 4.30pm during the school week. These clubs are held by our school staff or external agencies.

Parents will be notified of these events through the school letters, newsletters or website

Please feel free to contact the school if you have any other queries about the school or information in this prospectus or you can speak to the school head teacher – Mrs J.Procter-Blain

We look forward to receiving your application to join our school. If you experience any issues with the admissions process, please let us know and we will support you through the admissions procedure.

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