

Prospectus



Love to Learn



Welcome from our Headteacher

My name is Beki Vargassoff and I am not only delighted, but proud to be the Headteacher of what is, in my opinion the best primary school in Leeds.

At Fieldhead Carr, our love of learning stands us apart from the rest. Our pupils, staff and stakeholders are passionate about our children's education and are keen to push the boundaries of the education system to give the children the best offer we possibly can. Our school is underpinned by our 'Fieldhead Factors' - Respectful, Responsible, Cooperative, Reflective, Resourceful and Persevering. These are derived directly from the Growth Mindset and our school vision, and appear in every aspect of school life. They are also supported by the Unicef Rights of the Child. As you can already tell, our children are at the forefront

of everything that we do, and we tailor make our curriculum to ensure that every child achieves their individual best. Our lessons reflect the most pioneering and cutting edge practice in primary education and provide a high quality education for all. Visitors regularly comment on the nurturing atmosphere and 'magic' within our school, created by a caring and hardworking staff who know their children inside out and constantly strive to achieve the best for them, on an academic and pastoral level.

Our school is set within a close knit community and we have excellent relationships within that. This provides a rich tapestry of experiences for the children, which supports and extends their learning experiences.

It is an incredibly exciting time to be part of the Fieldhead Carr learning community, as we are set to expand our school to 2-form entry from September 2018. We are thrilled to be able to open our doors to more pupils so they can experience some of the 'magic' that is created here.

If you feel that our website and prospectus has made you want to experience the 'magic' and soak up the atmosphere for yourself, then please contact our office team.

We look forward to visitors and love showing off our wonderful school.

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Message from the Chair of Governors

Dear Parent/Guardian

Thank you for showing an interest in our school.

As you can see from elsewhere in our prospectus we were judged by OFSTED at our last inspection to be a "Good" school. For us as Governors, this is not enough. We want Fieldhead Carr Primary School to be the outstanding school in our area, a pioneering school and a school for the future where everyone wants to send their children.

For Education as a whole, the last few years have been challenging ones. Across all levels of education there have been funding cuts, new regulations, and in Primary Schools a new national curriculum and ways of assessing. But with challenges come opportunities. As Governors we are proud of our staff at

Fieldhead Carr and the way in which they have responded positively to these challenges and worked towards the best outcomes for our children. I am sure that with recent changes in the political landscape these challenges will continue, but so will those opportunities to help our children thrive and grow. At a local level there are exciting opportunities for us as a school. From September 2016 we are joined by a new Head Teacher - Miss Vargassoff who has a background in school improvement. We are confident that she will continue to grow and develop our school to match the Governing Body's expectations. Furthermore, having worked with the local authority for the last 2 years, we will see our school moving from a 1 form to 2 form entry from September 2018.

Whilst I have spoken about our ability to respond to challenges, and our ambitions to become outstanding; we are also a school that strives to be different. We are an important part of the community and our staff ensure that the school has a family feel for all our pupils.

I encourage you to read this prospectus and to strongly consider us as the school for your children. Both my own sons have gone to Fieldhead Carr, and I genuinely believe us to be the school in the local area. I hope that my own views are reflected in yours and that you believe that Fieldhead Carr is the right School for your own children.

Kind regards

Graham Curling
Chair of Governors
For and Behalf of the
Governing Body



General Information



School Building

Our school is quietly located in the outer area of East Leeds. The original school building, which opened in 1975, is spacious and maintained to a high standard, providing excellent areas for children to learn and develop. We are fortunate to have larger than average classrooms and a number of shared spaces for the children to access. Our range of excellent facilities include extensive playing fields, well equipped playgrounds, an ICT suite with the most up to date technology and a separate dining area with an outdoor space for warm weather days.

Due to the increasingly high demand for places at our school, preparations are underway for a 2 storey extension taking us to a two form entry, 60 child cohort from September 2018.

The project is hugely exciting for us as it promises to provide a state-of-the-art facility for our children.

Year Groups

Our school is currently organised into one class of thirty in each year group.

Age	Class	Stage
3-4 years	FS1	Foundation
4-5 years	FS2	
5-6 years	Y1	Key Stage 1
6-7 years	Y2	
7-8 years	Y3	Key Stage 2
8-9 years	Y4	
9-10 years	Y5	
11-12 years	Y6	

We take great pride in the excellent quality of our staff who work tirelessly to provide the best possible offer for every individual in our school. Our jam packed timetables are supplemented with the expertise of specialist teachers who add another dimension to the teaching.

Admission Arrangements

Main School

Admission arrangements into Reception classes in community primary schools in Leeds are arranged by the Local Authority. A booklet called 'Starting School in Leeds' setting out the admissions procedures and criteria, together with details of how to apply, are available from the School Admissions team at Leeds County Council. Our school office team is always on hand to support you with this process should you need further advice.

Parents and Carers of children seeking to join the school in other year groups, should contact the office and request an in year common transfer form.

Nursery

Children can start Nursery from their third birthday, if a space is available, accessing morning or afternoon sessions. This offer can be taken up using the government's 'free 15 hours' initiative. Additional morning or afternoon sessions can also be booked at a daily cost, allowing your child to attend from 8.45 until 3.15pm up to 5 days per week.

Fieldhead Carr Primary welcomes all children regardless of special needs or disability. We pride ourselves on the nurturing nature of our school. Pupils with additional needs may have extra visits before starting school and there will be close liaison with parents to ensure that the correct arrangements are in place.

Moving on

Our Upper Key Stage 2 staff and the Pastoral team are very experienced and highly skilled at supporting both parents and children through the secondary transition process. They work closely with the secondary pastoral teams to ensure a smooth transition that meets the needs of the individual pupil. Children from Fieldhead Carr are renowned for their smooth transition into the secondary system due to the quality of the preparation they have received.

There is a large variety of secondary schools we feed into, so families have a huge choice on offer.





Statement of intent

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We simply
LOVE to LEARN.

A love of learning is instilled in our pupils from a very early age. We passionately believe in nurturing and developing the child as a whole and encouraging everyone to strive to achieve their best on an academic and personal level. We endeavour to be exciting and engaging, providing enjoyable and realistic learning experiences that our children love to participate in and flourish as a result of.



Do you have the Fieldhead factor? We are...

Responsible

We take ownership of our own choices.



Respectful

We are proud to show respect for ourselves, our school and our community.



Reflective

We reflect upon our experiences and learn from them.



Resourceful

We are curious, independent learners.



Cooperative

We are successful together as a team.



Persevering

We will always try, try and try again.



If you are too, then you definitely have the Fieldhead Factor!

Our 'Factors' are based on the principles of the Growth Mindset and underpin everything that we do. Our staff and pupils are incredibly proud to be part of a place that thrives on this creative and thirsty attitude to learning and we are well known for it within our community.

Curriculum

We are proud to say that our curriculum is personalised and tailor made to suit the needs of our school community

We have taken the most successful, innovative and pioneering educational practices and shaped them into a curriculum that promotes high quality, realistic experiences for our children.



Our children's maths lessons are based upon the leading practices from around the world. We have adopted an investigative approach to our numeracy learning, giving children the opportunity to take ownership of their own learning.

Literacy lessons allow our children to hone their reading and writing skills through immersion in their class novel. Their classrooms are themed to support this and their work is carefully planned for engaging and realistic opportunities. This approach allows not only for the development of technical skills but high levels of enjoyment and creativity.

We have adopted a cross curricular approach to our foundation subjects, making ours a very 'Creative Curriculum'. Lessons are enriched with interactive and innovative activities through which key skills are taught. We carefully tailor these in order to meet the needs of all our children and the diversity of our community.



Extra Curricular



We are thrilled to offer an excellent and varied range of extra-curricular activities outside of the classroom from football to choir, dance and karate. Our clubs are taught by both school staff and by external companies. Activities change throughout the year to offer a diverse experience for the children and to ensure the clubs we have on offer are of the highest quality.

We are also very proud of our University for Children. Our aim is that we inspire children to become curious learners outside of the curriculum and outside of school. University for Children is a whole school initiative that runs during the school day to ensure that ALL of our children are able to attend. Staff 'pitch' their exciting and inspiring courses to the children who then apply to attend for a term. Each term sees something new and exciting. In the past we have had clubs such as ballet, yoga, chess, Harry Potter, boxing, rugby, animation, cookery and lots more. At the end of the school year all of the children graduate from university with a full ceremony.



Childcare Provision

At Fieldhead Carr we are proud to be one of the leading providers of wrap around childcare in the local area. Our service ensures that our working families are fully supported and the children are happy in a nurturing, fun and safe environment. Children are welcome in our school club from the age of 3. The service begins before school at 7.45am and runs after school until 6pm. Full days are also available during most school holidays, alongside externally run sport and holiday clubs.

Community Links

We are a small school with a big heart; a welcoming hub to all members of our community.

We strongly believe that it takes a whole community to raise a child and each member matters to our school family. Our building is a 'home' to a range of activities for the community and we welcome visitors.

We take pride in our excellent relationships with all stakeholders. Parents play an essential role in the day to day life of the school and this is underpinned by a solid home school learning partnership. Not only has this, but our Friends of Fieldhead Carr (PTA) organise events throughout the year which are extremely popular within our school and the wider community. These range from discos to fireworks displays, family photo days and fayres. Proceeds of all our events go towards enriching and enhancing our children's educational experience.

Our big heart extends even further afield, reaching locations across Leeds and even around the world via our charity work. From singing to the elderly, food drives for the homeless and sponsoring a child in Africa through Action Aid, we are proud of our contribution to those in need.





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