



# Welcome to Hunslet Carr Primary School

Dear Parents and Carers,

I want to take the opportunity to welcome you to our caring and successful school.

I am very proud of the education that our dedicated staff provide for all of the children who come here and hope that during your child's time with us, they make excellent progress but, most of all - enjoy their time at school.

This booklet will answer some of the questions you may want to ask before your child joins us.

Hunslet Carr has a positive, friendly and welcoming atmosphere for all children and parents/carers. If you ever want to discuss your child with their teacher or a leadership team member, we are always available to help.

If you would like further information or a tour around the school, please contact me, and we can easily arrange a visit.

Yours sincerely,  
**Martin Lumb**  
Headteacher





## Key Members of Staff

Below is a list of people you are likely to meet during your time at Hunslet Carr. They are very friendly and want to help your child have the best possible start at school.

**Martin Lumb – Headteacher**

**Hayley Stewart – PA to the Leadership Team**

**Assistant Headteachers**

**Elisa Whitfield – Early Years**

**Joanna Roberts – Years 1 to 3**

**Charlie Sharpe – Years 4 to 6**

**Donna Bedlow – Special Needs Coordinator**

**Andy Hinchcliffe – Child Protection Officer**

**Lisa Lilley – Attendance Officer**

**Christine Rayner – Office Manager**

## Our Governing Body

We are fortunate to have the support and challenge of our Governing Board. These are members of the public who share our desire to give your child the best possible start.

**Jon Hairsine – Chair of Governors**

**Lammie Ayemowa – Community Governor**

**Sam Pease - Community Governor**

**Megan Darroch –Community Governor**

**Iain Cunningham - Community Governor**

**Sarah Gardener - Community Governor**

**Carlton Edmeade – Community Governor**

**Elisa Whitfield – Staff Governor**

**Clare Davidson – Parent Governor**

**Paul Wray – Local Authority Governor**



## Strengths of our School



### **The Children**

Are well behaved, calm and polite  
Are engaged, positive and resilient  
Are supportive and helpful towards others

### **The Community**

Recognises the importance of attendance  
Helps celebrate children's achievements  
Supports the school on improving behaviour

### **The Curriculum**

Maintains a strong focus on the basic skills  
Supports our most vulnerable children  
Provides a wide variety of experiences and opportunities

### **The Staff**

Develop nurturing relationship with the children  
Provide good quality teaching and learning  
Are consistent in how they treat all children

## Our Aims for your Children



### **Skills**

Fluent and confident in Reading, Writing and Maths  
Communicate with confidence  
Have problem-solving skills – Patience and Resilience

### **Attitudes**

Confident and Independent  
The belief that Impossible is Nothing  
Caring and Helpful

### **Experiences**

A range of trips, including residential over-night trips  
A chance to represent the school at sport or art  
Work experiences and further education

### **Knowledge**

Children ready for the next stage in their education  
To know their place in the world  
To understand their strengths and areas to develop



## The Organisation of our School



The children in Nursery and Reception enjoy experiences and learn through the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum. They are assessed at key points in the year, including on-entry and exit from Nursery and on-entry and exit from Reception.

In Years 1-6, the children move to the National Curriculum, where there is a strong focus on Reading, Writing and Maths. The children also learn key skills and facts in other subjects such as Science, History and Geography.

Children are assessed using national tests in Year 1 for Phonics and Years 2 and 6 in Reading, Punctuation, Grammar and Spelling and Maths. Writing will be teacher assessed against national standards in Year 2 and 6.

## School Timings



	Start	Finish
School Opens	8.50am	
Wednesday Nursery pm	12.20pm	3.20pm
Lunch-time Nursery	11.40am	12.20pm
Lunch-time Reception	11.30am	12.30pm
Lunch-time Year 1 and Year 4	12.00pm	1.00pm
Lunch-time Year 2 and Year 6	12.30pm	1.30pm
Lunch-time Year 3 and Year 5	12.20pm	1.20pm
School Closes	3.20pm	

The table above shows a typical day in more normal times. During COVID, we have had to stagger the start and end of The day. We would let you know before the beginning of the term how this would affect your child's class.



## When will my child start?



Here at Hunslet Carr, we have a 78 place Nursery where children can attend either at the start of the week, the end of the week, or sometimes the whole week.

Children can start in Nursery straight after their third birthday.

Our excellent team will be checking the waiting list to see which children will soon be three and inviting them in for stay and play sessions so they can get used to coming to Nursery.

Children start Reception in the year that they turn five.

Your child must have regular and punctual attendance at school as lessons commence promptly at 8.50 am, and our children learn letters, sounds and numbers that they would miss by not being at school.

## Visits to School



Parents and Carers are always welcome here at Hunslet Carr, and it is not usually necessary to make an appointment to see the Headteacher or one of the teaching staff.

We run 'meet your child's teacher' meetings early in September, where you will get a chance to see your child's classroom, their books and to find out the topics your child will be learning throughout the year.

Parents' and Carers' evenings are then held in the middle of each term when there is an opportunity to see the great work your child is producing and to discuss their progress.

On top of this, we hold open mornings once a term where parents and carers are welcome to spend time with their children in the classrooms, finding out what it is like to be a child at Hunslet Carr.

Like most things, we hope to be able to do all of these things again in 2021-22!



## School Uniform



Hunslet Carr has a school uniform that we expect all children to wear. Here is a reminder of uniform expectations.

### Our school uniform is:

- ✓ Navy blue sweatshirt or cardigans,
- ✓ Pale blue/white polo shirt,
- ✓ Black or blue trousers/skirt.
- ✓ Black shoes/trainers (no heels)
- ✓ If your child wears earrings, they must be a small stud earring
- ✓ If your child wears a bow in their hair, it must be a small bow

Children are expected to wear a uniform, and your support of the school's policy is much appreciated. Please ensure all uniform is clearly marked with your child's name.

## PE Kit



PE is a big part of our curriculum and it is very important that children bring in a PE kit into school.

### Our PE kit is:

- ✓ Navy blue/black shorts
- ✓ Pale blue/white or logo T-shirt /polo shirt
- ✓ Black PE Pumps
- ✓ In the winter months, you may also want to include black/blue jogging bottoms

Please ensure all uniform is clearly marked with your child's name and kept in a PE bag that can be stored on your child's peg.



## How can I help at Home?



Parents and carers can help their children to succeed in many ways at school.

One of the easiest and most effective things you can do is to talk to your child about what you are doing during the day. This might be while you are cooking breakfast or tea or even getting dressed. Try to encourage them to talk to you.

Other ideas are as simple as playing games such as shops, dress up and picture dominoes. Read stories to your children, encouraging them to sit quietly and listen. Sing nursery rhymes and encourage them to play with other children.

Before children come to Nursery, they should be able to:

- ✓ recognise their name on labels and in clothes
- ✓ go to the toilet and be able to wash their own hands.
- ✓ hold and use knives, forks, crayons and pencils.
- ✓ Get dressed and undressed.

## What will they learn at school?



At school your child will be learning lots of fun, new things about the world they live in.

They will quickly learn the alphabet letters, the sounds each one makes and how to put them together to read and write words – this is called phonics.

They will also be learning to recognise and write numerals and to count objects accurately.

They will also be learning lots of other skills such as how to sit and listen to stories and nursery rhymes, how to share equipment and how to play with other children.

They will also be learning how to follow instructions and how it is important to follow the school rules.



## Special Educational Needs



Children with specific learning needs will work closely with our Special Educational Needs Coordinator, Donna Bedlow.

Our specialist team will work with you to assess your child's specific need and then find the right intervention for them in school to help them make a great start.

If you think your child might have specific learning needs, please speak to a staff member and arrange a meeting to discuss your concerns.

## Child Protection & Parent Support



At school, our priority, alongside helping your child learn, is to make sure they are safe.

Andy Hinchcliffe works in school to ensure that all children are safe at school and home.

As part of Andy's work, he also supports families to give their children the best start in life.

If you need any help with family matters such as bedtime routines, behaviour at home or just a friendly ear, please ask to speak to Andy, who would be happy to help.

## Attendance and Punctuality



We expect all children to be in school on time every day.

If your child is not in school, they miss out on valuable skills like learning to read, write, and count.

We have our attendance officer, Lisa Lilley, who will work with families finding it hard to come to school.

Lisa will work with you to support good attendance, getting to the bottom of why it might be hard to get to school and finding solutions like joining our breakfast club or walking bus.

### **Term Time Holidays**

The government are clear that children should not miss school to go on holiday. If you take your child out of school for a holiday, Leeds City Council will issue a fine between £60 and £240 depending on how long you go for and how many children you have.

## Key Information & Policies



At school, we have a number of very important policies that guide how all staff, children, and parents/carers work on various issues.

For a complete list of policies, you should check out our school website: [hunsletcarr.co.uk](http://hunsletcarr.co.uk) and go to the policies section.

On the website, there is also information about how the school:

- ✓ Fulfils the National Curriculum
- ✓ Our latest Ofsted Inspection Report
- ✓ Spends the Pupil Premium money it receives
- ✓ Spends the Sports Premium money it receives
- ✓ Our Complaints Procedure
- ✓ Our School Calendar for the coming year

## Breakfast Club



Breakfast is one of the most important meals of the day, and here at Hunslet Carr, we are proud of our excellent Breakfast Club.

The club opens at 8 am when the fun begins!

The children have a nutritious breakfast of either cereal, fruit, yoghurt or toast. After eating, children have the chance to play, sing, draw or dance with their friends until the school bell rings.

**Cost per day:** 80p per child or £1 for a family of two or more.

## Ofsted & Assessment



If you would like to read the school's latest Ofsted Report, please visit:

<https://www.hunsletcarr.co.uk/our-latest-ofsted-inspection.html>

You can find information on what the school has achieved since the inspection and how standards have improved.

Children last took national tests in Years 1, 2 and 6 in the summer of 2019 due to COVID. To see these results, please visit:

<https://www.hunsletcarr.co.uk/performance-information-2018-19.html>