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Willington Primary School

Brochure



Welcome to Willington Primary School

Willington Primary School is a dynamic and successful community school serving Willington and the surrounding area. The facilities and buildings of the school are superb but it is the people who make Willington Primary School such a special place. We aim to provide exceptional educational experiences in a happy, caring and safe environment that supports and guides all children, to enable them to reach their full potential, both academically and personally.

We see ourselves at the heart of the community and are proud of the strong links we have with the local area. We firmly believe that education is a partnership between home and school. Together we can work for the benefit of your child's education.

The school prides itself on the care it provides for our youngsters and the

range of extra-curricular opportunities available.

We are a very inclusive school where every child matters. What children experience in primary school can create strong and lasting foundations on which to build on in later life, so we believe it is essential that the first experiences at Willington Primary School are both enjoyable and of the highest quality.

It is a privilege to lead this excellent developing school and work with such enthusiastic and motivated staff and children. I am extremely proud to be the head of Willington Primary School.



Mr Cornforth, Headteacher



'The headteacher has created strong teamwork and high morale through encouraging and determined leadership, and demands high standards' OFSTED 2014



Making a Positive Start

Starting school is exciting and challenging. At Willington Primary School our aim is to help make the transition from home / nursery to primary school as easy and enjoyable as possible. This is an important time of change for both you and your child, and our aim is to help you feel relaxed and informed. We have a number of systems in place to support parents and children through this period, to ensure new pupils adapt to school quickly and confidently.

Most children have their first experience of school in our Foundation Stage. The experienced and caring staff provide a warm and welcoming learning environment for our young pupils. Children learn important skills while involved in structured play activities; developing imagination, curiosity, patience, concentration and the ability to cooperate with others.

The relationships forged in the Foundation Stage continue as the children move through school. In the autumn term we have a 'parent information evening. During the session parents can discuss progress with their child's teacher and can also attend workshops. The workshops are designed to help parents / carers understand how they can support their children during the primary school years.

Our motto TEAM - Together Everyone Achieves More, sets the vision for our school. We firmly believe that education is a partnership between home and school. Good communication between us will help to develop this partnership.

All children have an entitlement to an education which meets their needs and prepares them for the future.



'The school offers highly sensitive care and children are taught well'
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'Pupils' behaviour is good. They care extremely well for one another and say they feel very safe.'

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Supporting and Caring - every individual matters

We believe children need to feel safe and secure in order to thrive and succeed in their learning. The building has been modelled with the needs and the safety of the children in mind. Access to the school and outdoor areas are strictly controlled with external gates and doors locked at all times. All staff and visitors at the school adhere to strict safeguarding rules, including completion of Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service checks.

We also have excellent pastoral systems in place and are proud of the support we give to our pupils. This level of care and guidance enables every child to achieve their best in all aspects of school life. Our high attendance rate is evidence of our success in ensuring every individual matters. We regularly exceed our Local Authority target for attendance. Children who attend Willington Primary School enjoy doing so, and feel secure.

'Pupils' show great respect for one another, older pupils look after younger children and pupils play safely and enjoyably together'
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The positive outcomes children achieve at Willington Primary School are a result of the excellent support systems and the value we place on the views of our students, their parents/carers and others in the community.

Parents are always welcome to contact the school or individual teachers. Children do best when parents and professionals work together. The school employs a Parent Support Advisor who is available to see pupils and parents /carers. The Parent Support Advisor works closely with the school team to offer group and individual support where needed.

Enjoyment, Learning and Excellence

We have high expectations for all our children and we encourage every pupil to experience the joy of learning. The curriculum at all Key Stages is exciting and caters for the full range of learners. We do the best we possibly can for every child. For children with special needs we have a caring and experienced team, who ensure they receive the support and attention they deserve. Equally we ensure that gifted and talented children are challenged in their learning.

A relentless focus on providing the best teaching and learning experiences is at the heart of everything we believe and do at Willington Primary School. All staff are highly qualified and engage in continuing professional development. This ensures all our pupils experience the best teachers and support staff possible. Children at Willington

Primary School tell us they enjoy coming to school. The personalised curriculum, excellent teaching and learning experiences make this possible.

'Pupils' achievement is good. Pupils make good progress. Pupils are very proud of their school and their own work.'

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We value equally all aspects of academic and personal success. The development of literacy and numeracy are given high priority at Willington Primary School. However we are also committed to developing rounded individuals by providing the widest possible educational opportunities. We are particularly proud of our achievement in ICT and sport.

'Good teaching helps children make good progress.' OFSTED 2014



'Disabled pupils and those with special educational needs make good progress because of good teaching and support they receive from teachers and highly skilled teaching assistants'

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Enrichment

Willington Primary School offers a variety of exciting learning opportunities beyond lessons. Our commitment to excellence in and out of the classroom is shown in the range of sporting and healthy activities we promote. Children have the opportunity to participate in many sports. We have taken part in a wide range of competitions and have won many cups and medals. We have recently been awarded 'Healthy Schools' status.

We offer a wide range of school trips including a residential visit in Key Stage 2.

Music tuition is supported by the school and offered by the Local Authority. Children also

have the option to join our school choir who perform in the local community.

Opportunities are provided for all our pupils to engage in both enrichment and after school activities. These include arts and crafts, parent and child development, sporting activities, healthy cooking, drama, gardening and dance to name a few!

Willington Primary School also welcomes parents/carers to join our activities either as a Friend of Willington Primary School or as a school governor. The responsibility ranges from helping out and making new friends, to having an impact in education.



'The school provides many exciting opportunities for pupils to broaden their spiritual, moral, social and cultural awareness'
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High quality learning experiences

Children are better learners when they feel happy and secure We place vital importance on the physical and emotional well-being of our pupils.

Excellent Facilities

The school enjoys well maintained purpose designed accommodation, which has recently been refurbished. The site features a large playing field, a school garden, a large sports hall and The Rainbow Cafe. The school is set in the heart of the village.

A wide range of extra curricular activities

The school offers a wide range of extra curricular activities including a breakfast club.



At Willington Primary School everyone in our school, child or adult, is highly valued for the contribution they make to our community. We aim to provide a safe, secure learning environment where children can feel happy and confident, develop independence and take pride in their work.

We believe in nurturing our pupils to ensure they are successful in their transition to secondary education. They will be confident and independent learners, equipped with the necessary skills to be effective in their future years. They will be honest, wise, polite and tolerant of others.

We value your voice, the voice of the stakeholder as this helps us to be a truly reflective school.

In summary our vision for Willington Primary School is to be a fully inclusive community, providing children with a broad and balanced curriculum for every individual. Everyone in our school matters and deserve the best possible life opportunities.

Values we embrace :

Learning for Life

A Safe and Secure Environment

Challenge and Excellence

Enjoyment and Wellbeing

Respect and Responsibility

Equality

'The work set helps pupils to learn well whatever their ability. As a result pupils make rapid progress'. OFSTED 2014

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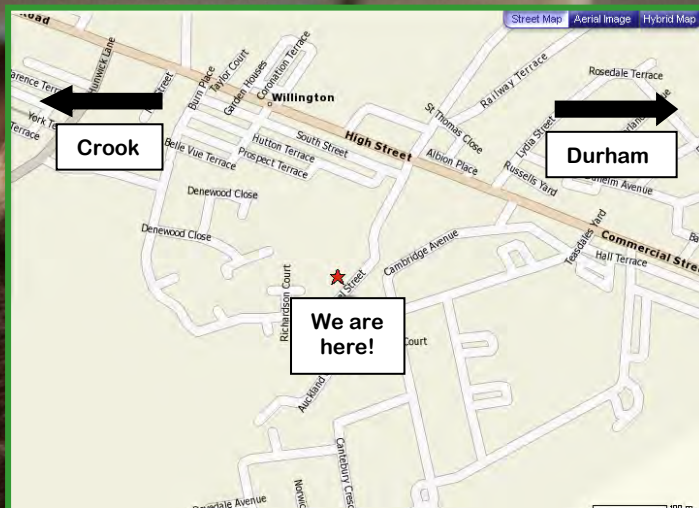
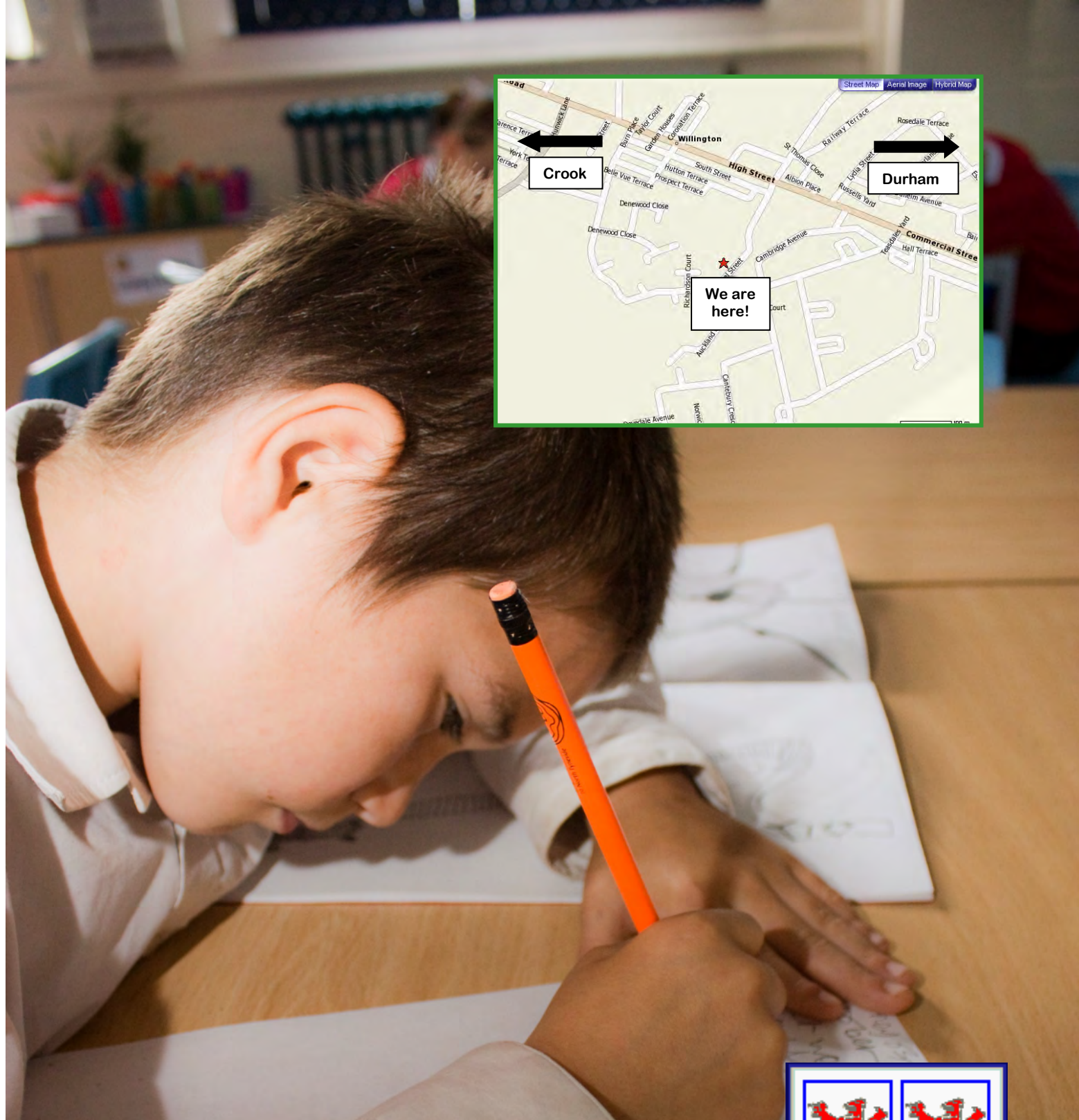
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