



“Pupils are kind and respectful to each other and their teachers... (They) say they are happy at school and cared for well”

“Leadership is clear, effective and ambitious (and) the curriculum is challenging and inclusive”

“Teachers provide swift and specific help.”

“Pupils behave very well (and) want to achieve their best.”

OFSTED March 2017

AN INVITATION TO NOADSWOOD'S OPEN MORNINGS ON WEDNESDAY 19TH AND THURSDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER

2018

AND OUR INFORMATION EVENING ON THURSDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Although we are just at the start of the new academic year, we know you will already be considering your child's step into secondary education; I would like to invite you to come and experience Noadswood in action to help you make your all important decision. We are enormously proud of our school community and we believe that the best way for you and your child to get a flavour of the ethos and high quality learning in action is to see us during the school day on one of our **Open Mornings** allocated to your child's school. Pupils will show you around the school, take you into lessons and show you the facilities we have. These events will start with a brief presentation at 9.15am and will finish at around 10.45am, when you will take your child back to his/her school.

I am also delighted to invite you to an **Information Evening for prospective parents/carers on Thursday 20th September at 7pm in the School Hall**. This meeting is designed for you, rather than your children. We believe that they benefit the most from seeing our school in action, as it really is, on our Open Mornings, and then at events such as our STEM weeks and in other opportunities to join in with learning and enjoyment here. If you do need to bring your child with you, they will be made welcome in our Learning Resource Centre while you listen to the talks.

I will introduce myself to you at these events, as the person lucky indeed to be the Headteacher of this school; I will tell you about the school, our values, our ethos and our achievements, along with a couple of my colleagues it's equally important for you to meet. Together we will provide you with a sense of the rich and diverse life of our school; current pupils will also talk about their own experiences – an invaluable insight into our school. We expect the presentation to last for about 45 minutes and afterwards, key staff will be available to answer any questions you may have. If you wish to see the school on that evening, we will have tours after the presentation lasting for around 20 minutes allowing you to explore the range of facilities we have. If you have needed to bring your child, they can join you for the tour.

The last academic year was a very successful one here at Noadswood. We are very pleased for the pupils who have just left us that 74.1% gained at least a Grade 4 or above in Mathematics, 70% achieved at Grade 4 or above in English and 44% of the year group gained at least a Grade 5 or better in both subjects. Science results, too, convey the pupils' and the staff's hard work, with 74.7% gaining a Grade 4 or better, and 56.2% gaining at least a Grade 5.

We are equally proud of what OFSTED termed our 'challenging and inclusive' curriculum and so we saw success in subjects such as Graphics, Resistant Materials and Music/ Music Technology to name just three. There is a thriving culture of vibrant teaching and learning that engages our pupils and that acknowledges the important role you play in supporting your children to success in subjects right across the curriculum, from Dance to Modern Foreign Languages, and from History to Art – your role is vital and nurtured at Noadswood, too.

In addition our pupils were involved in an enormous variety of successful clubs and exciting events. These ranged from Tech Club to a terrific production of 'Billy Elliott', from ongoing terrific success in sports of all kinds, to participating in successful Maths, Engineering and Science events, and giving it their all in Poetry Slams and playing in our new school band! It is a truly vibrant calendar of events and opportunities for your child.

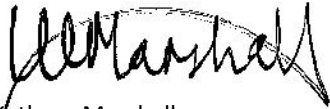
Every colleague is giving 100% for your child to be happy and safe, to enjoy coming to school and to make excellent progress with the right mindset to grow in confidence, develop new skills and thrive – the crucial ingredients for success. To give yourself

a taster of our ethos, prior to the event, do take a look at the short video clip on our website and the newsfeed throughout last year; you will see for yourself what I mean.

We have also been very fortunate to have secured a grant for further improving our school both externally and for upgrading our heating and plumbing system. School is continuing as normal around this essential work however there will be a few classrooms which are closed when you visit us - we ask for your understanding at this time as next year your children will benefit from these upgrades.

Should you be unable to attend the Open Morning designated for your child's school please do not hesitate to call us and arrange an alternative time on one of the following mornings: Tuesday 18th or Friday 21st or Friday 28th September or Thursday 11th October. I look forward to meeting you and welcoming you to the school on the Open Morning and at the Information Evening.

Yours sincerely



Kathryn Marshall
Headteacher

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Please return to your child's Primary School



Noadswood Open Mornings on Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th September 2018

I/We would like to accept the invitation to your Open Morning on

Wednesday 19th September

Thursday 20th September

Please tick the appropriate box

Pupil Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Name (please print): _____

N.B. IF APPROPRIATE, PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU ORDER YOUR CHILD'S LUNCH WITH ORCHARD SCHOOL FOR THE DAY YOU WILL BE ATTENDING THE OPEN MORNING.