



Dear Parents/ Carers,

I hope that you are keeping safe and well in these unprecedented times. Presently, we do not yet know when schools will be re-opening so I wanted to take the opportunity to write and provide you with information about our wonderful, happy school.

Join West Moors Middle School in Year 5



West Moors Middle is exceptionally placed to meet the needs of children of all abilities and backgrounds throughout their academic, physical, social and emotional development between the ages of 9-13 years (Year 5 – Year 8). We are proud to be a **caring school where respect for ourselves, our community and world is valued.**

Our vision statement is:

“Thriving to achieve our best – Together.”

This ethos has led to excellent KS2 and KS3 results with our school attaining the highest percentage of children being awarded Greater Depth in Reading, Writing and Maths in their KS2 results across Dorset (17%) as well as exceptional KS3 results. Within **all core subjects**, children are **placed in ability sets** and **unique, mastery workshops are used to stretch and challenge every child to reach their potential.** However, though important, our school is

about more than exam success. Our children are encouraged every day to express their respect and care for themselves, their community and their world in the way they conduct themselves, relate to each other and live their lives within and beyond their school community daily.

Through effective collaboration with our feeder schools and upper schools, we have developed a coherent and cohesive education that spans a child's entire education, from first to middle to upper school education, leading to greater progress, attainment, success and happiness.

West Moors Middle is an extremely successful school that works closely with the local community and beyond. Our school community is one big family that respects and supports each other. As a result, we are a happy school that is committed to providing the highest quality of education linked to real world opportunities as well a vast range of extra-curricular activities for our children to partake in. On a daily basis, we promote our positive core values, including the **3Rs**, **3Is** and **3Cs**:

3Rs: respect, resilience, reflectiveness

3Is: inclusiveness, imaginative, independence

4Cs: collaborative, courageous, compassionate and confident

This in turn provides a solid foundation for our children's education. By working effectively together, as a team, all our children are encouraged to pursue excellence in all core and non-core subjects as well as curriculum enrichment and extra-curricular opportunities. We have a broad, balanced and engaging curriculum in place and through our continuing collaboration with the First Schools and the Upper Schools our children's experiences of transition are carefully planned and supportive.

In December 2018, Ofsted made no change to the school's current overall effectiveness grade of **good** stating that whole-school systems were '*beginning to have a positive impact on pupils' well-being and learning*' with all staff '*working determinedly on the right aspects for improvement to pupils' outcomes.*'

That said, our children are our best ambassadors! One child shared, '*The best thing about West Moors Middle School is that we all know each other really well and feel that all the teachers care about us... I don't ever want to leave.*' Another child shared, '*I really enjoy learning how to cook for the first time... I can make my own pizza now! It's so much fun!*' In Year 8, our Prefects lead lunch time club provision for our younger children and help sports coaches from Danny Thomas' Coaching Academy. One child shared, '*I'm really happy to show people around the school so I can tell them how great it is!*'

In addition, parents/ carers support and work together with us within our school community, supporting and helping each other.

To illustrate this, during this unprecedented period of school closure several parents shared that the regular updates we have provided were 'informative' with one family commenting that 'we all felt that you really cared about the students and their families.' Another parent added that 'The communication from yourself, the office and the staff has been very helpful as well as all the home learning and relevant links.'

When schools re-open, please come and visit to see our school in action for yourselves. We would be delighted to show you around and answer any questions.

Key Dates for Diaries:

Year 5 Welcome Morning for Parents: Tuesday 15th September 2020 09.00-10.00

Open Evening for Year 4s: Tuesday 29th September 2020

Open Morning school tours: Tuesday 6th October 2020 and Tuesday 13th October 2020 at 09.00

For further information, visit [our admission page](#).

We look forward to meeting you in the future and until then, please take good care and keep safe.

Kind Regards,

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