



THE FOREST VIEW ACADEMY

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Vision

*Challenging educational orthodoxies so that every child makes good progress in core subjects;
all teachers are committed to personal improvement and fulfil their responsibilities;
all children receive a broad and balanced curriculum;
all academies strive to be outstanding.*

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the start of the new academic year at The Forest View Academy.

School Improvement Update - Autumn 2022

In the Summer term we continued to develop as a school and build on our existing strengths.

We achieved the following:

Teaching and Learning

We continued to deliver high quality teaching and learning opportunities for our children. We carried out informal monitoring across all subjects; Science and Topic book (with a focus on History and Geography specifically) were monitored for coverage of curriculum objectives, evidence of progress / challenge and differentiation for all groups of learners. We also completed a second round of classroom environment checks with a focus on celebrating children's work. We listened to the children (pupil voice) regarding their views on the RHSE (Relationships, Sex & Health Education) curriculum. In Phonics we quality assured the decodable books that children were reading to ensure our early readers are reading at the right level. **Across all aspects of the monitored conducted during the summer term, outcomes were positive. Books clearly evidence progress being made in lessons, children can talk confidently about aspects of the curriculum and they thrive in classroom environments that support them in being independent learners.**

In June our Year 6 children's writing was externally moderated by the local authority. We were delighted with the outcome. The lead moderator provided this feedback in his final report: *It is clear the school has spent time supporting pupils to consider the audience/reader. The standard of writing was high. Progress made by the pupils throughout year 6 was clear to see. Staff were prepared for the visit and knowledgeable about the pupils. Handwriting and presentation was to a high quality in the sample. 77% of our children achieved the National standard in writing, compared to 69% nationally.*

The Team

An update on Staffing at Forest View: we successfully appointed Miss Allen-Smith who will join the Year 4 team as Class Fiji class teacher. We have also appointed Miss Jenkins who will reunite with the Year 3 team where she completed her final teacher training placement back in the Spring term; Miss Jenkins will teach Class USA whilst Miss Rylatt is on Maternity leave. Mr Clarke will continue in his role as Sports lead, teaching REAL PE across all year groups each afternoon and organising extra-curricular sports clubs, competitions and festivals. Miss Booth will also continue in her role as Forest View Reading Champion; delivering 1:1 phonics intervention for our early readers and supporting children, parents and teachers in developing children's love of reading. **We continue to develop teachers to ensure our children benefit from the highest standard of teaching. The teaching of reading and phonics is a strength of the school. Teachers are confident in teaching reading; provision for children requiring additional support is robust.**

Class structure: over the last 3 years, we have invested heavily in quality first teaching, reducing class sizes to improve outcomes for our children. Our average class size is 16 children. Our small team of Teaching assistants work across all year groups providing 1:1 and small group support to a number of children as well as delivering a range of interventions every afternoon. **Low class sizes ensure teachers quickly identify each child's stage of learning and can**

provide work that is tailored to individual need. It also supports the child's wellbeing as the teacher can build effective relationships, allowing the teacher to quickly identify any support needed.

Year 3 Year 3 Lead: Mrs Turner-Mitchell	Year 4 Year 4 Lead: Miss Warren	Year 5 Year 5 Lead: Mrs Bee	Year 6 Year 6 Lead: Mr Ford
Canada Mrs Turner-Mitchell USA Miss Jenkins Malawi Mrs Cheetham-Blythe	Kenya Miss Warren Holland Miss Stannard Fiji Miss Allen-Smith	Ireland Mrs Bee Wales Miss Holland Australia Mr Mawer	China Mr Ford Italy Mrs Tomlinson Japan Miss Leaning Portugal Mrs Dean

Whole School Priorities

Based on feedback from formal and informal monitoring, as well as KS2 attainment outcomes, we have identified 5 school priorities for 2022-23.

1. Reading for Pleasure: To foster a deep love of reading and ensure all staff are appropriately trained in the teaching of phonics and early reading so that children are supported to catch up quickly.
2. Maths: To further develop teaching of core facts and concepts in maths in order to close gaps in knowledge,
3. Composition: To embed Forge systems for the teaching of grammar, punctuation and spelling.
4. Wider curriculum: To develop assessment procedures and links across Key stage 1 and Key stage 3 to strengthen sequence of learning.
5. PE: To continue to embed REAL PE across all year groups, ensuring children are secure in the fundamental skills.

Senior leaders have clear plans in place to ensure areas for development show rapid improvement.

Learning Environment

We continue to maintain and develop the school site in order to provide our children with a calm, nurturing and supportive environment in which they can grow into the best version of themselves. Our Garden room provides a warm space away from the school building where we deliver social interventions including; Nurture group, Art therapy and Lego therapy. In addition to this space, we are also opening a Sensory room in September to support children with regulating emotions.

Our Library (or 'VIP Readers room' as the children call it) provides a space for children to immerse themselves in books at lunchtime or when working with Miss Booth our Reading Champion. Children also access this space for 1:1 phonics intervention on a daily basis.

Our nature garden is currently being renovated, earlier in the Summer term Mr Kay began work clearing the site to enable us to work with a blank canvas when redesigning the space. We have design ideas but are in desperate need of parent volunteers and funding to support this space in moving forward. Should anyone be able to support us by volunteering some of their time or possibly a business that could support us with some funding, that would be incredible so please contact the Academy office if you are able to help in any way. We aim to plant approximately 250 trees around the boundary of the garden during the Autumn term, allowing each child to plant a tree and leave a legacy for future cohorts of children. Ultimately, we would like this space to provide children with access to wildlife habitats and an opportunity to plant and grow produce to supply the academy kitchen.

Finally, the new trim trial is scheduled to be installed in October. Your overwhelming support with the Sponsored Times Table event helped us secure the funding so thank you. **Children's positive mental health and well-being is a priority at Forest View.**

Experiences

Our Curriculum continues to be enriched in so many ways, ensuring that all children benefit from a broad and balanced experience during their time at Forest View. In the Summer term we celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, learning more about the history of her reign, one of our children even receiving a card from the Queen herself. Year 6 worked tremendously hard during SATs week and finished their journey through Forest view with a spectacular performance of The Tempest before celebrating with their graduation and picnic party. The Junior Town Council hosted a Road safety day, supported by VIA. The was a 100% attendance trip to the Beehive. Children

performed in the Sinfonia Viva Orchestra live event at the Dukeries Academy. Grade A Sports coaching continued to deliver weekly sport and there was lots of sporting success to celebrate across the Trust, the family of schools and at a district level; including achieving the School Games Gold Mark. #learningoftheweek on facebook went from strength to strength; a wealth of work from every year year group, across every subject, being shared on a weekly basis. Visits from HSBC for the Year 3 children and a 'meet and greet' with the Town Mayor for the Junior Town Council. Transition week enabled all children to spend time with their new teachers and friends for September. We had a miniature garden competition winner in Year 4 following a visit from Reverend Richard. Sports day was a huge success, 66 races over 2 hours and the most competitive parent races we've ever experienced at Forest View – A great afternoon! Summer term extra-curricular clubs included; tennis, drama, football and boxing. Our sponsored times tables event raised funds for outdoor equipment. Science week, themed lunches, Year 3 Yorkshire wildlife park trip, Year 4 residential to PGL and the sensational Singsational at Young Voices. It was certainly a busy one! **Our curriculum ensures children achieve the very best outcomes from their experiences; using them effectively for their personal, social, physical, cognitive, moral, psychological and emotional development.**

Attendance

Our aim this academic year is 97%, which would represent excellent attendance and punctuality at our Academy, compared to other schools and academies nationwide. In order to gain maximum benefit from their education, it is vital that your child/children attend the academy every day. We are constantly trying to improve our attendance so if your child is ill please ensure you phone the academy office on the first day of absence, before 8:45 am to inform us. If you need any support or advice, please feel free to get in touch with our Pastoral and Safeguarding Lead, Sarah Davison. There have been significant changes enforced on schools and academies, including; compulsory use of fixed penalty notices for holidays during term time. For more information please refer to our Attendance policy on our Academy website <http://forestviewacademy.co.uk>

We have incentives at Forest View around attendance. Each week, the class with the best attendance will receive a trophy to keep in their classroom; if a class achieves 100% attendance over the week, then the following Friday, the children in that class are allowed to come in non-uniform. Class percentages are displayed in the hall each week. At the end of each term, children with 100% attendance receive a certificate and children with 100% for the whole year are treated to a free trip as a reward! **Children tell us that they feel safe, happy and listened to in school. They enjoy coming every day.**

Catering

As a Trust, we source all the best quality ingredients independently, ensuring we are providing what our children want. As a result, the menu will be updated on a regular basis with what the children tell us they are enjoying. We will continue to run a flexible system in order to give our children the freedom to choose their meal each day, and try new things. As well as a hot meal, children will also have the option of freshly made sandwiches or jacket potatoes each day. All children eat their lunch in the dining room or Hall. Packed lunches from home are stored on trolleys, children do not have access to these until lunch so please ensure that if your child brings their own healthy snack for playtime, that it is not stored in their lunchbox. Alternatively, we run a very popular healthy tuck shop at playtime where children can buy a snack and drink should they wish to. **The Forge Trust catering model ensures all of our children have access to quality meals. Our systems ensure children are encouraged to adopt a healthy lifestyle.**

Dinners are currently £2.30 per day and you can choose the day(s) in which your child would like to have a dinner. As we operate a cashless system, if you wish your child to have a school meal you must log into your child's account (in advance) and pay for the day's your child would like a meal. If your child is absent for any reason then the office staff will amend this on the register and you will have the money credited back to their account.

Please see the Academy office staff if you think your child may be eligible for Free School Meals.

I have listed a few of our healthy eating rules:

1. Each child should bring either a bottle of water or water with cordial to the academy each day - this bottle should be clearly labelled with their name, and taken home each night to be washed. Children will be allowed to access their drink throughout the day and we offer filtered water in every year group and in the dining room.
2. Each child can bring a piece of fruit or a cereal bar for their snack at morning playtime – not crisps or chocolate. **Children do not have access to their lunchboxes at break time so please ensure they keep their break time snack separate to their lunch.**
3. Packed lunches should not contain fizzy drinks or sweets (a small chocolate wafer and one 'packet' item is allowed).

Wrap-a-round care

Breakfast and After school club: We offer this service to children and families from Forest View and Maun Infants. Access to breakfast club will be via the main Year 5/6 playground gate and through the external dining room door. Children will have access to lots of great activities; crafts, board games, art, reading, outdoor games.

Latest entry to breakfast club is 8:15 am so please ensure you drop your child off before then.

Prices: Breakfast club £2.50. Afterschool club £4.50. Access to the full provision, discounted £6.00 per day. Please contact the Academy office on 01623 860365 for more information or, book direct using the school's online payment system. **Children have access to quality wrap-a-round care as well as a huge variety of extra-curricular clubs throughout the academic year.**

On our Academy website we include all the essential information our parents have asked for in the past. Mrs Bee, Mrs Harriman and the rest of the staff work incredibly hard to keep it up to date with what's happening at the academy. On the website, you will find lots of key information including;

- Parent letters
- Policies
- The Academy day
- Uniform
- Class pages
- Performance tables

Our Academy website address is <http://forestviewacademy.co.uk>



Please follow us on Facebook to keep up-to-date with everything Forest View.

As always, should you wish to contact us you can do in the follow ways:

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At The Forest View Academy, we are dedicated to ensuring that all children receive the best education. We have an ambitious staff team who are incredibly proud of our children and their achievements and we very-much look forward to working with you all this year.

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