

Dean Field Community Primary School



Dean Field Community Primary School is a school where pupils are at the heart of everything that leaders and staff do. Parents feel the school has been transformed. One parent summarised the strength of feeling by saying, 'teachers and staff are incredibly supportive and nurturing to the children'.

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Adults actively support pupils' well-being and mental health. Pupils know the motto 'I really DO matter'. One pupil summed up the views of many by saying, 'If I have a worry at night, it is okay as I will be at school tomorrow.'

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Welcome to Dean Field School

We are delighted that you have expressed an interest in Dean Field Community Primary school. You can be confident that we will be constantly striving to provide education of the highest quality for your child throughout his/her time in school. At Dean Field we strongly believe that every child matters. There is a driving determination to ensure that pupils and adults in the school reach their full potential. Our ethos is a simple one 'Learning without Limits'.

A variety of high quality enrichment activities effectively extend the curriculum and provide memorable experiences for all pupils.

We place a high value on establishing close links between home and school so that we can work effectively together, enabling each child to achieve their full potential. We would welcome your involvement in school life, whether this is by attending our community events and assemblies, volunteering to help in class, joining our regular parent/carer coffee mornings or even becoming a parent governor.

We hope that this booklet will give you all the information you need about the school, but if you have any further questions at any time please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Mrs Fiona Pether

Head Teacher



The Family of Learning Trust

We are very proud to be part of the Family of Learning Trust, which the school joined in January 2018. We work very closely with our partner school Beech Hill which is a five minute drive from Dean Field. Both leaders, teachers and support staff work very closely with their counterparts at Beech Hill to share good practice and ensure consistency across the trust.

Message from our CEO

At the Family of Learning Trust we are passionate about making a difference to lives of all our children. We want each of our schools to be the best that they can be and for each child to discover the skills, abilities, talents and interests that lie within them.

We believe passionately that it is our responsibility to ensure that children feel safe and secure and that it is our role to instil values within children in order that they go on to be successful learners, confident individuals and responsible citizens.

Mrs Shameem Hussain

CEO The Family of Learning Trust



Learning Without Limits



We Aim:

- To have committed staff who inspire and motivate individual children to achieve their highest standards.
- To broaden pupils' horizons through an exciting and engaging creative curriculum.
- To make good progress especially in English and Maths.
- To provide a stimulating, challenging and creative learning environment.
- To maintain high expectations for our children's performance.
- To develop a healthy lifestyle.
- To be proud of our school and promote an ethos and environment in which children enjoy learning.
- To develop enthusiastic, independent and confident learners.
- To develop pupils who feel valued as an individual and as a member of the school community.
- To understand the need to treat others as equals regardless of sex, race or religion.
- To develop our children's sporting and artistic talent.
- To promote children's rights and empower them to become global citizens



School Uniform

School uniform is compulsory for pupils in Reception to Y6 (Nursery children do not have to wear a uniform to access the free funding but most do wear the school uniform).

- A **royal** blue jumper or cardigan (this can be with or without the school's logo on it)
- A **pale** blue polo shirt or pale blue collared shirt (ties are available for key stage two pupils)
- **Grey** or **black** trousers/skirts/dresses
- **Grey** or **black** tights with skirts and dresses
- **Pale blue** gingham summer dresses for the girls in summer
- **Grey** or **black** smart shorts for boys in summer.

We **STRONGLY** recommend that you put your child's name in their uniform and talk to them about how to be responsible for it.

Footwear should be **black**, safe, weather appropriate and sensible. High heels and back-less shoes are **NOT** permitted for safety reasons.

If you want to buy school uniform please use The Uniform Shop in Halifax:

25 Union Street
Halifax
West Yorkshire
HX1 1PR



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Clothing

Please ensure your child has a coat at all times as children play outside everyday. In cold weather they will need a hat, scarf and gloves. In warm weather they will need a sun hat.

Children need to wear sensible shoes, **NOT** sandals.

Please write your child's name on **ALL** clothing.

Jewellery (with the exception of studded earrings) is **NOT** permitted.

Children should have sensible hair styles and should not have inappropriately coloured hair or unusual haircuts.

Headwear such as headbands can be worn but must be in the school colours.

The School Day

	Reception and Key Stage 1	Key Stage 2
8.30	Doors open	Doors open
8.40	Morning Registration	Morning Registration
12.00	KS1 Lunchtime	
12.15		KS2 Lunchtime
12.45	KS1 Afternoon Registration	
13.00		KS2 Afternoon Registration
15.00	End of School	End of School

- On Fridays, the school closes at **1.10pm** to allow all teachers to take their PPA time; which is a statutory requirement for schools to give. As we start at 8.30am and only have a 45 minute lunch, we still cover more than the recommended teaching hours within a week.
- If parents wish, their children can stay in school on Friday afternoons (spaces pending) as our TAs run a wide variety of extra curricular after school clubs.



Assemblies

Children attend three school assemblies throughout the week plus our Friday celebration assembly.

Assemblies are always an extension to the learning that takes place within the classroom and are generally based around our school 'values'.

Snacks

All children throughout the school are provided with milk each morning. They receive bagels and fruit as a snack at break times. Children in EYFS and year 1 can access snacks throughout the day.

Parking

The car park is for staff only and parking on the drive is not permitted. Please ensure you park your car away from the school premises. This is for the continued safety of the children. Parents are able to park in the car park at the bottom of the drive.

Our Building and Grounds

We are extremely proud of our school building and grounds and are constantly thinking of ways to improve the provision for all pupils.



Extra-curricular Activities

Dean Field also provides opportunities for a range of educational trips and visits throughout the year and pupils can take part in various residential experiences.

Dean Field is committed to developing the talents of its pupils in a wide range of areas and we encourage pupils to take part in our extra-curricular activities.

The Family of Learning Trust has a Sports and Health Coordinator who organises inter school competitions.

We are also fortunate to have our Pastoral Manager who run gardening clubs, sports activities and Lego therapy as interventions.



Children have the opportunity to join club activities at lunchtimes and after school. For after school activities parental permission is needed. Parents will be informed of the after school clubs available for pupils to participate in on a half termly basis.

School finishes at **1.10pm** on a Friday giving children the opportunity to attend a range of enrichment activities. In addition we have a breakfast club and after school club available for children from Reception to Year 6 at very reasonable rates.

If you are interested in our breakfast club or the Dean Field Den after school provision, please contact the school office for more information on our wrap around care.



Homework

The school believes that homework is an essential part of pupil progress. Parents are provided with a half termly information sheet explaining what children are learning in school and how they can be supported at home.

Children will be asked to undertake various tasks according to their age. Remember to talk to your child each day about what they have been doing in school.

- Read at home each evening.
- Learn spellings for a weekly Spelling Test.
- Learn Tables and Number Bonds and multiplication tables.
- Complete a weekly Maths task.
- Complete occasional research which will link to their creative curriculum topic.

Your child will be provided with a book bag so they can take home reading, homework and library books.

Children from year 2 upwards will be expected to read and take quizzes on Accelerated Reader throughout the week.

Pupils in Upper Key Stage Two will be expected to access Reading Plus throughout the week.

Children who struggle to fit homework in during the week at home can complete it on Friday afternoons by attending our Friday afternoon homework clubs.



Homework activities are also set through **Seesaw** and parents/carers can show teachers what extra-curricular activities their children have been doing at home.

Attendance

School starts at 8.30am and this is when the gates open. Pupils enter the classroom as soon as they arrive. This system allows for a more relaxed start to the day where pupils take part in supervised reading or other activities. It may also be an opportunity for pupils to respond to teacher's marking and target setting and engage in one to one discussion regarding individual progress.

For your child's safety we ask you to provide a list of adults who can collect your child. Please let staff or the school office know if you need to make alternative arrangements.

Our Pastoral Manager, Mrs Stansfield monitors attendance on a daily basis and we take swift action when we are concerned. Mrs Stansfield is here to help families who may need support in getting children into school. We offer a school mini bus pick up for our most vulnerable families.

Dinner/Packed Lunch Arrangements

It is important that you decide if your child is staying for a school dinner, packed lunch or going home for their lunch. Your child's meal arrangements need to be regular.

If you wish your child to have a school meal, they are £1.80 per day/£9.00 per week and this amount is to be paid online using our 'schoolmoney' system. The school dinner menu for the week will be included in the school's weekly newsletter. Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to free school meals as part of the governments new scheme.



Parents and School

We are committed to working in partnership with parents and carers to ensure that all pupils reach their potential. We have a firm, fair and consistent policy for rewards and behaviour which ensures that all children feel safe, respected and valued and receive recognition for their many successes.

Our staff and Governors are dedicated and caring and the 'Open Door' policy of the school means there will always be a senior member of staff available to discuss any problems or issues you have.

Parents are invited to attend Parents' Evenings giving them the chance to meet their child's class teacher and to discuss their child's progress. Three evenings are held for each class throughout the year. Parents receive an annual report about their child/children. These are sent to parents in July and an opportunity is then given for parents to meet the class teacher to discuss the report.

We use an app in school to communicate with parents called Seesaw. This is very easy to download onto your phone and allows you to not only be able to see the wonderful work your child is doing and comment on it but it also means you can message your child's teacher directly.

We host Family Learning events one every half-term which have different creative focuses. This is an event where family can come and help their child make something special.

You can keep up to date with our latest news through our weekly newsletters or on our school website at www.deanfieldschool.co.uk.

Complaints Procedure

If you wish to make a complaint about the school, please contact the Headteacher on 01422 258258.



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