



Town End Junior School Information Pack

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I - Imaginative
B - Brave
S - Skilful
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E - Enthusiastic
L - Lifelong Learners
F - Friendly

Lifelong
Learners



“Staff always take the time to listen to any worries I have .

Year 4 parent. ”

Executive Headteacher's Welcome

Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you for taking the time to find out more information about our wonderful school. We are proud of our children, staff and families and feel honoured to serve such a wonderful community.

Our school is a place where all are welcome. We pride ourselves on inclusion. By this we mean every child feeling a sense of belonging and we celebrate all successes, big and small. We work hard to educate the whole child and, whilst we always strive for academic excellence, we realise that wellbeing and happiness are crucial in order for children to thrive. Our Federation Collective Commitment to Inclusion guides our culture and decision making so that we can nurture the children in our care to thrive.

Our culture is based on love and positive relationships and our children appreciate these. The children talk about feeling safe in school and having trusted adults to share their worries with. We also work tirelessly to build relationships with our families as we know that children have the very best chance to succeed when we work in partnership. Parents are very supportive of school and are grateful for the support which we provide to them.

The Tibshelf Schools Federation officially started in 2022. Our curriculum is exciting, relevant and engaging and has been chosen to meet the needs of our children. More importantly than both of these things, our children speak highly of the school and all say they would recommend us to a friend.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us and we will be happy to help. We look forward to meeting you soon!

Rachel Boswell
Executive Headteacher





“We learn about our values and how we can be tenacious and friendly.

Year 4 child.

Our Vision and Values

Town End is a proud member of The Tibshelf Schools Federation. We work closely with Tibshelf Infant and Nursery School to ensure all of our children have a well structured and balanced curriculum from Early Years to Year 6. We're proud to stand by our vision and aims and every day your child spends with us we strive to live by our school motto and values.

Our School Motto

Our motto is “Lifelong Learners”. We believe that a lifelong learner is someone who uses both formal and informal learning opportunities to foster continuous development and improvement of the knowledge and skills needed for employment and personal fulfilment.

Our Vision

We aim to provide a happy, caring and stimulating experience which enables individuals to develop in an environment where differences are valued.

Our Aims

- To enable each child to achieve success and gain an appreciation of learning.
- To develop lively, enquiring minds and healthy bodies.
- To enable all our children to develop respect for themselves, each other and the environment.
- To develop knowledge, skills and attitudes which encourage confidence, understanding, perseverance, independence and co-operation.
- To ensure equality of opportunity for all.
- To encourage and foster parental support in the education of their children.

Our Values

Through assemblies, circle times, and the wider curriculum we are helping the children to identify and develop the characteristics associated with each of our values (Tenacious, Imaginative, Brave, Skilful, Honest, Enthusiastic, Lifelong Learners, Friendly) This gives our children a specific vocabulary to identify and self-evaluate skills and characteristics that will support them here at Tibshelf Schools Federation, on into Secondary education and right through into the world of employment.



“ We do lots of interesting lessons and learn new things. I love computing. ”

Year 4 child.



Meet some of our staff!



Mrs Boswell
Executive
Headteacher and
Safeguarding Lead



Mr Weston
Head of School
SENCo
Safeguarding Lead



Mr Smith
Senior Teacher



Mrs Hodson
Resilience & Wellbeing Lead
Attendance Lead
Safeguarding Lead



Mr Cafferty
School Business Manager
Safeguarding Lead





“ We've been to lots of places like Magna and the Institute of Sport in Sheffield - that was really fun! ”

Year 4 child.

What do children learn at Town End?

Learning will be very similar to the Infant School. Every day, children will have a Maths, Reading and English lesson in the morning. In the afternoon we do lots of different lessons like History, Art, French and Forest School. More information about our curriculum can be found on our website.

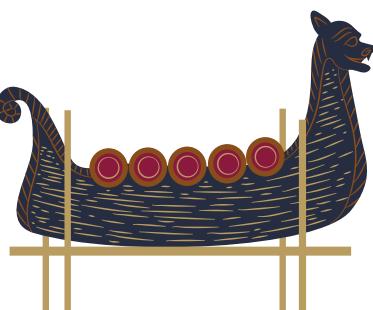


You will learn about Ancient Egypt, the pyramids and the people who lived there.



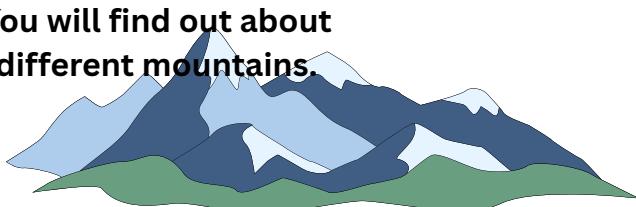
You will learn about rivers and how they are created.

You will find out about The Vikings and Saxons, where they came from and why they decided to live in Britain.



In Year 3 you begin to learn how to speak in French.

You will find out about different mountains.



Science lessons teach you all about how plants grow and how you hear different sounds.

In DT, you will get to design and make slingshot cars, sew book covers and make biscuits!





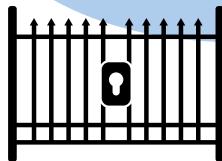
“In lessons, we sometimes read exciting stories we have never heard of before. I really like it when we read together.”

Year 3 child.”

What does a day at Town End look like?

Each day is a little bit different, but here is an example of a typical day at Town End.

At 8:35, the gates are opened. You then go into your classroom and complete a morning task.



At 8:55, we all go to the hall for assembly. This is usually with Mr Weston.



At 10:40, we go out to break. You can bring a healthy snack to eat, like fruit or a cereal bar.



After break, we go back to class for our maths lesson. This is until lunch time.



After assembly, we go back to class. We then do guided reading and English.



At lunch, we eat in the hall. After we have eaten, we go onto the playground. Sometimes, when it is hot, we go on the field.



After lunch, we go to class. We then do lessons like art, music, history and PE!



At 3:15, the bell rings for the end of the day. We go to the playground to meet our parents.



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Teachers and staff get to know children really well and help them settle into school quickly.

Year 3 parent.

How are classes organised?

At Town End, our classes are split into mixed ages. We currently have three classes with Year 3 and 4 children and three classes with Year 5 and 6 children.

Children usually spend two years with their teacher in year 3 and 4, before classes are rearranged as the pupils head into year 5 and 6. We speak to the children about who they would like to be in a class with to ensure they are happy and confident.



Lunch times and Playtime

All children have a break time from 10:40-11:00 each day. Children are encouraged to bring in a healthy snack. We also offer a healthy tuck shop of fruit, which can be purchased for 20p.



Lunch time is from 12:00 until 1:00pm. School dinners are cooked on site at Town End by Derbyshire County Council's catering team. Menus are changed three times per academic year, and we send links to these home. They can also be accessed via Derbyshire County Council's website. Meals are also provided for pupils with allergies and dietary requirements too.



If pupils prefer, they may also bring in their own packed lunch. Dinner choices are taken during the register each morning.



During lunch, children go into the hall with their class and eat together, regardless of whether they are dinners or sandwiches. Activities are also set up by our lunch team and Sports Leaders for the children to take part in. There are also clubs organised by our teaching staff too - clubs include construction, Glee, Art and German!



“ My child has made great progress since joining Town End - we are so thankful for the help and support we have been given.

Year 6 parent.

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Special Educational Needs

Town End Junior School is a fully inclusive school and we take pride in our provision for pupils with additional needs and disabilities. We implement a ‘whole school approach’ to special educational need and disability which involves all staff adhering to a model of good practice. All the staff of the school are committed to identifying and providing for the needs of all children in an inclusive environment.

We believe in early intervention so when we identify a child experiencing a difficulty we work closely with parents/carers to offer support.

We work closely with our feeder schools to ensure that we offer a progressive and supportive curriculum, and ensure we meet and discuss pupil needs before they begin their journey with us. We believe it is important to work collaboratively with families to ensure that children and families are heard and well supported.

Recently, we have worked hard to further improve our provision, creating dedicated areas in school to support children’s sensory and emotional needs. We have our Enchanted Woodland Room, which is used for small group interventions and Positive Play, as well as our Sensory Zone used to support children with their emotional regulation.

Mr Weston is our SENCO at Town End. If you would like to speak to him to discuss your child’s needs, please contact the school office.





“ Whenever there is a problem I can go to an adult and they listen and help me. ”

Year 6 child.

Our rewards at Town End

For good manners and hard work, children are given team points. These are small stickers that are put onto team point cards. When it is full, they can hand it in for a dip in the prize box. Points will also go towards your team's total.

Everyone is put into a team. This is either blue, green or red. The team with the most points at the end of the year will get a treat!



For fantastic work, pupils go to see Mr Weston or Mrs Boswell to get a merit. Once children have 3, 5 or 10 merits, they can spend these in our merit shop.



In assembly on Friday, each class will give out an award to one child for their hard work. Mrs Boswell and Mr Weston also give out a headteacher's award. We also celebrate hard work in English and Maths as well as good attendance too!

On a Friday afternoon, we also have an extra Green Break for children who have shown our TIBSHELF values all week.

Town End Uniform

Our uniform at Town End is the same as Tibshelf Infant School.

On PE days, pupils should wear black shorts/joggers and the coloured PE top of their team (red, blue or green). This will be communicated before your child starts with us. Children can come in their PE kit on PE days. We ask that children do not wear football or sports tops.

Children should bring their book bag, water bottle, reading book and reading record every day. Children can also bring a healthy snack for morning break (not chocolate, crisps or anything with nuts).





“ I was nervous before I started. Now I love being at the juniors. I love it when we get to use the ipads and laptops! ”

Year 3 child.

Breakfast Club and After Care

Breakfast club runs from 7:30am each day. Children are provided with a breakfast with a choice of cereals and savoury items. Activities are also set up for children to take part in such as lego, colouring and craft. Breakfast club is charged at £4 per session.

After Care runs in two sessions: the first session is 3:15-4:15, and a second session runs from 4:15-5:15. Children have a range of activities they can complete, as well as time being allocated outside too. Each session is charged at £4 per session.

What happens before my child starts at Town End?

Staff from Town End will contact your child's previous school. They will find out the kinds of things your child enjoys and will find out how to help them learn best.

Mr Weston and Mrs Hodson may also speak to your child's current school. Mr Weston is also our Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCo) and Mrs Hodson is our Learning and Attendance Mentor. They will be there to offer help and advice too.

How can I apply for a place?

To apply for a place at Town End Junior School, please go to Derbyshire County Council's website.

Each year group has a Pupil Admissions Number (PAN) of 50 children. This means that we can offer up to 50 places in each year group. This is organised through Derbyshire County Council's Admissions Team.