



"This is a good school. Pupils enjoy their experiences in Forest School. They have chickens, rabbits and guinea-pigs that pupils care for. Pupils grow vegetables that are used in the school kitchen. Older pupils learn about future careers as part of transition activities before they begin secondary school.

Fixby Junior and Infant School is an inclusive school where all pupils can shine. It is welcoming. Pupils are very kind and supportive of each other. Pupils' behaviour is calm and purposeful. They feel happy and safe."

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# Prospectus





# Welcome

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to Fixby Junior & Infant School. We are a warm and inclusive school at the heart of the Fixby community, where every child is encouraged to thrive and achieve their very best.

As part of the Polaris Multi-Academy Trust, we benefit from being part of a wider family of schools that share expertise, resources and opportunities, while maintaining the close-knit, caring environment that makes Fixby such a special place to learn.

Our teaching is engaging, creative and ambitious. We aim to equip our children with the knowledge, skills and confidence they need to succeed in the modern world, while nurturing a lifelong love of learning. Every pupil is encouraged to explore their talents, celebrate their individuality and make a positive contribution to our school and wider community.

We are proud to be a feeder school for Rastrick High School, providing children with a smooth and continuous education journey within the same Trust. This strong link ensures that our pupils are well prepared for the next stage of their education, confident and ready to build on their Fixby foundations.

We believe that strong partnerships with parents and carers are key to every child's success. By working together, we can ensure that each child's journey through Fixby is happy, inspiring and full of opportunity.

This prospectus offers a glimpse into the character, ethos and ambitions of our school. To find out more, please visit our website, attend one of our open events, or arrange a visit to see our school in action. We are always delighted to welcome new families and share what makes Fixby such a wonderful place to grow and learn.

Best wishes  
Claire Allen,  
Head of School



# We are proud to be a part of the **Polaris Multi-Academy Trust.**

Fixby Junior & Infant School is a part of the Polaris Multi-Academy Trust (MAT).

The Polaris Multi Academy Trust vision is to provide every child and young person in the Multi-Academy Trust with opportunities and experiences, that give all of them the confidence and aspiration to reach and go beyond their potential.

We are committed to providing your child with the very best teachers, support staff and learning environments, to enable your child to thrive at school.

The Trust works alongside our schools to celebrate what makes them great, ensuring that every school's individual DNA is used as a platform to secure and build on the enjoyment and academic success of the children in our care.

We see you, the parents of our children, as key to the success of the school and encourage you to be involved with school life as a governor or volunteer.

Finally, our schools are safe and supportive environments that strive to be a special place for all our children.

Steve Evans  
CEO



**Polaris**  
Multi-Academy Trust



Rastrick  
High School



# Early Years - A Flying Start

We know that starting big school can be daunting, for parents as well as children! We aim to support your child by working closely with parents, nurseries and preschools to ensure that children have a smooth transition to reception class.

In the summer term, we host an open evening for new starters and their families, where we go into further detail about the ins and outs of the reception year, explore the school, meet the EYFS team and play in the reception classroom. This is also a great opportunity for your child to meet their new classmates!

Our reception teacher will also visit your child in their nursery setting or at home, to introduce themselves and to begin getting to know them. They will spend time playing with your child, finding out about them and their interests and also speaking to their key worker to gather information about their learning styles and preferences.

Your child will also be invited to attend a transition morning or afternoon in July, when they can stay and play with half of their new class-mates. Parents are encouraged to leave their child once they are settled so that they can explore the environment independently.

We find that children are excited and keen to return to reception class in September, having met their new teachers, explored the lovely environment and played with their new friends.



# Teaching and learning

Teaching and learning in the Early Years is play-based and child-led, just like at Preschool! Your child will already be used to playing in provision and we set up the classroom to be as similar as possible to a preschool environment at the beginning of September, in order to help with the settling in process.

Reception class is divided into areas, including role play, a comfy reading corner, sand, water, play dough, creative, maths, small construction and small world. Outside is also organised into areas, water, construction, role play and sand. Your child will spend much of their day playing both indoors and out, while skilled EYFS staff join them in their play, extending and challenging them when appropriate.

We also have several sessions throughout the day where we teach specific subjects. These include phonics, which we teach through the Essential Letters and Sounds program and White Rose Maths.

# Enrichment

Outside the classroom, our staff provide an inclusive, high-quality and extensive enrichment programme, ensuring every pupil has access to a wide range of exciting opportunities.

We value pupil voice and encourage children to take on leadership roles that help them contribute to school life and develop important personal skills. These opportunities allow pupils to build confidence, work collaboratively and take pride in making a positive difference within their school community.

To further enrich our curriculum, all children enjoy a variety of visits and experiences, both locally and further afield. These include trips to museums, theatres, exhibitions, workshops, outdoor centres and local libraries, all designed to bring learning to life.



# Our curriculum

Our ambitious, inclusive curriculum provides ample opportunity for all children to become confident, independent and successful learners with high aspirations, who know how to make a positive contribution to their community and the wider society. It is our aim is to prepare all children for the opportunities and challenges of the 21st Century!

We strive to provide all children with a broad and balanced curriculum. We believe wholeheartedly in supporting the development of the whole child, placing emphasis on not only academic success, but also, on each child's personal development. Keeping our children safe and supporting their mental health and well-being is at the heart of everything that we do.

Our curriculum teaches our children to:

- respect themselves and others
- care for and value their environment
- follow their class and community rules
- strive to be the best version of themselves
- celebrate and give back to their community



# A fresh approach to school meals

Little Foodies delivers exciting, nutritious lunches that children love. Our balanced menus support energy, focus, and healthy growth, helping every child feel ready to learn and thrive.

Meals are made with **fresh ingredients** and packed with fruit and vegetables. We encourage children to try **new flavours**, enjoy positive mealtimes, and build healthy habits for life.

Little Foodies, **fuel for learning** and happy lunchtimes.



A vibrant, colorful menu for 'AUTUMN - WEEK 1' titled 'LITTLE FOODIES'. The menu is framed by a border of cartoon fruit and vegetable characters. The layout includes sections for Main Meal, Veggie Option, Jacket Potato or Panini, Dessert, and Allergens. Each section lists items with small icons and descriptions. A note at the bottom states that Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt is available daily, and the menu is Halal Suitable.

## Pupil Support

Our pastoral care is a strength of our caring school, ensuring that children are kept safe and are supported both inside and outside school. We have a designated learning mentor who is available to offer focused support to children in a variety of ways.

Our school provides an inclusive environment for all our pupils. Our trained staff focus on creating nurturing and positive relationships with all our pupils and particularly, those with barriers to their learning. Our school's approach to learning means that our lessons both support and challenge all our pupils. Both inside and outside of lessons, we provide a caring environment for pupils that means they always have an adult to speak to help them through the day. Our goal is to provide an environment for your child that means they love to come to school.

## Special Educational Needs and Disabilities

We make every effort to achieve maximum inclusion of all pupils whilst meeting individual needs. We try to ensure that any special physical, emotional or intellectual needs are identified as early as possible. If necessary, professional guidance is sought from outside agencies with support from parents at all stages.

Our highly trained support staff focus on creating positive relationships with our pupils, ensuring that barriers to learning are removed.



## Applying for a place at our school

Your child is eligible for a place in Reception class from September 2026, if they were born between: 1st September 2021; and 31st August 2022.

You can apply online via the Kirklees Council website from 1 September 2025 to 15 January 2026 (closing date).

**Please feel free to talk to us regarding admissions for your child, we are here to help. If you have any questions or queries please call our school on 01484 226650.**

**JOIN US**

**Apply Now**

We hope that this prospectus has encouraged you to consider Fixby Junior and Infant School for your child. Please get in touch with us if you have any questions about starting the admissions process.