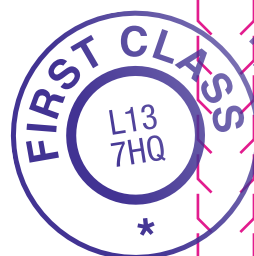


West Derby School Prospectus

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Dear Students and Parents,

Welcome to West Derby School. We are very proud of our first class school and we know you will enjoy your tour of the facilities in our wonderful building.

On arriving at our school, visitors immediately notice the calm, purposeful learning environment and the excellent relationships which are evident between students and staff. With this foundation, our students' journey to become confident, independent and well-rounded adults has already begun. We invite your son to take his first step on this journey today.

Please take this opportunity to see everything that the school has to offer your son and feel free to ask as many questions as you would like. We will be pleased to give you the information you need to make an informed choice for the future.

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Headteacher

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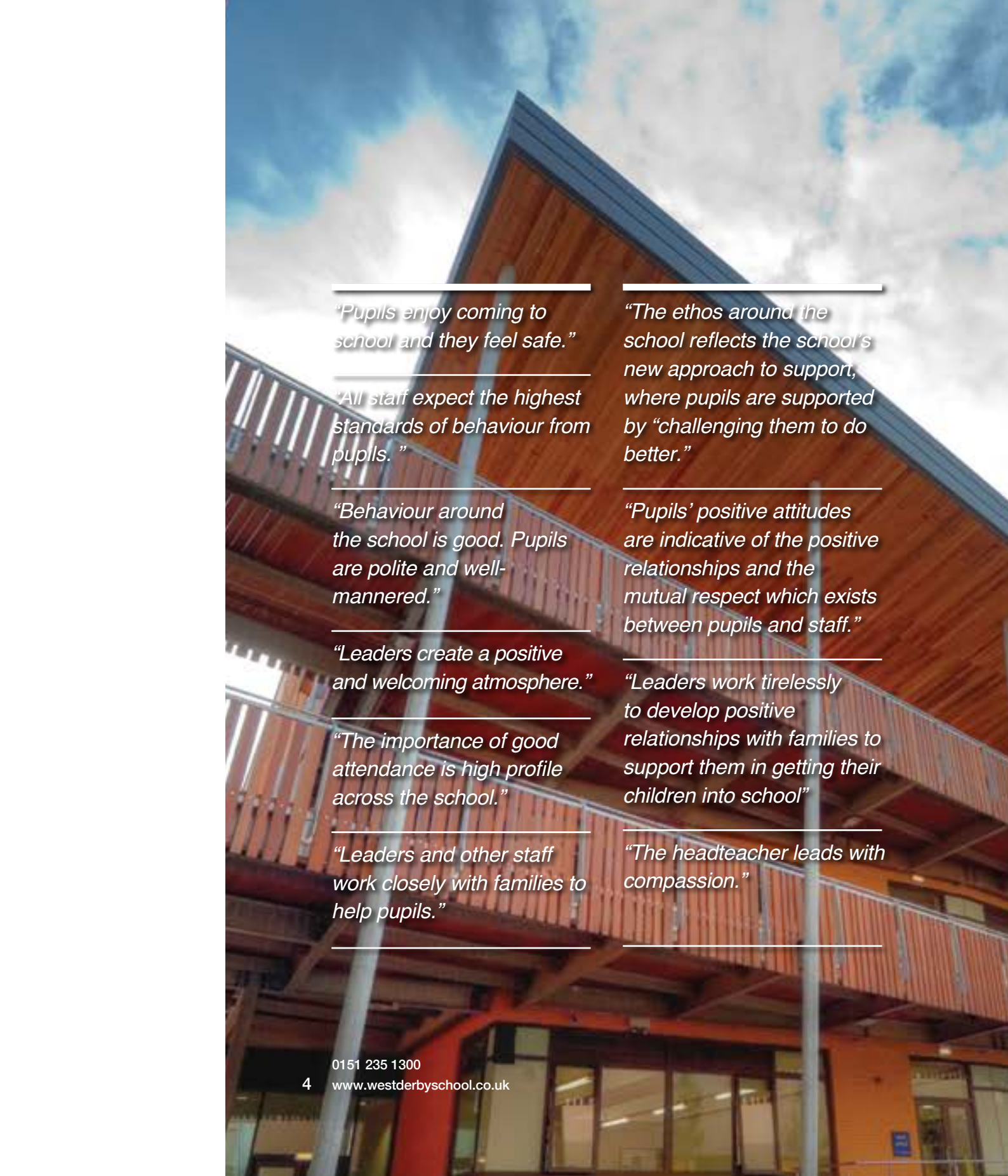
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First Class Delivery

Handled with Care

Part and Parcel

The Whole Package



"Pupils enjoy coming to school and they feel safe."

"All staff expect the highest standards of behaviour from pupils."

"Behaviour around the school is good. Pupils are polite and well-mannered."

"Leaders create a positive and welcoming atmosphere."

"The importance of good attendance is high profile across the school."

"Leaders and other staff work closely with families to help pupils."

"The ethos around the school reflects the school's new approach to support, where pupils are supported by "challenging them to do better."

"Pupils' positive attitudes are indicative of the positive relationships and the mutual respect which exists between pupils and staff."

"Leaders work tirelessly to develop positive relationships with families to support them in getting their children into school"

"The headteacher leads with compassion."

We deliver success

We constantly strive for excellence. At West Derby School the success and well-being of our students is our priority.

We pride ourselves on offering a first class education, in an inspiring and stimulating learning environment, to give our boys every chance of reaching their full potential.

Our mission statement

Our school is a First Class school. It is a happy, caring and respectful community in which people are treated with fairness and are supported in developing themselves to the fullest possible extent to enable them to take their place in society.

A first class education for everyone



At West Derby School,
our primary objective
is to help our boys
to learn by providing
first class teaching
in a safe and caring
environment.

First class teaching & learning

We want every student to develop his potential to the full, regardless of race, creed, culture or ability. We believe that every person is equally important and that no one has the right to insult or cause offence to any other person.

We want our boys to succeed. We have the highest expectations of each student. In partnership with the family and wider community, we seek to provide opportunities for each member of our school to reach their full potential.

We aim to develop a lively, informed and flexible mind, providing every student with the ability to think logically and discuss topics rationally. We aim to equip the boys with the necessary skills, concepts and attitudes which lead to success in examinations and in their future careers.

The school curriculum seeks to give all students a broad and balanced education by promoting their spiritual, moral, cultural and physical development in order to prepare them for the challenges of adult life.

Regular assessments take place throughout the school year and parents are provided with termly reports on pupil progress.

A young boy with short brown hair, wearing a dark blue school jacket, white shirt, and dark blue tie, is smiling and looking towards an adult whose back is to the camera. The adult is also wearing a dark blue school jacket. They appear to be in a classroom or meeting room. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

During the summer term, staff who are responsible for transition visit all of the schools sending boys to us and discuss their achievements with their class teachers.

Care & guidance

Great care is taken when placing new boys into form groups, and those with special needs are given careful attention. Parents are free to contact the school at any time to discuss their son's needs. West Derby is a large school and we know that some students might feel worried about the transition. We try to prevent this occurring by addressing any concerns before new students even start with us.

All boys in Year 6 are invited to come into the school to look around and get to know some of the names and faces of the staff. They will have the opportunity to meet their Pupil Progress Leader and staff during our very successful summer taster day in July.

The Form Tutor is probably the most important person as far as your son is concerned and it is to him/her that all notes, queries, problems etc. should initially be addressed. However, you can also contact your son's Pupil Progress Leader, Mr Zachariades, if you wish to.

Parents can contact school by letter, email or telephone or access information online. You will also be invited to regular parents' evenings and receive regular newsletters.

We want our boys to feel happy and secure at school and to enjoy their time with us. The official body for inspecting schools says, "*Pupils enjoy coming to school and they feel safe. They say that staff look after them and want the best for them. Relationships between staff and pupils are warm and respectful.*"

Regular meetings are held between members of staff from the various feeder schools and frequent visits are made between schools.

We believe that teachers have the right to teach and students have the right to learn. All students are expected to follow our Code of Conduct which allows all students safe movement around the school in a litter-free, safe environment. Boys are expected to wear full school uniform at all times and to behave in a sensible and courteous manner in the classroom.



School ethos

Sanctions and Rewards

School rules are based on the need for safety, cooperation, common sense and respect for orderliness – every effort is made to help the boys to know and understand them. If students choose to break the rules and correction is needed, it may be in the form of a reprimand, extra work or a detention. A report system is in place and every teacher is initially responsible for discipline within the classroom.

Child Protection

Providing a safe and secure school is a priority. Parents should be aware that the school will take any reasonable action to ensure the safety of its students. In cases where the school has reason to be concerned that a child may be subject to ill treatment, neglect or any other forms of abuse, staff will follow Local Authority Child Protection procedures.

Anti-Bullying Strategies

We recognise that, despite every effort to prevent it, when groups of children are together, bullying may occur. We treat bullying extremely seriously and need your support to enable us to identify both the victims and the bullies. Part of the Personal, Social, Health and Education programmes will address these issues and raise awareness among the students. New students are issued with guidelines for themselves and for parents.

Attendance

At West Derby School we expect excellent attendance. Poor attendance affects student progress and 100% attendance should be aimed for. Holidays during term time are not permitted. We ask parents to contact the school before 8.45am on the morning of an absence. We have a policy of first day absence phone calls. An absence note should be provided when your son returns to school.

For extended absences a medical certificate is expected. School attendance is monitored closely and, where concern exists, referrals are made to the school's Attendance and Welfare Officer or to Children's Services.

The school day

Timetable*

Registration	8.45am – 9.00am
Period One	9.00am – 10.00am
Break	10.00am – 10.15am
Period Two	10.15am – 11.15am
Period Three	11.15am – 12.15pm
Lunch	12.15pm – 12.55pm
Period Four	12.55pm – 1.55pm
Period Five	1.55pm – 2.55pm

Lunch Time

Students are offered hot meals, sandwiches and snacks from the cafeteria which are healthy, reasonably priced and represent good value. We have a cashless catering system. Alternatively students may bring a packed lunch.**

Boys are not allowed to leave the school premises or to go to local shops during lunchtime.

Key Staff

Headteacher: Mrs S Graham

Deputy Headteachers:

Mr M Thomas

Mrs S Wilkinson

Assistant Headteachers:

Ms C Jones

Mrs J Stephens

Mrs T Swain

Mr N Zachariades

You will soon know all of the staff who teach or work in the school. All staff are important and will be able to help you during your time here.

**Monday's timetable is slightly different to accommodate for PSHE lessons in the morning from 8:45-9:30am. P1 and 2 are 50mins in length.*

***If you would like information regarding free school meals, forms are available from Council offices, including all One Stop Shops. The nearest one to West Derby School is on Derby Lane, Old Swan.*

Extra curricular activities



Extra Curricular Activities

Sports	Clubs
Athletics	Chess
Badminton	Science
Football	Technology
Rugby	Music
Cricket	Drama
Basketball	ICT
Table Tennis	Creative Writing
	Debate
	STEM

Other Extra Curricular Activities

In addition, students take part in a variety of trips and cultural experiences. Visits to the theatre, art galleries and museums take place on a regular basis. There is an extensive programme of enrichment activities which support and enhance learning.

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