



Frequently Asked Questions

How far does the catchment area extend?

There is no fixed catchment area boundary. Therefore the catchment area can be different each year, as it is dependent upon the following criteria:

- Looked after children
- Acute medical or social need
- Siblings
- Children of staff
- Proximity to the school

Last year on 'National Offer Day,' we reached out as far as 0.42 miles.

Can you guarantee a place for my child in the school's after school club?

After school club is very popular and places are limited. However, there is a waiting list that parents can sign up to, and they will be contacted as and when availability arises.

How do I apply for a place for my child to attend after school club?

There is a dedicated page on the school's website under the tab of Parents and Carers, where you will find all the information needed to apply.

What does the school day look like?

Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS), follow the development matters curriculum, which is play based. Through purposeful activities it builds on achievements and develops the whole child. Teachers and teaching assistants observe the children and extend their learning, as appropriate, with further challenges and questions. Set carpet times provide whole class teaching sessions, which are then reinforced in the continuous provision elements of the day.

In addition the Read, Write Inc. integrated literacy programme is used at Highfield Infants' school, with a particular focus on reading and writing skills. Children start this programme in EYFS where it continues through to Year 2.

In Key Stage 1, after a transition time in autumn 1, learning becomes more formal, as the National Curriculum taught.

What is the adult/children ratio in EYFS?

Each class of 30 children has one class teacher and one teaching assistant.



Are there any clubs for my child to attend?

Currently, with COVID-19 restrictions we are unable to offer any after school clubs, until further notice.

However, once restrictions have been lifted then clubs will be reinstated.

If you attend HIS do you get an automatic place in HJS?

Yes, if you have attended Highfield Infants' school you will automatically be entitled to a place in Highfield Junior school.

My child has additional needs. How will the school cater for this?

Children with additional needs will be put in contact with the school's Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCO). She will meet with you to discuss your child's particular needs and develop a support plan to be used in school.

How will you challenge children in their learning?

In all lessons teachers are assessing the grasp of the taught concept for all children. When a child is ready, extended learning opportunities are provided to challenge the child's grasp of the concept to see if they can apply the newly learnt knowledge independently and out of context.

My child needs medication e.g. asthma pump, how will the school manage this?

Essential medicines such as asthma pumps and Epi-pens will need to be kept in school, with a health care plan completed by the parents. This will be kept in the child's class medical bag in the classroom for easy access. Staff receive annual training on how to administer such medication.

For all other medication parents and carers will need to complete a 'Medicines in school,' document, obtained from the school office.

How will the school support parents with their child's home learning?

We aim to support parents and carers with our approach to learning and home learning as much as possible, through written advice, workshops, signposting to various websites and if needed one to one support.

How will I know how well my child is learning?

Throughout the school year parents and carers are provided with regular reports on their child's progress and attainment. This is communicated through three written reports and two parent and carers consultation evenings. In addition some comments to support a child



in their learning may be written in their reading record book or uploaded on to our educational learning platform Google Classroom in response to an assignment.

What is forest school?

Forest school is a way of teaching children about their environment. All children at Highfield Infants participate in Forest school sessions, where they learn to build independence and resilience, foster curiosity and enquiry, develop a love of the outdoors and learn new skills.

For further information please see the school's website.

How can I get involved in the school community?

We have a very proactive Parent Teachers Association (PTA), called Friends of Highfield Schools (FHS). They are always pleased to see new parents and welcome the support and interest. Throughout the year they organise various fund raising events, which is a great way to meet other members of our school community and make life-long friends.

What are the uniform expectations?

The school uniform policy and expectations are detailed on our school website for you to reference.

Where can I get the school uniform from?

Items with the school logo on can be purchased on line. Items without the school logo can be purchased from High Street stores.