

Airy Hill Primary School



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School Prospectus & Handbook 2025-2026

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Letter from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Whether your child already attends Airy Hill School, or you are currently looking for a school place for your child, I hope that this document will provide you with much of the information you need about school life at Airy Hill. We are a family school with an open-door policy, and we would love for you to come and visit our school.

Staff at Airy Hill School are dedicated, hardworking and passionate about delivering the best educational outcomes for the children in our care. We pride ourselves on our outstanding results across school and our participation in all sporting and art events. We believe in developing the whole child through our nurturing and Rights Respecting ethos. Through our world-class curriculum, we ensure your child will get the best possible education at Airy Hill.

Please come and visit us and see this for yourselves!

We look forward to welcoming your child into our school and helping them to achieve their full potential.

Yours Sincerely

Mr. Sam Butters
Headteacher



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Our Vision

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Our Values

- Educates the whole child through a world class curriculum.
- Emphasises the rights of everyone and the importance of community.
- Works in partnership with parents, carers and all stakeholders, including the local community.
- Nurtures all children and actively cares for their wellbeing and social and emotional development.

Our Aims

- We are resilient and tackle challenges.
- We go on overnight adventures.
- We are polite and kind to others.
- We are proud of our heritage.
- We are confident and try new things.
- We are happy and friendly.
- We are artistic.
- We respect the rights of others.
- We represent the school at sports.

Our Pledges

At Airy Hill Primary School, we will ensure that all children will have the opportunity to;

- Go on an overnight residential
- Have cultural experiences
- Learn to play an instrument
- Represent the school in the community
- Take part in termly visits outside of the school environment
- Learn in a Forest School
- Learn to swim
- Visit London

This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.



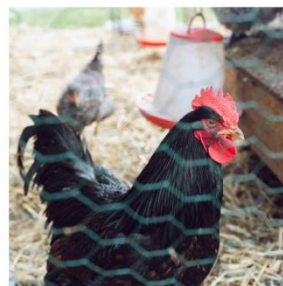
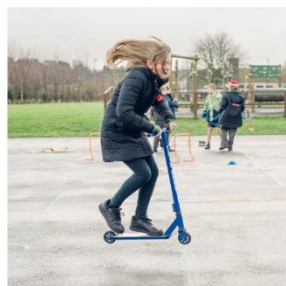
Where are we?

Airy Hill Primary School is situated on Waterstead Lane in Whitby, just off the A171, within walking distance of the town centre.

School staffing and structure

Airy Hill Primary School admits children into the school nursery from 2 years old or into Reception class in the September after their fourth birthday.

The school comprises 8 classes: Nursery, Reception and a class for each of the years 1-6. Children are taught and supported by qualified teachers, teaching assistants and early years practitioners. The school has a family feel which reflects our nurturing ethos.



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The School Day

The school day begins at 8:45am. Children may begin to arrive at 8:35am when the school gates are unlocked but should be supervised by an adult until 8:45am when the bell rings.

Lunch takes places from 12:00noon – 1pm daily.

School closes at 3:15pm.

Extended School Provision: Breakfast Club

The school runs breakfast club daily from 7:50am. Breakfast club runs for an hour. There is a small charge to attend.

Breakfast options include: Choice of cereals, Toast with a choice of toppings (including hot beans or spaghetti), a drink

Places can be booked via MCAS.

Extended School Provision: Night Owls

Night Owls runs from 3.15pm until 6pm. The Night Owls take part in many crafting activities. Pupils who stay after 4.30pm will get a snack and a drink. There is a small charge for Night Owls. This can be booked on MCAS.



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Teaching and Learning at Airy Hill Primary School

The Curriculum

Every child will succeed at Airy Hill, and we pride ourselves on our exceptionally high-standards and academic achievement. To achieve this, our mornings have a focus on reading, writing and mathematics. During the afternoon sessions, our Wider Curriculum focuses on a broad curriculum with many opportunities for school trips and visits. It is our belief that pupils learn best from visiting places and actively learning in their environment.

Our Curriculum Aims for children

Our Aims were created with the whole school community. As a Rights Respecting school our curriculum is driven by the views of our pupils. These are the aims of the curriculum that our whole school community devised.

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Special Educational Needs

All children at Airy Hill Primary School are entitled to a broad, balanced and relevant curriculum. They are encouraged to be happy and achieve the very best of which they are capable. It is our policy to identify a child's specific needs early and involve parents in developing and carrying out a joint learning approach at home and in school.

Sport

One of our key aims, as decided by our whole school community is to represent the school at sport. Therefore, sport plays a huge part in Airy Hill life. We have sports clubs each night and we enter all sports competitions and events in the Whitby area. Our P.E. sessions are delivered by high-quality P.E. specialists. Each child is entitled to a minimum of 2 hours of P.E. each week. Our sporting success is witnessed by the considerable number of trophies acquired by our teams. Each year group from Reception to Year 6 goes swimming for a term each year. This is taught by qualified swimming instructors.



Visits & Visitors

Visits are an integral part of the Airy Hill curriculum. We aim to give our children the opportunity to experience a wide variety of visits both local and distant. Recent visits have included:

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Peat Rigg Outdoor centre (Residential)
East Barnby Outdoor Centre (Residential)
London visit
Doodlepots Café, Whitby
Captain Cook Museum, Whitby
Ice-Skating, Whitby
Pantomime, Scarborough

British Values

Airy Hill Primary School is committed to serving its community. The multi-cultural, multi faith nature of the United Kingdom is recognised and celebrated and we understand our crucial role in promoting the key British Values: Mutual Respect, The Rule of Law, Tolerance of those with different Faiths and Beliefs, Individual Liberty and Democracy. Further details can be found on the school website.

IT

We incredible IT facilities at Airy Hill. We realise that been computer and ICT literate is essential in the modern world. Due to this, we have weekly computing sessions and each child in school is given a chromebook. These are used throughout the day, ensuring your child leaves Airy Hill computer literate.



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School Policy and Procedure

School Uniform

Most of the uniform can be purchased cheaply at local stores such as Boyes or Sainsbury's. School jumpers and cardigans can be purchased from the school office. Alternatively, the Friends of Airy Hill, run a pre-loved uniform shop where uniform can be purchased for a voluntary contribution. School P.E. kit is the same as school uniform the only difference being shorts or tracksuit bottoms to be worn instead of trousers or skirt.

Winter and Spring term	Summer term
Grey or black skirt or trousers White/yellow/green Polo Shirt School sweatshirt or school cardigan or school hoodie Black school shoes or black trainers	Green or yellow summer dress or grey/black trousers/shorts White/yellow/green polo shirt School sweatshirt or school cardigan or school hoodie Black school shoes or black trainers

No jewellery of any description should be worn during the school day.

Indoor PE	Outdoor PE
Plain white T shirt or white/yellow/green polo shirt School sweatshirt or cardigan or school hoodie Black/blue tracksuit bottoms or shorts Black trainers	Plain white T shirt or white/yellow/green polo shirt School sweatshirt or cardigan or school hoodie Black/blue tracksuit bottoms or shorts Black trainers

School Dinners

All pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free school meal. Families may be eligible for free school meals and a form is available from the school office to complete.

Dinners are cooked on a three-week rolling menu, a copy of which is sent home in advance of each term so that meals can be chosen. Each day there is the option of a hot dinner, a sandwich or a jacket potato with a variety of fillings/toppings. Vegetarian and special medical diets are catered for.



Snacks

Children are given free fruit each day.

Behaviour & School Rules

At Airy Hill behaviour is exemplary. As a Rights Respecting school, our pupils are taught about the feelings of others and how their actions can impact on pupils learning. We have three simple rules, Be Kind, Be Safe Be Ready. Pupils are given learning points through the day for showing good learning behaviours. Airy Award Badges, ranging from bronze-gold and the Headteacher Award badge, are awarded to pupils who behave well and follow all of the Airy Aims.

Admissions

Children are admitted to Nursery from their 2nd birthday, some are entitled to funding. All children become funded the term after their 3rd birthday. We admit children into our Reception in one intake in the September of each year. We admit any child who will turn 5 during the academic year.

Attendance

The school's attendance target is 96% which reflects our belief that good school attendance is vital in order for children to reach their full potential.

Home/ School Communication

We believe that the relationship between home and school is essential. We put this into practice daily by ensuring that members of staff are always available on the school playground at the beginning and end of the school day. We have an open-door policy and parents are encouraged to come and speak to us at any time!

In the Autumn and Spring Terms there will be a formal opportunity for parents to come into school and discuss their child's progress with the class teacher. These visits take place in the afternoon or evening and are based on an appointment system. The Headteacher is also available on these occasions to answer any questions which may arise. We operate an open-door policy in school, and class teachers are available at the end of the day for any queries.

Friends of Airy Hill

Friends of Airy Hill is the school's very active Parent Teacher Association. Recent events organised by the group have included 'Valentines Masquerade Disco', Breakfast with Santa, the Christmas Fair and Easter Bingo. The group are always on the lookout for more volunteers and it's a great way for new families to get to know the school community.

Safeguarding

All school staff and volunteers have a statutory obligation to report any possible indicators of child abuse to the Designated Senior Lead for Child Protection who will then take appropriate action to keep the child safe. At Airy Hill, the Designated Senior Lead is the Headteacher, Mr Butters and the Deputy Lead is Mrs K Payne.

Equal Opportunities

It is our policy that whilst at Airy Hill School, children will be given the opportunity to develop their full potential regardless of ability, gender, class, religion, nationality and race. We hope that this policy will be seen to be reflected in the happy, caring atmosphere created within the school.

Collective Worship

Assemblies are non-denominational in character; we foster a caring family atmosphere within the school based upon Christian morality and ethics. In assemblies, stories from real life are used to give up-to-date examples of Christian principles. We aim to make children aware of how to treat each other whilst going about their everyday business in and out of school. Assemblies include singing, discussion, reflection and occasional hymns/ prayers.