

KENTMERE ACADEMY AND NURSERY



PROSPECTUS



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Dear Parents,

Choosing a school for your child is one of the most important decisions a family makes. To make the right decision, for your child, a number of factors need to be considered, including a school's reputation, its location, its facilities, but most importantly its 'product', the pupils and their individual development whilst in the school.

Kentmere Academy and Nursery is fortunate to be situated in an area of Rochdale that serves a rich and diverse community with our pupils coming from a variety of backgrounds and many speaking English as an additional language.

We are a forward thinking school where we value academic success and extra-curricular achievement equally. The school is known for being friendly and open with a clear set of values agreed upon and respected by all members of the school community. Academic excellence, a tailored curriculum, outstanding pastoral care and extra-curricular activities of an extraordinary range and quality are the cornerstones of the school.

Kentmere Academy is a partner school of the Wardle Trust. As a member of the Trust we have complete autonomy but with the support and advice of a team of staff who are dedicated to the improvement of the non-teaching elements of our school. As a member of the Wardle Trust we have access to additional facilities and resources which all benefit the child.

Every pupil is nurtured and encouraged to fulfil their potential – our aim, to stretch the most able and support the least confident, informs and guides all that we do.



We want all our pupils to achieve their best both academically and socially. Alongside this we promote an ethos where every child is valued as an individual, to help them to grow into caring and respectful young people who are able to get on well with each other and make a positive contribution to our community. We are very proud of all our school's achievements.

Kentmere Academy's prospectus will give you an insight into our happy and successful school and once you have browsed it please come along and visit us to see for yourself all that our school can offer you and your child.

Mrs S. Isberg
Headteacher

ETHOS & VALUES

OUR AIMS

Help challenge, inspire and motivate each other.

Aim high, achieve excellence.

Promote and value excellent progress.

Positively contribute to the school and its wider community.

You create your own future.

SCHOOL RULES

Kentmere Academy has a number of rules which are designed to: enable the school community to work together, promote good behaviour and keep pupils and staff safe. Our rules aim:

1. To foster trust between adults and children, and to teach children to be honest and trusting with each other.
2. To highlight praise and reward for good work and positive behaviour.
3. To develop a sense of respect, kindness and consideration for others.
4. To encourage children to think about their behaviour, take responsibility for their actions and learn self-control.
5. To create an environment where adults and children can expect to be listened to and treated politely and fairly.
6. To respect others' property, the school building and the school grounds (no litter please).

GOLDEN RULES

There are five Golden Rules on display in the hall. These are of a broad and general nature and apply to many situations. These rules will be referred to regularly during assemblies and reinforce the behaviour which the school values. Our golden rules are:

1. We are positive, polite and friendly to everyone.
2. We always do our best.
3. We are always considerate and respect others.
4. We look after our belongings and take proper care of school property and equipment.
5. We listen carefully to members of staff and each other and respond appropriately.
6. We respect others' property, the school building and the school grounds (no litter please).

ORGANISATION

THE SCHOOL DAY

9.00am – 9.30am	Assembly
9.30am – 10.30am	Lessons
10.30am – 10.45am	Break
10.45am – 12.00pm	Lessons
12.00pm – 12.45pm	Lunchtime
1.00pm – 3.15pm	Lessons
3.15pm	Home time
3.30pm – 4.20pm	A range of enrichment activities

UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

Pupils are expected to wear the correct school uniform when travelling to and from school and whilst on the premises. They should take pride in their appearance and always aim to look clean and tidy. Jewellery is not permitted, including ear-rings.

Long hair should be tied up with a plain hair bobble or hair band for girls. We do not allow make-up which includes nail varnish. Children are expected to wear black school shoes and not boots or trainers.

All clothing and equipment must be clearly named, with coats having a strong loop for hanging. P.E. attire must be brought in a cloth bag with a loop to hang on a peg. Swimming kit is needed in a separate bag.

UNIFORM LIST

V neck jumper – burgundy with the school logo
Cardigan – burgundy with the school logo
Grey trousers
Grey skirt
White shirt with collar
Burgundy and white tie – can be purchased at school
School Coat (optional) – burgundy
Summer dress (optional) – burgundy and white gingham
Black shoes (no trainers or boots)
Plain grey, black or white socks
Tights – plain grey or black only
Plain Hair bands - black, grey or burgundy

Indoor PE kit

Black shorts
White polo t shirt with school logo (short sleeves)
Black plimsolls

Outdoor PE kit

Black tracksuit bottoms
White polo t shirt with school logo (short sleeves)
School burgundy hoodie with logo
Trainers

School uniform may be purchased from Top Form or Moses shops on Drake Street in Rochdale and Andizyn's which is found at 147 Wardle Road.



CURRICULUM

The importance of getting solid foundations in place early in a child's education cannot be underestimated. Kentmere Academy takes children from Nursery to Year 6 and develops them in classes where teachers have the time and resources to ensure that everyone achieves their potential. Our aim is to develop personal, social and academic confidence in each child. It is this close, individual focus which is the key to the successful education at Kentmere.

The current National Curriculum is divided into Core and Foundation subjects, and is taught to children in Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2.

The Core Curriculum subjects are:

- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- Computing
- Religious Education

The Foundation subjects are:

- History
- Geography
- Design and Technology
- Music and Dance
- Art
- Physical Education
- Citizenship and Personal Social and Health Education

Children are taught in modern classrooms that are well-resourced for each year. The children also benefit from the excellent academic, sporting and performing arts facilities of Wardle Academy, an additional Wardle Trust partner school.

We have a Sports Crew whose aim it is to lead sport and PE and take control of the pupil voice in school. They have responsibilities that range from organising and officiating sports events held at Kentmere, to collecting opinions from pupils within the school to improve and tailor sporting provision.





PASTORAL CARE

ANTI-BULLYING

Kentmere has an anti-bullying policy which is designed to create a safe and secure environment with an atmosphere of mutual trust where every person feels comfortable and is able to work to fulfil their potential. The objectives are that all members of Kentmere be made aware of their responsibilities in creating a bully-free environment and that bullying in whatever form will not be tolerated. This issue forms a part of the PSHE and assembly programmes for all classes.

Each half term we have a Sunshine Day to focus on being kind and showing respect to each other. The children learn about how we can get along better and have zero tolerance to any form of bullying. During the day each class will also have themed lessons around relationships and tricky friendship scenarios. We ask everyone to wear yellow and with permission we paint a small smiley yellow face on each of our children's faces.

SAFEGUARDING

It is our moral and statutory responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of all pupils. We have a designated team for Safeguarding displayed in the school entrance hall. If you wish to discuss anything related to safeguarding please do not hesitate to contact any member of the team.

ASSEMBLIES

All Kentmere pupils attend and participate in our assemblies. Particular themes and issues are addressed through these forums and they provide an important meeting time for all Kentmere staff and pupils.

The themes and issues addressed during our assemblies provide an ideal time for staff and pupils to gather together to foster and encourage the development of all Kentmere Academy pupils.

Parents are invited into assembly to see their child collect an award and hear all about the work we have been doing each term.

HEAD GIRL / BOY AND PREFECTS

Each year a child is chosen to be Head Boy and Head Girl of Kentmere. They are supported by a number of prefects and together they are responsible for assisting the teachers in a number of day-to-day routine tasks, welcoming visitors to Kentmere and, most importantly, setting a good example to the other pupils in the school.

HEALTHY SNACK SHOP

The children at Kentmere have created a Healthy Snack shop at break time. All Key Stage 2 (Year 3 – 6) children can bring in 50p a day (no more) to buy a drink, piece of fruit or healthy snack.

REWARDS

An approach of praise and encouragement in every aspect of Kentmere life is of paramount importance to every pupil's development, both academic and pastoral. Accordingly, merits are awarded for excellent work, good behaviour, kindness, politeness and courtesy to others. When the children achieve 25 merits they receive a certificate in assembly and at 50 they receive a certificate and have a dip in the Treasure Chest. Upon receiving 75 merits children are awarded with a voucher.

We have a range of other positive rewards such as:

- Smartie of the week – awarded to classes in full uniform
- The Kindness Tree
- Attendance awards
- Super Star of the Week
- Governors termly award



ENRICHMENT

At Kentmere Academy we feel that our extra-curricular clubs are what make our school unique. Pupils are encouraged to choose the clubs and activities they wish to take part in and they can choose as many as they like. We take pride in our efforts to provide both an active and healthy lifestyle for our children, in addition to our academic efforts.

Below is a list of the various extra-curricular clubs and activities that your child can join. If you would like more information on any of these clubs please contact the school. There is no limit to how many clubs your child can attend:

- Revisewise
- Athletics
- Homework club
- Jujitsu
- Frisbee
- Brass band
- Natural Art
- Gymnastics
- Choir
- Board games
- ICT
- Pyramid club
- KS2 cricket
- Rounders
- Street Dance
- Spanish
- Gardening
- Cookery
- Badminton
- Football
- Tennis
- Boxing

OUR POLICIES

ADMISSIONS POLICY

The published admission number for the Reception Class is 45 and your child will be due to start school in the September following their fourth birthday.

Application forms for admission to Kentmere Academy are available from Rochdale Local Authority (these are automatically given to parents of children currently attending the nursery class), they should be completed and returned to the Local Authority or handed into school who subsequently pass these to the Authority for consideration.

For forms, more information on the admissions process or to make a complaint, please use the Rochdale Borough Council website.

Places in primary schools are allocated by the admission authority up to the school admission limit using the following priority order:

- Child in care to the Local Authority
- Medical/Psychological (Supporting information must be provided)
- Sibling already in school
- Proximity and ease of access

If you require more information, please do not hesitate to contact the school directly or you can contact Rochdale Council via the details below:

e: school.admissions@rochdale.gov.uk
t: 01706 925982
a: School Admissions / Early Help and Schools
 Number One Riverside
 Smith Street
 Rochdale
 OL16 1XU

You will be invited to take a tour of the school and see the curriculum in action. The Headteacher and other members of staff will be available to answer any questions and you will have the opportunity to tell us more about your child. This helps us to ensure your child settles into their new school.



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