



Southdale
C of E Junior school



Prospectus
2018-19



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Philippians 2:15

Thank you for choosing Southdale Junior School.



We would like to welcome you to our school community, as your child begins the next steps on an exciting, educational journey. This is just the beginning of our relationship with you and your family. We all look forward to getting to know you, and your child, in the coming months.

I hope that you find this prospectus informative.

Mrs K Partington, Headteacher.



Southdale has been a church school ever since it became a Junior School.

Our partnership with Christ Church South Ossett is a very important part of school life.

Our Christian ethos can be found across the whole curriculum, in our creativity and our journey of discovery. Our Christian values underpin the life of the school and can be found in how we relate to one another within the school community, nurturing Christian values such as encouragement, empathy, forgiveness and respect.

All these things help us to be the 'Southdale Family' where friendship and care for each other are an integral part of our learning and school day.

Southdale Governing Body



OUR VISION

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Our number one aim for our Southdale family, is that we shine like stars in the universe in everything we do – we refer to this as the 'Southdale Sparkle'.

We like a challenge, never give up easily and have the highest expectations of ourselves and others.

Our Christian values underpin the life of our school and we constantly show kindness and respect, so that everyone feels happy, safe and valued.



OUR AIMS

- To cultivate a **caring community with a Christian ethos**, in which people of all faiths and beliefs feel secure, calm, valued and respected. A community in which everyone can work as a team, supporting, encouraging and praising all achievement - creating a happy, caring school, where success is celebrated and mistakes are learned from.
- To provide an **outstanding education** for all children through a curriculum that is exciting, stimulating, challenging, and which builds self-confidence.
- To provide **high quality teaching and learning** for all pupils, at all stages of their learning.
- To **raise standards of attainment** through secure progress for all children.
- To secure the **best quality teaching and learning** for children and young people through a sustainable model of developing support staff, teaching assistants, teachers and school leaders.
- To establish a **modern, vibrant and inspiring learning environment** in which the physical, personal, social and intellectual potential of all members of the school community are developed to the full.
- To strive for excellence and set the **highest expectations** for all members of the school community.
- To sustain a **community spirit**, with parents, pupils and staff working in partnership, and with respect for each other.

Ensuring our children are 'fit for their future'

During their time at Southdale, we will ensure that every child will:

- Feel loved, cared for, valued and happy
- Be respected, listened to and safe
- Take part in a public performance & presentation
- Have opportunities for their work to be displayed in school
- Have the opportunity to create visual media
- Collaborate with children in other schools
- Take part in educational visits that enhance learning
- Experience outdoor education during a residential visit
- Use a diverse range of software in creative ways
- Participate in a wide range of sporting activities and play as part of a team
- Learn how to swim
- Further develop their literacy, numeracy and computing skills
- Learn how to create a functional item for a specific purpose
- Learn and apply basic cooking and nutrition skills
- Grow, tend and nurture a plant
- Be prepared for an emergency
- Learn a language
- Have responsibility and act as a leader
- Experience live music
- Learn to recycle and reduce waste
- Enjoy a hands on musical curriculum and learn to play an instrument
- Learn road safety
- Visit a place of worship
- Raise money for charity
- Learn by doing and participating
- Work independently, as part of a group, the class or school team
- Share learning with parents and family members
- Take part in opportunities to develop self-confidence and self-worth
- Have ownership of their learning
- Contribute ideas and skills across a range of topics
- Have a thirst for, and love of learning



During their time at Southdale every child will take part in a public performance...

Our curriculum is exciting, meaningful and relevant.

Our approaches to Teaching and Learning lead to high engagement within a narrative curriculum. We know that outstanding teaching is the key to outstanding learning, within a curriculum where we engage our learners. On a daily basis, we endeavour to inspire, engage and challenge within learning experiences that are enriched with excitement and variation.

Southdale provides a lively environment for your child to have rich experiences in: computing, music, art, drama, dance, sports, and so much more. We also promote an understanding and respect for our diverse, multi-cultural world.

The school is proud to provide immersive education, where children spend the full afternoon working on a range of activities and tasks linked to a single narrative immersion. This form of teaching supports pupils in their learning of History, Geography, Science and sports.

We will also provide pupils with the opportunity to cook in our own cookery room and take part in gardening and wildlife projects through our outdoors areas.

Educational Visits

Day visits are organised for each year group, supporting learning in history, science, geography and religious education. We also organise residential visits for our Year 3, 4, 5 and Year 6 children.

Extra-Curricular Activities

We further enrich the curriculum by providing a variety of lunch time and after school activities including clubs for Football, Netball, Gymnastics, Dance, Drama, Choir and Computing.

Inter House events

All of our pupils, and staff, are members of school houses; Red, Yellow, Green and Blue. Over the course of the year these houses compete against each other in friendly events that support the building of team skills and co-operation between the age groups. The year culminates in our inter house sports day.



**We believe
that the education
provided at Southdale
fully prepares our children
to continue their
journey of success
at secondary school.**



School Uniform

The Southdale School uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to our ethos and sense of pride. Sweatshirts and cardigans with the school logo are available for purchase from The Box (authorised sellers). Black shoes are compulsory (trainers and boots are not allowed). Long hair (long enough to be put in a bobble), must be tied back. Jewellery must be limited to stud earrings and watches.

School uniform details:

- Red sweatshirt or cardigan with the school logo
- Black trousers/shorts, skirt or pinafore dress
- Black or white socks/tights
- **In summer**, girls may wear a red and white checked or striped dress. Most items are available from popular chain stores or supermarkets.

Kit required for Physical Education:

- Indoor lessons: Black P.E. shorts, white t-shirt
- Outdoor lessons: As for indoor, with the inclusion of pumps or trainers.
- **During winter** (or inclement weather) plain black or navy blue sweatshirt and tracksuit bottoms can be worn.

We would be so grateful if you would ensure that all clothing is marked with your child's name.

Attendance

Please inform the school of the reason for a child's absence as soon as possible. We would be grateful if parents could contact us on the first day of absence before 9.30am. This contact can be by note, in person, or a telephone call where you can speak to the office staff or leave a message on the answer machine. As the safety of our pupils is paramount, you will be contacted if we have concerns about the whereabouts of your child.

The gates will open at 8:45am where children are welcomed onto the playground. The bell will ring at 8:55am so learning can promptly start at 9.00am. Pupils arriving after 9.10am will receive a late mark in the register.

In partnership with our feeder Infant schools, we firmly believe that there are links between attendance and attainment. Southdale Attendance Policy states that holidays taken in school time will NOT be authorised.

Leave for medical or dental appointments, music or dance exams is authorised where confirmation has been received by the school office, from the parent by note or telephone call.



Our Staff Team

Headteacher:

Mrs K. Partington

Deputy Head Teacher:

Mr S Blake

Assistant Head:

Mrs R Mohebi

SENCO:

Mrs R Randall

School Business Manager:

Mrs S Jones

Teaching Staff

Mr S Blake

Mrs R Donnelly

Miss S Fitchett

Mr M Fox

Mrs J Gray-Battye

Mrs L Helliwell

Miss K Mallinson

Mr A. Mills

Mrs R Mohebi

Mrs R Randall

Miss Z Ryan

Miss L Stott

Miss A Sugden

Miss J Townend

Support Staff

Mrs C Beanland

Mrs S Burrill

Mrs S Chalkley

Mrs J Cooper (HLTA) –
Maternity Leave

Mrs J Dundon

Mr D Krische-Duenas

Mrs V McGuirk

Miss C Noonan

Mrs J Skipworth (HLTA)

Mrs V Smith

Mrs J Smithson

Mrs A Thomas

Mrs C Wilson (HLTA)

Miss J Woolley

Lunchtime Supervisors

Miss V Davies

Mrs S Gibbins

Mrs L Harrington

Mr J Nash

Mrs D Porteus

Mrs G Shortland

Admin. Staff:

Mrs A Payne and Miss R Mallas

Caretaker:

Mr S Dundon

Our Governing Body

Acting Chair:

Mrs K Wilkinson

Vice Chair:

Mrs K Wilkinson (Foundation)

Mrs K. Partington (Headteacher)

Mr S Blake (Deputy Headteacher)

Mrs W Anderson (Parent)

Miss A Bentley (Co-opted)

Mrs J Bootland (Parent)

Mrs M Cammack (Co-opted)

Mr A Falconer (Parent)

Mr V Foster (Co-opted)

Mr D Frimpong-Manso
(Associate)

Mr S Hogger (Co-opted)

Mrs S Jones (Co-opted)

Rev. D Nash (Foundation)

Mrs P Reynolds (Co-opted)

Mrs G Robertson (Foundation)

Miss L Stott (Staff Governor)

Term dates 2018-19

Autumn Term 2018	
Monday 3rd September	INSET DAY
Tuesday 4th September	School opens
Thursday 25th October	School closes for half term
Friday 26th October	INSET DAY
Monday 5th November	School opens
Friday 21st December	School closed for the Christmas Holidays
Spring Term 2019	
Monday 7th January	School opens
Friday 15th February	School closes for the half term
Monday 25th February	School opens
Friday 5th April	School closes for Easter
Summer Term 2019	
Tuesday 23rd April	School opens
Thursday 2nd May	INSET DAY
Friday 24th May	School closes for half term
Monday 3th June	School opens
Friday 19 July	School closes for the summer holiday

Policies

All key school policies are available on the school web site (www.southdalecofe.co.uk) including Admissions, Charging, Homework, Safeguarding & Child Protection, Complaints, and Behaviour & Discipline.



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