



The Whiteoak Academies of Hannah More Infants and Grove Juniors

Prospectus



Planting dreams. Nurturing hearts. Growing minds.



A Very Warm Welcome



As Executive Headteacher of the Whiteoak Academies, I would like to extend to you the warmest of welcomes to our family of schools. The Whiteoak Academies of Hannah More Infants and Grove Juniors are thriving schools with a friendly and caring atmosphere. We believe that every child deserves a high quality education and we strive to ensure that every day there is something that inspires and excites; something to talk and smile about at the end of the day.

I am excited to welcome you to our schools and to share with you the wonderful opportunities we can offer your child. Together, we are totally committed to supporting each and every child become the very best they can be and we strive to offer a broad range of learning opportunities that will deepen their understanding of themselves and open a doorway to the world so that they are ready to create a thriving future for themselves and for others.

We know and understand that primary education is a hugely important piece of all children's lives and we would be honoured to share some of the first few steps of your child's life and learning with you. Should you require any further information or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us directly.

Mr Duncan Cook,
Executive Headteacher

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Planting dreams



Nurturing hearts

Growing minds



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“Our school is fun and everyone is kind to each other.”
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A Family of Schools

Our Motto and Aims

**Planting dreams.
Nurturing hearts.
Growing minds.**



As a family of schools, we aim to:

- Create a warm, safe and inclusive environment so that all children and staff can flourish.
- Encourage the highest possible standards in all we do by supporting every child to be the very best they can be.
- Provide a rich, broad and balanced curriculum to engage and excite all children.
- Encourage children to be reflective and become curious, independent, resilient learners – recognising strength in themselves and others and persevering in the face of challenge.
- Develop the highest possible standards of teaching and learning by supporting staff and governors with excellent professional development and training opportunities.
- Develop strong and effective partnerships between families, school and the wider community so that everyone in our school family can thrive.
- Open a doorway to the world to help empower our children to become humble, compassionate global citizens who know that they matter, understand that they belong and recognise that they can make a difference now.
- Plant dreams, nurture hearts and grow minds in the hope that our children become kind, respectful young people ready to create a thriving future for themselves and for others.

Our motto and aims are brought to life for everyone in our family of schools through our vivid vision so that...

The future for our family of schools is clear today.

Our Vivid School Vision

At the Whiteoak Academies, our vivid vision has been very carefully crafted so that the vision and aims for our schools are free from ambiguity. The purpose of our vision is to help create true alignment and amazing results so that everyone in our family of schools and beyond is clear about our future and the exciting direction we are headed.

As a family of schools, our vision is to continue to grow and develop our warm, safe and inclusive environment so that all children and staff can flourish. Key to our work is that our motto and vision are embraced by everyone and underpinned by our core values so there is a collective understanding that every day we strive to be better and nurture each and every individual to be the very best they can be.

We aim to help children act with integrity and respect so that they embrace and celebrate diversity and understand our rich cultural history. We seek to develop strong and effective partnerships between families, school and the wider community and empower our children to become humble, compassionate global citizens. At the heart of all we do is that we strive to ensure our children know that they matter, understand that they belong and recognise that they can make a difference now.

Our curriculum and enrichment activities are designed to ensure our children develop strong roots with an excellent grasp of the basics needed for success. Alongside this, we will endeavour to engage and excite all children in order to feed their curiosity and inspire them to dream. Together, our children are encouraged to become independent, reflective and resilient – recognising strength in themselves and others and developing perseverance in the face of challenge. Furthermore, we aim to grow lifelong learners who take pride in their efforts and create their own beautiful work in a meaningful context.

Ensuring that children are successful academically is a crucial part of education but of paramount importance is that they also learn how to live successful and happy lives where they are informed, courageous advocates of the things that matter to them. Our curriculum is designed using educational research and sequenced to give our children deep, coherent knowledge that will empower them to know where they came from, who they are and what they might become. Underpinning this are the key concepts of being and belonging: being hopeful, considerate human beings who will shape a positive future for themselves and others and understanding how they belong to their community and the world.

“I love our school. This is exactly the type of school I always wanted to work in.”

Whiteoak Staff Team Member



As a staff team and governing body, we strive to ensure that we develop the highest possible standards of teaching and learning and we seek to support our staff and governors to grow with excellent professional development and training opportunities. Across our family of schools, we also aim to establish high levels of professional trust and integrity where everyone understands the Whiteoak vision, knows their role within it and commits to doing their very best for everyone in our family of schools.

There are also exciting plans for our environment which will become even more inviting and modern and provide the best conditions to nurture and grow success. Collectively, we take responsibility and shared ownership for creating the conditions necessary for everyone to flourish. We will bring to life our values based culture and aim to continually improve so that we can leave the world a better place.

At the Whiteoak Academies, we **plant dreams, nurture hearts and grow minds** in the hope that our children become compassionate, respectful young people, ready to make a difference and ready to create a thriving future for themselves and for others.

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Our School Values



Our values underpin everything we do.

First Steps – Foundation Stage

Starting Life in our Family of Schools

Starting school is a very special moment in any child's life. At the Whiteoak Academies, we recognise that all children are unique and while, for some, starting school is an exciting time of discovery and adventure, for others, it can be a nervous time too. While this is very natural, our aim is to make the transition into primary school as smooth and positive as possible for all our children and their families.

Children enter school in the year when they turn five and join one of our two Foundation Stage (Reception) classes. We get to know our children extremely well through visits to school in the summer before they start, nursery visits, stay & play sessions, mini music makers and invitations to watch whole school productions and performances. Children start gradually and in small groups so that each child feels confident and safe with their classroom staff and new friends.

Our children's curiosity and interests are nurtured and encouraged through play with each child building on their own knowledge and experiences. Children spend time in their classroom, our outdoor areas and in shared breakout areas. We observe and listen to children carefully, supporting their learning so that every child makes great progress. We take photographs to capture their learning and experiences which we share with you through Tapestry (our online learning journal and communication tool).

When children reach the summer term of their Foundation Stage Year, our brilliant team work closely together to ensure a smooth transition into Year 1.



**“The start to school
has been so successful.
Thank you to your
wonderful staff team.”
Reception Parent**

A Flying Start



The Whiteoak's Curriculum

Our Curriculum Vision

At the Whiteoak Academies, our curriculum is the heart of who we are and everything we do. Guided and shaped by our motto (**Planting Dreams. Nurturing hearts. Growing minds.**) our vision and school values, we strive to design and build a curriculum that gives our children a deep and connected knowledge and understanding of who they are, where they have come from and what they might become.

“Watch with glittering eyes the whole world around you...”
Roald Dahl



As a school family, we recognise that improving educational outcomes is the biggest way we can positively impact our children's futures. However, we believe strongly that education is much more than just a set of results. It includes children's intellectual development, social and emotional development, citizenship and responsibility, happiness and success. We strive for our vision to be lived in the way teachers develop the curriculum and the way children experience it. We want a curriculum that is effectively designed and implemented, that is true to subjects' core content and concepts, develops a love of lifelong learning and creates beautiful work, expertise, fascination and wonder.



Our Curriculum Aims



Knowledgeable & Curious



Respectful & Compassionate



Independent & Fulfilled

Our generation plants the trees, another gets the shade.

Chinese proverb

Our Curriculum Design

At the Whiteoak Academies, we strive to ensure our curriculum and enrichment activities are designed to help our children develop strong roots with an excellent grasp of the basics needed for success. Ensuring that children are successful academically is a crucial part of education but also of paramount importance is that they also learn how to live successful and happy lives where they are informed, courageous advocates of the things that matter to them. At our family of schools, our curriculum is designed to give our children the opportunity to explore philosophical questions and important issues whilst considering how they can make a difference.

Our curriculum is designed and sequenced to give our children deep, coherent knowledge that will empower them to know where they came from, who they are and what they might become. Knowledge and understanding is developed and revisited within year groups, across subjects and throughout the school. As our children grow and build their knowledge and understanding, they are supported and challenged to apply what they know in increasingly complex ways. Ultimately, our curriculum is designed with the aim that our children know more, remember more and are able to do more with their knowledge as they progress through our family of schools.

“I’m glad I came to this school, the teachers have helped me a lot.”

Year 3 Child





Create, Perform, Play



Follow your dreams

At the Whiteoak Academies, we recognise and celebrate the fact that every child is unique. All children have different interests and skills and we celebrate the character of each individual child and their personal achievements.

As a family of schools, we strive to help each individual child know and understand that they belong so that they can help to create a thriving future for themselves and for others.



A heart in the community

Outside the classroom, there are a wealth of opportunities to contribute to the wider life of the school and beyond. We have both a School Council and an Eco Council and have been awarded both the Gold School Games Award for sport and PE and the Bronze Award for Eco-Schools. We have also started the Big Award for anti-bullying and are proud of our strong school family and community links. In particular, our children join pop-in sessions for the younger retired at Holy Trinity Church and we often invite members of the local community into school.





“You have magical powers and have inspired my child to learn.” **Year 1 Parent**

Working in Partnership

At The Whiteoak Academies, we aim to make every day special in some way. By working together, we believe we can ensure that we give our children the very best start possible. Parents are valued and encouraged to take an active role in their child's learning at school. Our staff are always on hand to answer any queries or concerns you may have regarding your child. From before your child starts at school, we aim to establish a mutually supportive and respectful relationship with all our parents, with trust and respect at the heart of all we do.

In November, prospective parents/carers are invited to attend an evening meeting which outlines the admissions process and gives an insight into the exciting opportunities which lie in store for children starting school with us in September. Throughout your child's time at school, we aim to keep parents informed and involved in a positive way, by working in partnership together in order to help every pupil achieve their full potential socially, emotionally and academically. We also greatly appreciate and value the considerable help and support given by parents and volunteers on a daily basis supporting activities in the classroom and around the school.

WOWSA

The Whiteoak Way School Association

We have a wonderful School Association, to which all parents belong automatically. The committee organises fund raising and social events for both adults and children. The association is a registered charity. We believe a supportive partnership between home and school is an essential ingredient for all children at school and that they need to be aware of positive, friendly co-operation between their parents and teachers. The WOWSA fund raising events provide a high level of resources and substantial extra-curricular opportunities which benefit all pupils e.g. theatre visits in school, playground apparatus, additional curriculum resources and books.



Wrap-around care



Wrap-around childcare during term time is run on our school site by Premier Sports. Active Start is available from 7.45-8.55am and Active Play is run from 3.15-6.00pm.

Please contact kbranson@premier-education.com for more information or visit the Premier Sports website:
<https://www.premier-education.com/parents/>

Room to **GROW** and Explore

This is an exciting time for everyone at the Whiteoak Academies. There are extensive plans to enhance and develop our premises, including new buildings for our KS2 library and music provision and refurbishing classrooms. In addition to our classrooms and breakout spaces, the school has two halls used for PE, assemblies and productions, two libraries and a large computer suite.



We are also very lucky to have fantastic grounds for our children to enjoy and explore as well as access to Morgan's hill, open moorland and wooded paths. Indeed, our children enjoy numerous playgrounds, a range of outdoor play equipment and trim trail, a large school field, willow den and wooded and quiet areas, including forest school and regular wellie walks in the local environment.

'The school is a safe and happy environment.'

Year 5 Parent

Local Governing Board

The Local Governing Board work in close partnership with staff and parents with the principle aim of ensuring that all children receive a high quality education consistent with our school vision and aims and within a secure and healthy environment.

The Lighthouse Schools Partnership Board of Trustees is the statutory Governing Body for the Whiteoak Academies and all other LSP schools. Our Local Governing Body works within the LSP agreed scheme of delegation.

Whilst the LGB meet regularly to oversee the strategic progress of our schools, they encourage parents to approach classroom staff and/or Mr Cook to try to resolve any difficulties or concerns they have regarding either their child's education or the wider running of the school. Mr Cook is on the LGB, and Governors work very closely with staff.

Lighthouse Schools Partnership

The Whiteoak Academies are proud members of the Lighthouse Schools Partnership and joined the Trust in 2018. The Lighthouse Schools Partnership is a Multi-Academy Trust with schools across the age range from Nursery to Sixth Form. The Trust includes both community and Church of England schools and has three Teaching Schools among its number. The Trust's primary aims are to promote collaboration between schools to ensure excellence for children and young people. Furthermore, the Trust strives to make the professional development of teaching staff a top priority whilst ensuring each school maintains their individual character and distinctiveness.

Full details of the Trust and their work can be found on their website:

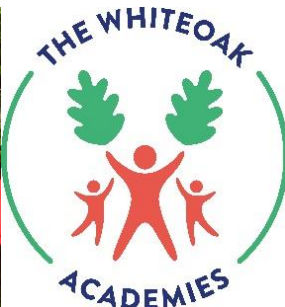
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Admissions



North Somerset Council make arrangements for the admission of children to The Whiteoak Academies of Hannah More Infants and Grove Juniors.

Both Hannah More Infants and Grove Juniors have a published admissions number of 60 children in two classes.

In order for children to have the best possible start to school in the Foundation Stage (Reception), we stagger entry during the first few weeks of September. We believe this gives children, teachers and parents more positive opportunities to get to know each other and to established a settled routine.

Details of all admission arrangements are available from North Somerset Council.

Apply online:
www.n-somerset.gov.uk

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Enquiries

If you would like to know more about our family of schools, please visit our website or contact us using the details below:

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