



# Sandymoor Ormiston Academy

Year 7 Parent information 2023-24

# Welcome

I am exceptionally proud to be Principal of this wonderful school; we stand at the heart of our community and in the words of our students, 'We are a family'.

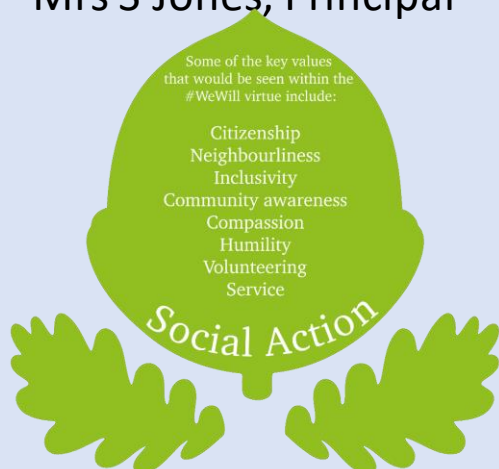
Over the years we have gone from strength to strength, and I am delighted with the progress we continue to make to becoming one of the best schools in the area in terms of progress, attendance, and behaviour. We are now hugely over-subscribed.

Being a smaller school, we know our students inside-out and always put them at the heart of our decisions. We work exceptionally hard to provide a student-centred, personalised, and innovative learning environment preparing our students with the character and leadership skills to lead happy, healthy, and successful futures. Being a Liverpool City Region Careers Hub, we actively support our students to pursue the career of their dreams; we instil in all of them that their dreams are within reach.

Our curriculum extends well beyond the classroom walls. We actively encourage all our students to develop their cultural learning through opportunities to travel, read, debate, participate in and achieve additional qualifications. We are firmly dedicated to our values of pride, resilience, curiosity and self-belief which emanate through our academy on a daily basis.

Every parent and carer, me included, want to know that the school their child belongs to is a safe place where they can flourish. I pledge that the most important of my endeavours is to make a deep and genuine difference in the lives of our children, now and for their future.

Mrs S Jones, Principal



# Vision and Values

“Making a difference both inside and outside the classroom”



- Ambition, Resilience, Pride and Social Action
- These are our core Sandymoor values and we endeavour to instil in all young people from the moment they join our family. As an Academy we all strive...
- To be AMBITIOUS in our thoughts
- To become stronger through RESILIENCE
- To have PRIDE in all we do and say
- To be committed to SOCIAL ACTION
- We take pride in being the school where every child believes that for them, anything is possible.

Some of the key values that would be seen within the Enrichment virtue include:

Confidence  
Team work  
Determination  
Independence  
Perseverance  
Motivation  
Leadership

Resilience

Some of the key values that would be seen within the Curriculum virtue include:

Reflection  
Pursuit of the mind  
Desire to learn  
Critical thinking  
Resourcefulness  
Creativity  
Autonomy  
Curiosity

Ambition

# Ethos

## “Demonstrating PRIDE at Sandymoor”



### Behaviour

- Behaviour for learning at Sandymoor Ormiston Academy is exceptionally positive. We endeavour actively to remove barriers as best we can.
- Each year group is led by a Head of Year, supported by a team of Form Tutors.

### Attendance

- Excellent attendance and punctuality is extremely important to enable our students to achieve their very best.
- In the event you do need to report your child's absence, please do so before 8:30am. Our Attendance/Family Liaison Officer.
- Due to the significant impact that absence has on student achievement and progress, holidays during term-time will not be authorised.
- Call 01928 571217 or email: [attendance@sandymooroa.co.uk](mailto:attendance@sandymooroa.co.uk)



# Uniform

## “Demonstrating PRIDE at Sandymoor”

### School uniform



Navy Sandymoor blazer

Plain white shirt

Navy and grey Sandymoor tartan skirt or charcoal trousers

Navy or grey socks / tights (no patterns or stripes)

Sandymoor tie

Plain black, smart shoes

A black, navy or grey school bag for equipment

Navy religious coverings  
Navy hair accessories

Plain, navy V neck jumper which shows the knot of the tie (optional)



### PE uniform

Sandymoor logo T-Shirt (compulsory)

Plain navy blue or Sandymoor logo shorts

Plain navy blue PE leggings or tracksuit pants (optional but recommended for outdoor lessons in winter). Plain navy blue base layer may also be worn.

Plain navy blue, full or quarter zip training top (optional but recommended for outdoor lessons in winter). Items with the academy logo are available if you prefer.

Navy sports socks

Trainers (non-marking soles)

Football/rugby boots



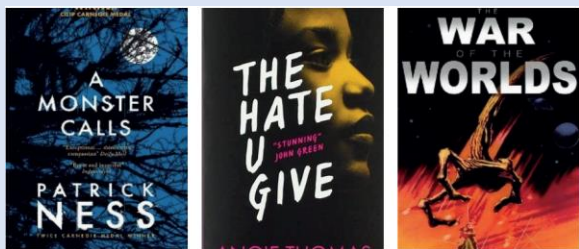
- We are exceptionally proud of how our students present themselves each and every day. Our branded uniform is exclusively available from the following supplier:
- Touchline, Liverpool Road, Warrington, WA5 1AE.
- Tel: 01925 413777
- Email: sandymoorschool@touchline-embroidery.com
- Please ensure that all items of clothing and personal property are labelled with names.

# Reading for Betterment

## Expanding minds”

Reading is an essential life skill that all of our children should be supported with. Our philosophy of ‘reading for betterment’ places reading right at the centre of our curriculum. We aim to nurture and inspire all students to become life-long readers.

We read together twice per week for 20 minutes; enjoying a vast array of novels which expose students to a variety of genres. We actively encourage literacy skills within our classrooms through our 6 Pillars of Literacy.



## Oracy

### “Our voices are heard”

Our students are empowered to use their voice for success in school and in life. We teach them to become more effective speakers and listeners and in doing so we encourage them to better understand themselves, each other and the world around them.

Our students are encouraged to actively participate in lessons through debate and enquiry. We offer a wide variety of oracy-based opportunities e.g. ‘Make yourself heard’, ‘Debate Mate’ and Student Council. Students from all years participate in annual elections for Halton and Trust-wide representation.

# How are we ready to learn at Sandymoor Ormiston Academy?

- Walk on the left in corridors
- Hold doors open
- Coats off the building
- Move calmly through the building
- Arrive at lessons promptly
- Tuck chairs in
- Tidy up your workspace
- Tidy up your table in the canteen
- Pick up litter in any area you use
- Demonstrate mutual respect to all staff and students
- Our ethos of 'united family' of PRIDE or being kind, respectful etc exist outside our premises stands.
- Students are representing the school and their family.
- Behaviours can be sanctioned if they occur off site.
- Demonstrate 'PRIDE' on a daily basis

We place great emphasis on being ready to learn. We ask that parents ensure their child is fully equipped everyday with:

- Pencil and eraser
- Pens - black, blue and green
- Ruler
- 180 protractor
- Compass
- Scientific calculator
- Water bottle (this can be filled at school)



# Personal Development

## “Going beyond the expected”

- Enrichment for All
- We ensure all of our students have opportunities to build their knowledge, skills and understanding through enrichment. Each subject area gives students the opportunity to go beyond the expected as well as offering an extensive array of enrichment clubs and events

### Example of clubs

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Badminton	Art	Basketball	Art	Animal Care
Dance	Basketball	Dance	Badminton	Art
Debate Mate	Dance	Debate Mate	Chemistry Club	Chemistry Club
Drama	Debate Mate	Duke of Edinburgh	Engineering	Computer Science/IT
Drum Club	Drama	Football	Enterprise	English
Cookery Club	Drum Club	Humanities Club	Football	Enterprise
Football	Football	International Film Club	Library Club	Food
Gaming	Guitar Club	Library Club	Self-Defence Club	Football
Guitar Club	Humanities Club	Maths Problem Solving	STEM Club	Geography
Humanities Club	International Film Club	Netball		History
International Film Club	Library Club	Self-Defence Club		Library Club
Library Club	Maths Problem Solving	STEM Club		Maths
Maths Problem Solving	Netball			Maths Problem Solving
Netball	Science Club			Music
Science Club	Self-Defence Club			Science
Self-Defence Club				Self-Defence Club
				Spanish
				Textiles
				Triple Science



# How do we safeguard at Sandymoor Ormiston Academy?

If you have any concerns, please call us on 01928 571217 or email [safeguarding@sandymooroa.co.uk](mailto:safeguarding@sandymooroa.co.uk)

The aim of our Child Protection Policy is to ensure that effective measures are in place to safeguard children from any potential risk of harm.

## **Safeguarding Team**

All of our Safeguarding team are highly visible by their rainbow lanyard.

## **Safer Schools App**

Access up-to-date, age-appropriate guidance on staying safe, learn how to block, report and set safety settings across each social media platform.

### Students

Search 'Safer Schools' in the app store and select 'Sandymoor Ormiston Academy' - click 'Continue' and enter the 4 digit code: 1544

### Parents

Search 'Safer Schools' in the app store and select 'Sandymoor Ormiston Academy' - click 'Continue' and enter the 4 digit code: 7675

## **Staying Safe Online**

The internet can be an interesting and fun place to spend time, it can also be a dangerous place if you are not sensible and/or don't know how to stay safe online. We actively teach our students about personal security guidelines, which includes: Never revealing personal information, about themselves or others, such as home addresses, telephone numbers and personal e-mail addresses etc. Never using photographs of themselves on their web pages unless parents/guardians have given permission to do so. Never meeting people in person that they have contacted on the internet without a parent/guardian's permission. Notify their teacher whenever they come across information that appears dangerous, inappropriate,

or makes them feel uncomfortable. Be aware that the author of an e-mail or web page may not be the person they claim to be.

## **Digital Safeguarding**

We teach our students how to keep safe online through their Personal Development and Computer Science schemes. We ask parents to be vigilant ensuring their child is safe online; we support this via Synergy and our social media platforms.

## **Medicines**

If your child is required to take prescribed medication, we ask that these are brought in and handed to reception with a completed a form. If a student is on prescription medication which they must take daily, we ask you keep enough in stock both at home and in school. Your child should not have any medication on their person; it must be stored securely.

## **Nut free school**

Please ensure you do not send any nut based products into school due to students with severe allergies.

## **Aerosol free**

Students must bring in roll on deodorant or non-aerosol sprays, to support other students with asthma or breathing difficulties.



Money can be paid via Parentmail for students to be able to buy their school lunches, print documents or pay for trips or visits.

Parents are asked to contact form tutors or reception as their first port of call.



Students can purchase a locker for a deposit of £10 so lunch and PE kits can be stored in there until needed.





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