



TUXFORD
— Primary Academy —

Welcome to
Tuxford Primary Academy



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Welcome from the Principal

Tuxford Primary Academy is a welcoming place to learn. We are proud of our hard-working pupils and staff, and our community feel. Each of our classrooms are vibrant learning environments that focus on individual successes and team goals.

We offer a broad curriculum that will provide your child with a wide range of opportunities, enabling them to develop morally, socially and academically. Our strong culture of tolerance also ensures that children adopt respectful behaviours and build positive relationships.

We encourage each of our pupils to develop a love for learning, so that they are keen to find out more. We encourage them to develop the capacity to learn from mistakes, and reward effort, achievement and good behaviour at every opportunity.

Outside of the normal academy day, there's a wide selection of extracurricular activities to get involved in, allowing your child to develop a variety of skills, as well as providing opportunities to develop new interests. These include music tuition, sports clubs and creative arts.

As a child's first educator, it's very important to us that we are able work in partnership with our parents and carers. We want to ensure that you feel part of our academy community and are involved in your child's learning and development.

If you would like to visit and have a look around for yourself, please contact us to arrange a tour of the academy.

We look forward to welcoming you.



Jo Witham
Principal



Preparing for a
bright tomorrow

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Our vision and values

We offer an exciting learning community which has high aspirations for all children and promotes self-belief. We appreciate our similarities and celebrate our differences. We provide much more than just an education, nurturing the whole child and preparing them for the future by enabling them to understand themselves and others.

Our golden values

- Be gentle
- Be kind and helpful
- Be honest
- Always try your best
- Look after property
- Listen to people



We want all children to develop in a positive way during their time with us. Our staff share a dedication to delivering high standards of education, so pupils leave us at the end of their primary journey as happy, positive and well-rounded young people.

There is a determination to reach high standards of achievement with the following knowledge, skills and personal qualities:

- enthusiasm and motivation for learning
- openness to new thinking and ideas
- secure values and beliefs
- a sense of physical, mental and emotional wellbeing
- self-respect



Curriculum and support

Our curriculum aims to provide all of our children with the very best education, developing their head, heart and hand. Through setting high academic expectations, embedding strong values and offering opportunities for the application of skills, our children are well prepared for the future, love learning and ultimately have the confidence to become happy and successful adults.

Our broad and balanced curriculum:

- is knowledge-rich and based around quality texts to open up literary worlds to our children
- is sequenced and secured so that knowledge is retained with skills used fluently between subjects
- ensures that all children thrive during their first experience of school and beyond, no matter what their starting point is
- is creative and engaging – focused around themes where links in learning are rich and deep
- explicitly teaches values and character, building cultural capital with a focus on the essential knowledge that children need in order to be educated citizens
- teaches the skills and strategies they need to become independent learners
- is appropriate to the context of our academy and the differing backgrounds of our learners
- provides our children with a strong enrichment offer
- inspires our children's learning and raises their future aspirations



A day at the academy

The academy day starts at 8.45am, with a morning break and a staggered lunchtime to ensure all pupils are able to eat in comfort and with friends from their year group. The day ends at 3.10pm for key stage 1 pupils and 3.15pm for key stage 2 pupils. If they are attending one of our free extracurricular clubs, these end at 4.15pm.

Reception and key stage 1		Key stage 2	
8.40am	Academy day begins	8.40am	Academy day begins
8.45am	Registration	8.45am	Registration
9.00-10.10am	Session one	9.00-10.30am	Session one
10.10-10.25am	Break	10.30-10.45am	Break
10.30-11.30am	Session two	10.45am -12.20pm	Session two
11.30am-12.30pm	Lunch	12.20-1.15pm	Lunch
12.30-2.45pm	Session three	1.15-2.45pm	Session three
2.45pm	Assembly	2.45pm	Assembly
3.10pm	School finishes	3.15pm	School finishes

Break time

There are two playgrounds at the academy and two large fields that have plenty of use throughout the year. All playtimes are supervised by dedicated staff and we encourage wet and messy play as an important part of the social and physical development of your child.

Lunchtime

A wide range of playground games are participated in during lunchtime and we have a great team of midday supervisors to ensure all children are safe and happy.



Breakfast club

To support parents and carers, we run a breakfast club* each morning from 7.30am. Children are given a nutritious breakfast and have access to activities which are organised for them by our extended services team, including puzzles, drawing, board games and iPads. Some children use the time for daily reading or homework. Children who are eligible for Pupil Premium can attend breakfast club free of charge.

After-school club

We also offer an after-school club* five days a week from 3.15pm to 6pm. Pupils have access to a range of pre-planned and timetabled activities such as baking, painting and model making. Activities are changed every term to ensure variety and allow children to try new experiences. All children get an afternoon tea, such as a chicken wrap, soup or beans on toast, and a drink.

**Charges apply – please see our website for further details.*

Enrichment

We run a wide range of activities and clubs for our pupils and are one of the only primary academies in Nottinghamshire to offer graded ballet exams, as well as one-to-one graded music tuition. We change some of the activities that we offer on a six-weekly basis. These can include (but are not limited to):

choir | ballet | chess club | cheerleading
| quiz club | film club | iPad club
| drumming | mixed crafts | football

Admissions

At Tuxford Primary Academy, we recognise that the exciting milestone of applying for a primary school place is a very important decision. That's why we want you to have all the information you need, to make a decision that is right for your child and your family.

We offer regular tours of the academy so you can see for yourself what Tuxford Primary is all about and how happy children are here. To arrange your visit, please call **01777 870482**.

If you are then interested in applying for a place, Nottinghamshire County Council administers our admissions process. The admissions section of our website contains all the information you need, or you can visit www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/school-admissions for more information.



Diverse Academies

Tuxford Primary Academy is part of the Diverse Academies Trust – a group of academies committed to the development and improvement of schools through collaboration and partnership. Our core focus is the achievement and development of each individual student. We have an established framework of core principles and practice to which all academies subscribe, whilst maintaining and developing each academy's unique identity and individual characteristics.

For more information, visit www.dalp.org.uk





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