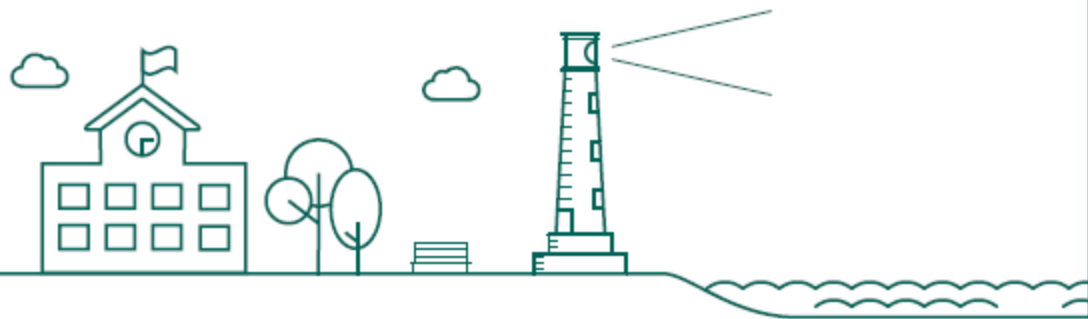




PROSPECTUS
To Care and Succeed







Welcome

Monkseaton Middle School is a small, caring and friendly place to learn.

We encourage all our children to try at all times to 'Care and Succeed'. Our School Ethos, developed by children and staff, describes our school best.



*“Being part of Monkseaton Middle School is like being part of a big family – we all care for one another and that’s really important to us
Andrew”*

Our Ethos

Every child matters at our school

We are a **family** made up of unique individuals

We are **respectful**, **trustworthy** and **responsible**

We are **supportive** and **caring**

We are **determined** to **succeed** and **learn** from
our **mistakes**

To Care and Succeed

Code of Conduct

At Monkseaton Middle School we:

Care for our LEARNING

Punctual

Prepared

Participate

Present

Care for OURSELVES and EACH OTHER

Respectful

Responsible

Resourceful

Resilient

Care for our SCHOOL

Safe

Sensible


Support

Succeed

Pastoral Care and Support

At Monkseaton Middle School, each child is a part of a Form Group.

The Form Tutor is the first point of contact for children and families every day. They meet with the children and read every morning. Form Tutors are also responsible for the welfare and care of children in their class and get to know their children very well.



“We’re so pleased with the help and support our son has received from Monkseaton Middle School – you’ve made an incredible difference to his progress and confidence.”

Parent

We actively encourage pupils and families to discuss any concerns at an early stage by contacting the Form Tutor in the first instance.

Monkseaton Middle School has two members of staff dedicated to providing pastoral support. Our Assistant Headteacher and our Pastoral Guidance Officer have expertise in family and child welfare and support is available to help families and children throughout the school day.



Academic Success

We want all our children to experience academic success, whatever their starting point.

Our curriculum is broad and ambitious, and offers every child the opportunity to succeed. Our teaching staff are highly trained and continue their study whilst at our school to ensure all children are taught using new and engaging methods of teaching in the best possible way.





I like reading to my teacher - I have improved my Reading Age by more than 15 months this year. I used to hate reading but I like the range of books in our school library.
Shane

New subjects

Children will study English, Maths, Science, Humanities, French, Computing, Art, Music, Technologies, Personal Development, Reading and PE in all year groups.

One of the most exciting features of Monkseaton Middle School is the opportunity children have to study new subjects, using a range of state of the art technologies to develop practical skills. Within Design and Technology lessons, pupils will use pillar drills, disc sanders, strip heaters and vacuum formers. Their ideas and designs are mapped out using Computer Aided Design (CAD) software and then realised through innovative equipment, such as 3D-printers and laser cutters. Children work with a range of resistant materials and hone their joinery, electronics and design skills.

Our dedicated Food Technology room enables children to cook independently and many will use their newly acquired skills as they participate in the 'Future Chef' competition.





At Christmas, we invite residents from a local care home into school to enjoy a 'Vintage Afternoon Tea', where our children have prepared all the food. These cooking skills are further developed within Science, when they participate in campfire cooking.

We have two fully equipped science labs where children will get perhaps their first experience of using Bunsen burners, dissecting pig hearts and exploring the chemicals used in fireworks. Laboratory work also involves dissolving using acids, chromatography and using a condenser for distillation. As well as the classroom-based technologies on offer, we are also very lucky to have rowing machines, which are very popular! Children can chase down personal bests, race over a set distance and even race each other on separate machines.

Children study a wide range of important life skills in Personal Development, including awareness of mental and physical health, relationships, drugs and alcohol and confidence building activities. Children help to develop the curriculum studied and they are very positive about their experiences in lessons.



I love Lego group because it helps me socialise – I don't find that easy but I can do it much better now
Kevin

Extra Curricular Clubs

Our school has a wealth of interesting clubs and activities on offer to your child throughout the year.

A wide variety of PE activities are available including Badminton, Basketball, Athletics, Football, Tennis, Dance, Cycling and Rowing. In addition, we teach children to become 'sports leaders' to work with younger children.

Other popular lunchtime clubs include First Lego League, Ukelele, Choir, Steel pans, Samba, Keyboard, ICT and Animal club.

Our school has a free daily Breakfast Club from 8am and a free after-school Homework Club, three nights per week. All of our clubs are free of charge and all children are welcome.





*I love being part of the school performances – I
wasn't very confident to begin with but now
I've got a singing role and I love it*

Emma

Enrichment

There are many opportunities that children can take part in throughout the year.

These have included Science activities at Newcastle University, visits to French and Spanish restaurants to practise language skills, local, regional and national sporting competitions, STEM work at Tynemet College, participation in the Regional Reading Festival, Coastal fieldwork with Geography, Residential trips to High Borrans outward bound centre and a French Ski trip. Further trips are planned to the French battlefields as part of our history studies.

Children are also encouraged to take part in a range of events linked to their future careers, including a careers 'speed dating' event. Helping even our youngest children to think about their future, can really bring learning to life.

Children with a talent for music, drama and arts can take part in our regular school performances. We have performed a wide range of musicals, including Joseph and Hairspray. We have also performed in musical extravaganza events at the Sage and as part of the Mouth of Tyne festival.



Reading

Our school is heavily focused on reading.

Children are assessed on entry to the school and books are recommended to them to help support their reading skills from the point indicated by the assessment. Each child has a personalised programme to help their reading improve. Children complete regular quizzes and even the most reluctant reader is enthused! Children are listened to reading regularly by Form Tutors, Teachers, Reading Volunteers and even our school dog!

Some children receive additional reading support either with one of our teaching staff or our highly trained learning support staff for reading interventions.

We ask that our families read daily with their child to help improve both their reading skills and vocabulary. This has been shown to have a huge impact on childrens attainment and ability to access their learning.





I'm a Form Rep and I think it's great that I am part of making our school even better. I'm really proud of what we have already achieved

Rachel



*“Thank you so much for everything you do to support my daughter - she has made incredible personal progress since arriving at Monkseaton Middle School. She was really nervous about leaving her first school but the staff made her feel so welcome and the older students kept checking in on her - she loved that
Parent”*



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