



Scissett Middle School

Meet the Form Tutor - 2024



This Evening



Life at Scissett
Middle School

Key members of
staff

Opportunity to
chat with the
form tutor and
pastoral team

Vision and Values

Vision

For all members of our school community to;

- Show respect
- Work hard
- Be kind

Values

A school that provides outstanding learning opportunities underpinned by a culture of Respect

Resilience

Excellence

Support

Pride

Enjoyment

Creativity

Trust



What does this look like...?



Challenge in lessons

High expectations of behaviour

High expectations of attendance

Mutual Respect and positive relationships

Safe and caring environment

Homework

Key staff



Mr Chris Taylor
Executive
Headteacher

Mrs Gill Senior
Head of School

Mrs Rachael
Onnis – Deputy
Headteacher and
SENDCO

Mrs Natalie
Hunter –
Assistant
Headteacher

Mr Joe
McQueeney
Assistant
Headteacher

Mrs Nicola
Robinson –
Assistant
Headteacher

Miss Turnbull –
Senior leader

Mr Jason Terry
Head of Year 6

Mrs Vikki Ward
– Head of Year 7

Mr James
Davidson – Head
of Year 8

Main points of contact in school



- ❖ Day-to-day communication -- Form Tutor
- ❖ Serious concern -- Head of Year (Mr Terry)
- ❖ Special Educational Needs -- Mrs Onnis (SENDCO)
- ❖ Child Protection and Safeguarding – Mrs Senior or Mrs Onnis
- ❖ Academic -- Subject Teacher or Subject Leader

- ❖ If you are unable to resolve an issue, you can contact a senior member of staff - the link Senior Leader for Year 6 is Mrs Hunter.

A typical day



Day starts at 8.55
(Pupils enter at
8.50am)

25 minutes
Pastoral time each
morning

20 minutes of
reading each
afternoon

1 hour of Literacy
and Numeracy
every day

20 minute
morning break

1 hour lunch
break

Specialist teachers
in all subjects,
including Music
and Drama

Various lunchtime
clubs available
every day.

Homework is
limited to Maths
and English prior
to SATS.

School day
finishes at 3.35pm

What does your child need to bring?



- ❖ A bag big enough to hold an A4 folder – ideally a rucksack.
- ❖ PE kit on days when they have PE or clubs/fixtures
- ❖ A pencil case with the following equipment:
 - ❖ Pen (blue or black and a green pen)
 - ❖ Pencil
 - ❖ Ruler
 - ❖ Whiteboard pen
 - ❖ Rubber
 - ❖ Glue stick
 - ❖ Compass
 - ❖ Calculator
 - ❖ Protractor

Pastoral Care



- ❖ We are very lucky to have a larger than average Pastoral Team to meet the wider social and emotional needs of our pupils.
- ❖ Pastoral care begins with the Form Tutor and this should always be your first point of contact.

In addition;

- ❖ 3 Heads of Year who have sole responsibility for a Year Group but very much operate as a team (Mrs Ward, Mr Davidson and Mr Terry).
- ❖ Full time, non-teaching Inclusion manager who supports the Head of Year team
- ❖ Full-time emotional well-being counsellor and family support worker – Mrs West
- ❖ Full time SEMH support and intervention worker – Mrs Hodgson
- ❖ Youth Mental Health First Aider and Mentor – Miss Parojcic
- ❖ School Nurse - Every Wednesday lunchtime time and afternoon - Mrs Steph Hoyland

What does positive behaviour look like?



Conduct

- ❖ Polite and well mannered
- ❖ Punctual to lessons and ready to learn
- ❖ Allowing everyone to concentrate and do their best in lessons
- ❖ Working with everyone and anyone
- ❖ Respectful of everyone and accepting of difference
- ❖ Managing personal behaviour and choices.
- ❖ Adheres fully to uniform rules.

Behaviour for Learning

- ❖ Resilient – doesn't give up
- ❖ Thrives on challenges
- ❖ Sees errors as an opportunity to learn
- ❖ Determination to improve - engaging with written and verbal feedback
- ❖ Organised and ready to learn
- ❖ Drives their own learning and shows independence of thought

Rewards and Sanctions



Rewards



Positive Behaviour points will be awarded when pupils meet and exceed the behaviour expectations.



Points are recorded on Classcharts and can be spent by pupils in the reward shop.



There will be a planned reward for pupils at the end of each term.

Sanctions

Sanctions will be issued where pupils' behaviour falls below the expectations in school and they have been unable to respond appropriately with sufficient warning and support.

Pupils will be removed from lessons if their behaviour impacts on the learning or safety of others. Lunchtime and afterschool detentions apply.

Parents and carers will be invited into school to discuss any of our more serious sanctions should this be required

Attendance and Punctuality



Always aim for 100%



Reporting an absence – this should be done directly to the school office and by 8.30am. Failure to report an absence may result in home visits.



Government policy has been updated and we will share detailed guidance around term time holidays and persistent absenteeism when our policy is ratified.



Punctuality plays a key part in a pupils' attitude to learning. Punctuality to school and individual lessons is monitored closely.

Uniform



Black tailored trousers or skirt (knee length – pleated or skater style only). Tailored school shorts may be worn.



A white shirt (long or short sleeved)



A school tie



A school jumper (may be removed in warm weather)



Black shoes (no sports trainers, sports pumps or logos – please refer to school website)



We understand that sometimes things happen and children do not have an item of uniform. School will keep spare uniform for pupils in these cases for them to borrow.

PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING!!

Uniform



School brand PE kit, or full Navy PE kit only



No extreme hair cuts



No fake tan.



No make up



No false eyelashes or false nails



One pair of stud earrings – worn in the earlobe. No other piercings are allowed in school.

School Meals



The meal system is a self-service system offering a wide choice. We will be sending out menus as soon as they are available. Previous menus are available to view on Facebook. Meals will cost £2.70.

We operate a cashless system for payment which speeds up the service at lunchtime.

Pupils activate the account by a thumb or fingerprint.

At the till, children activate their account and the cost of the meal is deducted as they pass through the checkout.

The school opens at 8am for Breakfast Club. Your child can purchase hot drinks, cereal, toast, milk and fruit juice amongst other things.

At morning break pupils will have the opportunity to buy snacks.

Travelling to and from school



Whilst travelling on the bus, children are expected to behave in a responsible and considerate manner. If irresponsible behaviour occurs, there will be consequences for those pupils concerned, which may include a ban on travelling on school transport for serious or repeated incidents.

In the event of a bus breaking down it is important that children remain with the bus until a replacement comes or an adult is able to collect them.

Parking in the bus bay - please allow space for the buses to turn into the bus bay, park and leave.

The behaviour policy applies whenever a pupil is wearing the Scissett Middle School Uniform.

Mobile Phones



Can be brought to school on the condition they are placed in the phone box at the beginning of the day and are not turned on whilst on school premises.

This is to preserve learning and safeguard children.

At times, such as on trips or during homework club, phones may be allowed under strict supervision and at the discretion of the adult in charge.



Medication

- All medical information and medications are held centrally in the school office.
- If your child has any medication, please ensure it is taken to the school office, clearly labelled.
- Medication, such as paracetamol should not be carried around school with pupils.
- Any pupil who requires an inhaler or epi-pen should have this about their person in addition to a spare in the office.
- Any questions please contact Mrs Frances Thornton in the school office.





Thank you

For choosing Scissett Middle School

Mrs Senior and Mrs Onnis will be available in the entrance hall for any queries or private conversations regarding Safeguarding or Additional needs.