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Welcome to

Westbury School

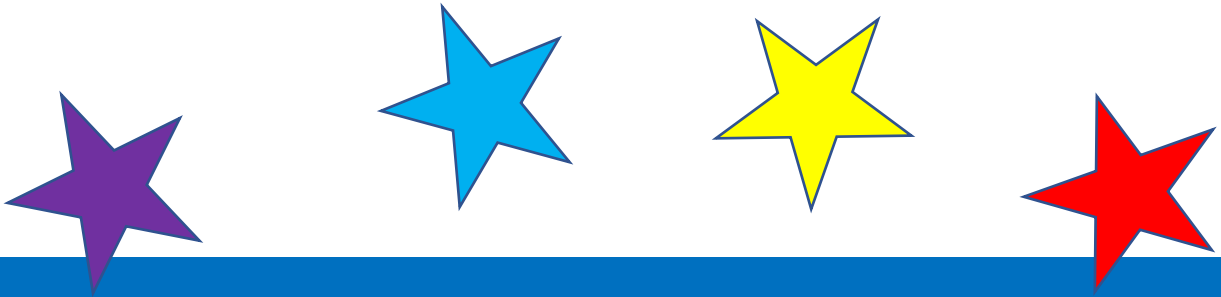
Student Guide

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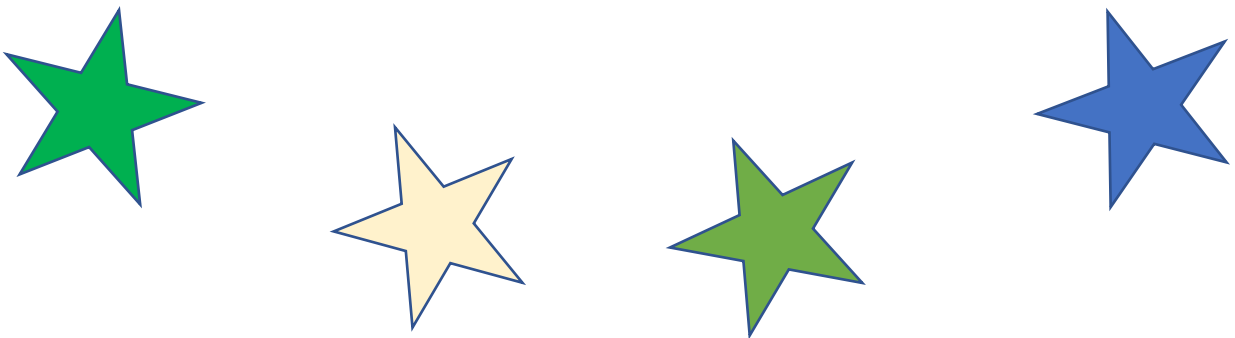
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This is our Mission Statement

It tells you what our goals are at Westbury School



We want to make learning a fun and enjoyable experience for you!



Our mission is to embed a safe, nurturing and respectful environment for all our pupils; by implementing a well thought out curriculum, including learning beyond the classroom, that places pupils at the heart of all that we do and strive to achieve.

All our pupils have access to an inclusive, needs based learning environment that fosters social connection, healthy habits, resilience, independence, valuing the present and embracing challenges; a structure that provides the requisite support to reduce anxieties and



A Message from the Head

A very warm welcome to you from us all at Westbury School. This is a special and exciting time for you. It is the beginning of a new journey, where each of you will make new friends and become part of the caring, hardworking, happy community of Westbury School.

We are a small school, and your classes will only have about five other students in them. This means that you have as much support as you require and will be able to learn at your own pace without worrying about what other people think.

I am sure you will have lots of questions, and maybe some worries too, I hope that this booklet will tell you everything that you need to know to help you make the best start in this exciting school.

Some of the information is very important and you should share it with your parents / carers. Please feel free to ask me anything that may still be worrying you.

We look forward to encouraging you to believe in yourself and working together to achieve success.

Best wishes,

Nadia Chelpa
Head Teacher

The Staff at Westbury School



These are the staff who will support you in your learning and throughout the day. You will have the opportunity to meet us individually, when you come and look around the school, and to take pictures of us, or draw pictures of us so you can remember who we are.



Hi, my name is Michelle and I am the Director of Education; it's my job to look after everyone in school 😊

I like to make sure our timetable is very creative and personalised to pupil learning - so please let me know if there is anything you would like me to organise. I am looking forward to meeting you!



Hi, my name is Nadia and I am the Head Teacher at Westbury School. My job is to make sure the school is running smoothly, and the pupils and staff are happy and safe. I really love talking to people so please pop to the office for a chat. I also love playing games at break and lunchtime with you 😊



Hello! My name is Niamh and I'm the Wellbeing Lead, so I will help make sure you feel happy and safe in school. I also teach PSHE, Humanities and Science. In my lessons I love to get creative: using play-doh, Lego and doing experiments! I can't wait to meet you 😊



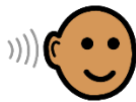
Hi, I'm Adele and I am the SENCo, English Teacher and Horticulture Teacher at Westbury School. I love gardening, reading and walking my dog in the countryside. I love making our outdoors environment look welcoming and so am looking forward to your help with this!



Hello, my name is Emma. I am the Maths teacher at school, but I also teach ICT, Art and when you are ready, we will look at options for when you leave school and work experience. I enjoy being very creative and going outside when it's warm enough to do some of our lessons! I really look forward to meeting you 😊

Before you come to Westbury School

Staff are here to listen to you, to help you settle in and to make new friends.



New activities can cause some people to be anxious and worried and so moving to a new school can be especially worrying. We will plan with you visits to the school and what you will do to help you with this.





Your first day at school



Before you arrive, we will work with you to plan a schedule for your first day at school so that you know what will happen.

You can also have another tour to familiarize yourself with the school, the teachers, and the other students and the care staff.

Your plan may look like this:

Arrival at School		
1		Meet with Nadia (Head teacher) to look at your timetable and answer any questions which you may have.
2		Meeting with your tutor to plan the help which you require.
3		First lesson.
4		Second lesson.
5		Break and choosing time.

The school day

Lessons	Time
Tutorial	9.00- 9.15
Lesson 1	9.15 - 10.00
Lesson 2	10.00- 10.45
BREAK	10.45- 11.00
Lesson 3	11.00 - 11.45
Lesson 4	11.45 - 12.30
LUNCH	12.30- 13.15
Lesson 5	13.15 - 13.55
Lesson 6	13.55 - 14.40
Lesson 7	14.40 - 15.00

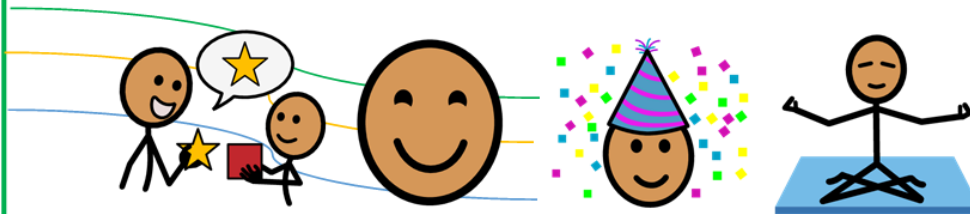
Finding your way around



What will I learn?



Value Your Behavior



We want you to be successful learners who enjoy learning. We always work with you to make sure that what you learn is right for you.

At Westbury School, we make sure that learning is fun with lots of practical learning.

There are different programmes depending on how you learn.

Student Code of Conduct



At Westbury School, we have a Student Code of Conduct which all students need to follow to keep everyone safe.

We have a student friendly behaviour policy which is reviewed by the Student Council.



Equipment

All equipment will be provided for you in your classroom.

Homework

We will only give you homework which is fun and which you can achieve easily.



School uniform

All students wear uniform and there will be a range to choose from

- black trousers (black jogging bottoms only for PE/Woodland Studies)
- black shoes
- Westbury School black Jumper
- Westbury School red t-shirt / polo shirt
- It is best if no Jewellery is worn at school. However, you are allowed to wear: One stud in each ear, one plain ring



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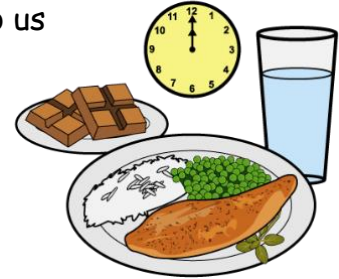
You will be required to wear a t-shirt, black jogging bottoms, or shorts, but this depends on the activities you will be participating in, you will be advised what you need to wear for the activities you take part in.



Lunch Time

We all know how important it is to have a well-balanced diet. We also understand that you may have particular tastes and preferences. Please talk to us about this.

Please bring a packed lunch which is a health and balanced lunch with no fizzy drinks.



Lunchtime activities



There will be a range of different activities which you can access during lunch time which you can participate in. Speak to your teacher regarding these.

School Council

It is important for us to hear your opinions. Westbury School Council is democratically elected and serves the whole school community. Your teacher will help you organise the student council with guidelines and you can be involved in activities such as:

- Student opinion polls, student council newsletter, etc.
- Community service; food drives, recycling projects, coat drives



What to do If you are worried about something?

It is important that everyone is safe at Westbury School. There are lots of people you can talk to if you are feeling worried at school, you could talk to your tutor, teachers, or your care workers, but anybody you feel you could talk to will help you. We also have a Health and Wellbeing Coordinator (Niamh Maguire) to support you with anything that is bothering you.



What to do If you feel you are being bullied?

We do not tolerate bullying at Westbury School.



We understand that people bully others because they usually feel bad about themselves but there a lot of ways in which we can help with this. Making other people feel bad is not acceptable and this is not tolerated.

Bullying includes:

Name calling, threats, posts on social media, not being allowed to join in, nasty remarks, laughing, giving dirty looks, spreading rumours, hiding belongings, ruining artwork, making threats. There are lots of other behaviours which can be bullying.

All staff at Westbury School are trained to deal with bullying. Staff recognise bullying can make you feel sad, scared and that it is hurtful. At Westbury we will encourage all young people to talk with the staff if they are concerned about bullying.

If you feel like you are being bullied, please, please tell a member of staff or an adult whom you trust. If you notice that someone else is being bullied, please tell a staff member.

Rewards

Rewards are awarded for:

- Effort or progress
- Positive behaviour
- Personal achievement
- Excellent attendance
- IEP targets
- Representing the school
- Meeting out 'Thrive' school values.



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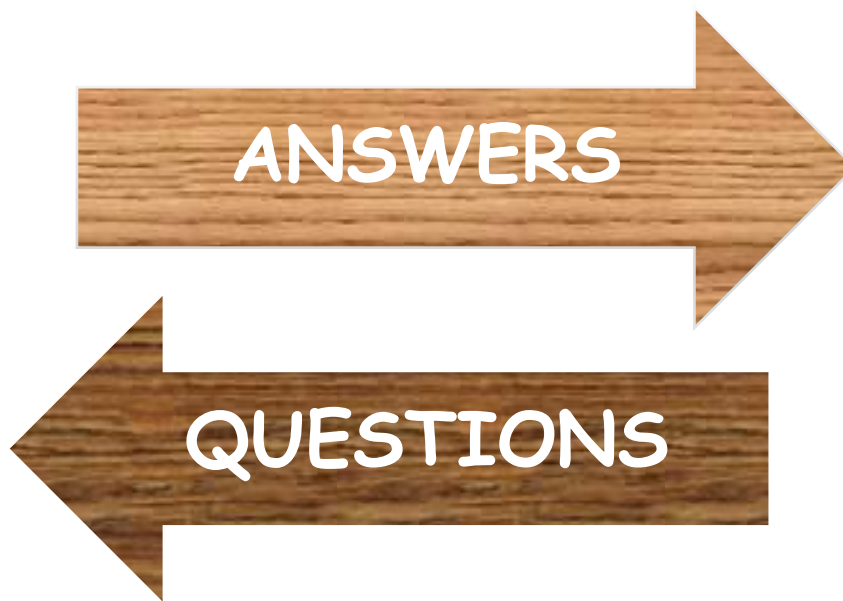
- Points and rewards
- Certificates
- Verbal praise
- Head teacher awards
- THRIVE Westbury school value certificate
- Public / private celebration
- Celebration Friday Catch up
- Prize Box
- Good work and behaviour are shared with home



Each lesson you can earn points for:

Attendance and Punctuality	2
Attitude to work and social skills	2
Behaviour and Language	2
PCP Target	2
Effort and Motivation	2

**Thank you for taking time to read this
welcome book.**



**Please remember that you can speak to any
member of staff at school if you have any
questions.**

