



Abbey Infants and Juniors

Thank you for expressing an interest in the role of Executive Headteacher at Abbey Infant and Junior Schools. We hope this brochure tells you a little more about our wonderful schools as well as Melrose Learning Trust.

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Melrose Learning Trust

Melrose Learning Trust was established in December 2020 initially with two schools. The Trust has since expanded rapidly over the intervening period and there are now 10 schools within the Trust across Darlington, Teesside and Durham.

As a Trust, our aim is for all of our schools to maintain their own unique identity whilst working together to ensure the educational potential of each child is maximised and their wellbeing is fundamental to everything we do.

Melrose Learning Trust are committed to providing children with high achievement, confidence and enrichment, developed through excellent teaching, stimulating curriculums, and strong moral values.

Our aspirations as a Trust are:

- to ensure the physical and spiritual well-being of every member of the school community is maintained and enhanced
- to create learning environments where children develop a love for learning and learn how to use knowledge wisely
- to share expertise across a range of settings to enhance professional development of staff
- to ensure our schools are at the forefront of modern technology and to make the best use of the resources available to us.
- to be central to the life of their communities



Abbey Infant and Junior Schools



Abbey Infants and Junior schools are located on the same large site in the heart of Darlington. The infant and junior schools federated in 2007, sharing a leadership team and local governing body, before joining Melrose Learning Trust in February 2024.

With 614 pupils, Abbey Infants and Juniors are warm, inclusive family schools with a strong sense of community and a commitment to excellence for all children in our care. We aim to ensure that our children feel safe and happy and achieve their potential as unique individuals and as learners.

Abbey is a learning community, which evolves and changes. We believe that education is about expanding our expectations and building on firm foundations. It is critical for our success that every learner is well equipped with a balance of social, moral and academic skills.

We have excellent staff who are committed to providing unique, stimulating and interesting learning opportunities, which motivate our learners to apply their skills.



Our Aims & Vision



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Our vision is to provide a high quality, relevant educational community which enables children to achieve their best in a safe, creative and exciting environment. All are valued and inspired to flourish and grow as individuals, leaving us believing anything is possible.

Our aims reflect our beliefs and values; they represent our vision and what we want to achieve as a school community. We endeavour to move the school forward to meet the challenges of an ever changing world.

As part of our vision and aims, we will:

- deliver a dynamic and innovative curriculum that challenges, excites and inspires children to achieve their best and instil in everyone a love of learning.
- nurture, support and challenge everyone to perform at their best and feel proud of what they have achieved.
- set high expectations to enable pupils to become effective, enthusiastic, independent learners who behave in a way that makes parents and the school proud.
- help children develop an understanding of citizenship and empower them to make valuable contributions locally.
- treat children and adults fairly, equitably and with dignity and respect, to maintain an inclusive school culture.
- challenge thinking, helping our young people to strive for continuous improvement and are committed to life-long learning and developing a growth mindset.
- create a happy, caring and supportive environment based on a spirit of co-operation between the school and the local community.
- ensure that the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of children is at the heart of the school



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We are very proud that both Abbey Infants (November 2022) and Abbey Juniors (June 2023) have both been judged by Ofsted as 'Good' schools. Inspectors identified that the curriculum is 'broad, well-organised and ambitious' and led by 'passionate subject leaders'. Inspectors also highlighted that although the infant and junior schools are in separate buildings, 'older pupils act as role models, supporting younger pupils in their play at lunchtime'.



We believe that Abbey is a place that offers excellent opportunities for children, parents, the community and our staff.

We can offer the successful candidate:

- Amazing pupils who are keen to learn;
- A high-quality, motivated and committed staff team;
- A supportive and dedicated Local Governing Body and Trust Board;
- Engaged and supportive parents.

If you would like to find out more, please contact Stacey Tomlinson, Melrose Learning Trust HR and Compliance Manager, via email (stomlinson@melroselearningtrust.org.uk) to book a date and time to look around.

