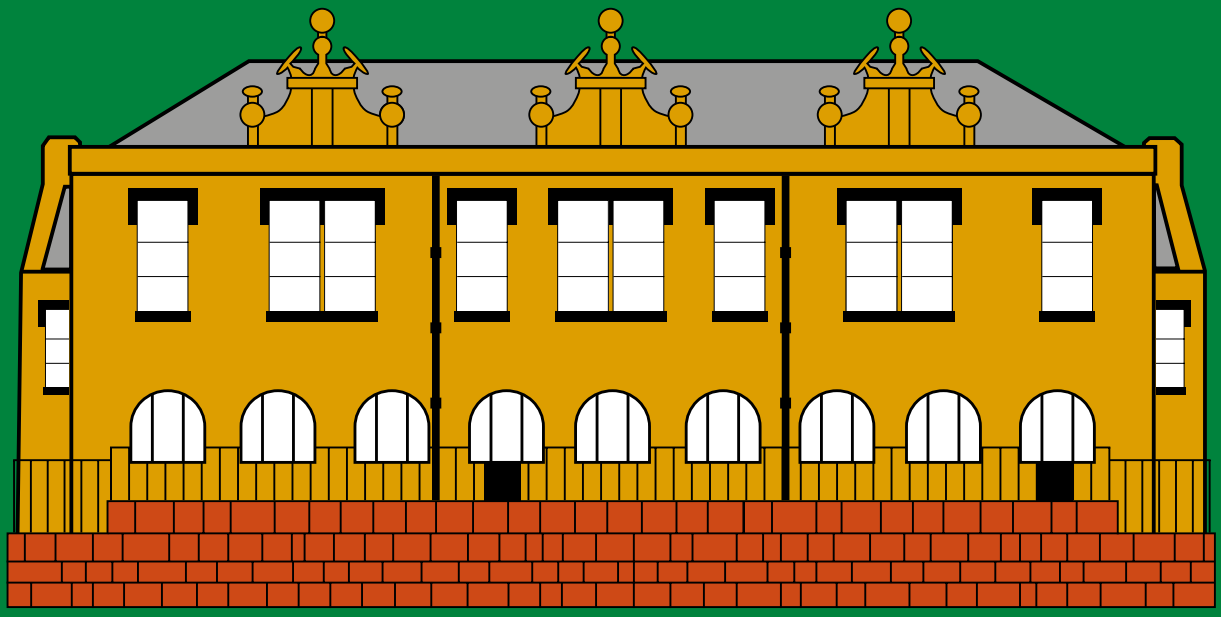
Luddendenfoot Academy



Prospectus

Hello!







Welcome

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to Luddendenfoot Academy. We are a single form entry primary school and are part of the Polaris Multi-Academy Trust. Our teaching is stimulating, vibrant and creative! We strive to give our children the essential skills they need for life in the 21st century, whilst at the same time sparking an enduring curiosity in the world around them.

As a result, we hope to ensure that Luddendenfoot pupils are motivated to continue their education beyond primary school,becoming lifelong learners. Everyone at Luddendenfoot is encouraged to develop their own talents and contribute to the school, the local community and beyond. Parent partnerships are key to our school's success. We do everything we can to cultivate strong relationships with our families and we will work hard to involve you in every step of your child's journey with us.

This prospectus aims to give you an insight into Luddendenfoot Academy's character, ethos and sense of ambition. For more information, please look at our website, visit us at one of our open evenings, get in touch by phone or email or better still, arrange to come into school to meet us. We are always happy to show the school 'in action' and to answer any questions you may have.

Best wishes

Mrs Greenwood, Head of School

CEO Welcome

Polaris Multi-Academy Trust



We are proud to be part of Polaris Multi Academy Trust, a family of schools working together to provide the very best opportunities for every child.

I would like to introduce you to the Polaris Multi-Academy Trust, a family of schools that enables everyone in the Trust to be the best they can be, while ensuring that each school's unique DNA provides a platform for the success of the children and young people we educate and care for. Its vision is for everyone in the Trust to have the confidence, resilience and aspiration to reach their potential. These ambitions are underpinned by three shared values: we have high expectations; we are honest, compassionate and fair; and we are curious, embracing learning and new ideas.

Being part of Polaris means benefiting from the strength, expertise and support of a wider family of schools while retaining the character and identity that make our school special. Collaboration is central to our approach, with colleagues sharing knowledge, ideas and expertise to continually improve opportunities for our children.

Steve Evans
CEO

Smarties Nursery at Salterlee Primary School

Smarties Nursery at Rastrick High School

Rastrick High School

Luddendenfoot Academy

Siddal Primary School

Field Lane Primary

Salterlee School Shibden

Fixby Junior & Infant School

Old Earth School



Growing

Starting Reception is made as smooth, positive, and exciting as possible for both children and parents. Families are supported through close communication with nurseries and preschools, open events, visits from the Reception team, and transition sessions. These give children the chance to meet their new teachers and classmates, explore their classroom, and become familiar with their new environment, helping them feel confident, comfortable, and ready to start Reception in September.



Teaching and Learning

Early Years learning is play-based and child-led, with the classroom designed to feel familiar to a preschool environment. Children learn through a range of indoor and outdoor activities, such as role play, reading, creative activities, maths, construction, sand, and water, while EYFS staff support and extend their learning. Alongside play, children also have focused lessons, including phonics and maths.

Enrichment

The school offers a wide range of enrichment opportunities to give all pupils access to new experiences. These include school councils, sports roles, play leaders, and reading buddies, which help children develop social and transferable skills. Children also take part in visits and trips to places such as museums, theatres, exhibitions, workshops, outdoor centres, and local places of interest.



Values



The school focuses on developing the whole child by supporting their mental and physical well-being. Its MIRROR values encourage children to become Motivated, have Integrity, be Respectful, Resilient, Open-minded and Reflective, helping them grow into responsible and caring members of the community.

Motivated

Integrity

Respectful

Resilient

Open-minded

Reflective



Our curriculum

Our ambitious, inclusive curriculum helps every child become a confident, independent, and successful learner. We nurture the whole child, prioritising academic achievement, personal development, safety, and wellbeing. We encourage children to respect themselves and others, care for their environment, follow community rules, strive to be their best selves, and make a positive contribution to society.



Support



Special Educational Needs & Disabilities

We strive to include every child and meet their individual needs. We aim to identify additional needs as early as possible, working closely with parents and external professionals to provide appropriate support. Our trained staff build positive relationships and help remove barriers to learning, ensuring every child has the opportunity to reach their full potential.

Pupil Support

Our caring, inclusive school provides a safe, nurturing environment where every child feels valued and supported. Our dedicated staff build positive relationships, helping children overcome barriers to learning, develop confidence, and enjoy coming to school. We ensure every child has a trusted adult to turn to and receives the support and challenge they need to thrive.

Early Years at Luddendenfoot Academy

Exceptional Early Years: High-quality education in a nurturing, engaging environment where every child is known, valued and supported to thrive.

A Caring and Supportive Environment: We provide a welcoming school environment where children feel safe, build confidence and develop positive relationships, supported by a team dedicated to their individual needs and progress.

Learning Through Exploration: Indoor and outdoor learning are integral to our Early Years provision, giving children opportunities to play, explore, investigate and discover the world around them while developing essential skills and a love of learning.



A Positive Start to School Life: Our Early Years provision gives children a strong foundation for their educational journey. Through engaging, play-based experiences and supportive relationships with staff and families, we help children develop the confidence, independence and skills they need for the next stage of their learning.

Reception Admissions: We welcome families exploring Reception places at Luddendenfoot Academy. Our Early Years team works closely with parents and carers to help children feel secure, settle into school life and make a positive start to their learning journey.





Wrap-around Care

7:30am to 6:00pm Childcare

Flexible Breakfast & After-School Provision for Busy Families

We understand the demands on busy, working families. That's why we offer affordable, high-quality childcare from 7:30am to 6:00pm, giving parents flexibility and peace of mind throughout the school week. Our extended care options provide a safe, welcoming, and engaging environment where pupils can socialise, learn, and unwind before and after the traditional school day.

Key Features / Sections:

- Childcare from 7:30am to 6:00pm: Continuous, flexible provision designed to fit seamlessly around your family's daily routine.

- Breakfast Club (7:30am – School Start): A gentle, warm start to the morning featuring a nutritious breakfast to ensure children are energised and ready for the school day ahead.

- After-School Provision (End of School – 6:00pm): A balanced mix of structured activities and free play, including games, sports, creative arts, and outdoor fun, alongside time to relax with friends.

- Enriching Activities & Outdoor Play: Children have access to our excellent school sports facilities, play areas, and indoor resources, supported by qualified and caring staff.

- Open 7:30am – 6:00pm Daily
- Healthy Breakfast & Evening Refreshments Included
- Active Sports, Crafts & Relaxing Play Options

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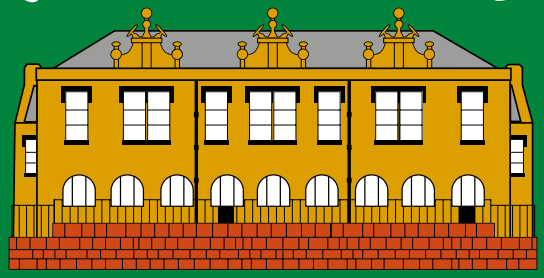

How to apply

You can apply online via the Calderdale Council admissions portal. Please feel free to talk to us regarding admissions for your child - we are here to help. If you have any questions or queries, please call our school office

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