



Proud to work, learn
and grow together





IT'S MY SCHOOL TOO...

“ The school always makes time to listen to me and nothing is too much trouble. The support my child and our family receive has helped not just my child's education, but family life.



Our academy

We are a primary academy for local children up to the age of 11. Our belief is that all children should be given the opportunity to achieve their best within a safe, caring and nurturing school community. When children leave Brotherton and Byram Community Academy, we ensure that they have developed a range of qualities, attitudes and skills that will prepare them effectively for the future.

Brotherton and Byram Community Primary Academy was originally housed in the old school in the village. In 2002, due to growing numbers, a beautiful, brand new school was built, right next door to the children's centre and this is where we are located today.

The academy is well resourced with a large hall, large classrooms and large outdoor learning spaces. We also house 'The Hub', which is where much of our social, emotional and pastoral work is undertaken – it's also a place for families. There is a wide range of games and gymnastics equipment appropriate for all age groups.

The academy has invested in technology. Every teaching area has an interactive whiteboard and there are sufficient computers to teach and to practise IT skills.

Excellence

To inspire and instil in others, the desire to be the best we can.



Every lesson counts

We believe that through expert teaching and support, all children can achieve a high standard.

We provide a curriculum which is both broad and balanced and which offers all children an opportunity to develop their skills, knowledge and understanding in a full range of subject areas.

Our enquiry approach to learning fosters children's natural curiosity for discovering and learning about the world we live in.

We believe that children should have a wide range of experiences, achieving high standards in academic subjects whilst taking part in creative arts and sporting opportunities.

Children enjoy and are motivated by learning.

Strength in partnership

We value and promote effective collaboration at all levels, from within the school extending into the local community and beyond. Communication and the ability to work in partnership is a strength of the academy. We welcome and actively encourage an open dialogue with all those involved in the life of the academy.

High standards for all

We are a community, celebrating success for all. Our expert staff team have high expectations of themselves as well as our pupils. In return, our academy provides staff with outstanding professional development.

We pride ourselves in the training opportunities to develop subject knowledge, teaching and leadership skills. Communication and the ability to work in partnership is a real strength of the academy.

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This is a friendly welcoming school that I feel a part of, and involved in. Both my children absolutely love coming to school everyday and my mind is at ease knowing they are challenged in their learning yet nurtured emotionally through what are the crucial early years in their lives.





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“ This is a very, very caring school. Since my child has joined, it has restored my faith in the education system. My child struggled at times, but due to the dedication and skill of staff here, she has made massive changes. These have not only prepared her better for high school but helped her become a happier and more confident person. This school is all about making children reach their full potential.

Belonging

To work together as a community, having a unique and valued part to play within our academy group.

Feeling safe

Our academy is safe, friendly and welcoming. We have high expectations of our children's behaviour.

Pupils at Brotherton and Byram know that good behaviour is expected of them. Our four types of behaviour code of 'Wow', 'Good', 'Wobbly' and 'Unacceptable' is known and lived out daily in our children... they take responsibility for their own behaviour and are praised and rewarded for trying their best, for being kind, hardworking and well-behaved.

Teamwork

Staff at Brotherton and Byram Community Primary Academy work in key stage teams and share ideas for ensuring all children receive a rich, stimulating curriculum.

Belonging to a wider academy group means we have access to an extensive range of expertise, which contributes to improving all aspects of the experience we deliver to our children.

Every child matters

Each child is taught in the way that suits them best. For some children, this might involve more personalised support – either one-to-one or in small groups – and for others, it could mean stretching them more to keep them engaged.

Parental engagement

We believe that children, parents and staff belong to a learning community. We work closely with parents to enable them to understand how they can best support their child in the learning journey. We provide opportunities during the year for parents to come in to see and learn how their child is taught.

Parents are also encouraged to discuss with us, at any time, individual needs or concerns. This is a very important part of the partnership. As well as reporting progress annually, staff also share individual targets and areas pupils need to work on.



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The school has had a massive change around and the support that I have received with both my children has been incredible. The children now know their expectations in school and are able to communicate more effectively with staff and with each other. I am extremely proud that my children are a part of such an incredible school!



Opportunity

To give, and be given, the opportunities to grow, flourish, and celebrate success.

Specialist teaching opportunities

We believe that children deserve high quality teaching from staff equipped with specialist training.

As such, we have specialist teaching in Music, Physical Education, Modern Foreign Languages and we are developing opportunities for Forest Schools (outdoor learning).

These subjects are delivered by specialist staff who can work across the academy group, allowing classroom teachers to focus on standards in core subjects such as Numeracy, Literacy and Science.

Wrap-around care

For those families who wish to access extended care facilities, we offer a breakfast club. After-school provision is provided through the children's centre next door. A range of after school activities are also offered – these are well-organised and fun.

International partnerships

Belonging to an academy group gives us opportunities to enjoy strong, international links.

We have partnership schools in Madrid and Singapore.

Some children in partner schools have the chance to visit Madrid in upper key stage two – we look forward to looking at ways we can join them in the future.

We have a learning partnership with a school in Singapore with whom we share teaching strategies and explore wider cultural understanding – our executive headteacher visited there in 2015.

Enrichment

We nurture the talent of all our pupils and provide a varied programme of additional activities to engage the interest of our learners.

Our extracurricular programme includes opportunities for additional music, sport and the creative arts – all our children in Years 4, 5 and 6 stay at school until 4.15pm on a Thursday to follow an enrichment curriculum.

Also, every child in our school in Year 4 learns to ski: they undertake a four-week training programme at Xscape, near Castleford, to learn the skill of recreational skiing.



Respect

To value, respect and care for others and ourselves.

At Brotherton and Byram Community Primary Academy, we believe that respect, well-being, self-esteem, aspiration, self-belief and understanding the values of a community are all crucial parts of the jigsaw that help us on our life-long learning journey.

We stand by our belief that a problem shared is a problem halved.

The Hub

Our full-time Home School Pastoral Manager is located in our special place, The Hub. It's a place that provides our children with a place to talk about their feelings and helps our children make sense of the world from another's perspective.





Brotherton and Byram Community Primary Academy is part of the Ebor Academy Trust. This is a not-for-profit charity which consists of a group of academies working in partnership.

Our alliance develops strong relationships and trust between all academies, a partnership whereby strengths in all settings are shared – a *working-with* relationship rather

than a *doing-to* relationship.

We work closely together to establish a partnership model that will benefit all children in all academies in our group. This is an exciting venture, in which we aim to build a sustainable, dynamic organisation which will provide developmental opportunities for staff in the group and in the wider community.

Admissions

Children having their fifth birthday between 1 September and 31 August may join the Reception class in the September of that year, although they are not legally required to commence until the term after their fifth birthday.

We want our children to be prepared so that they have the best possible start. It is important that

they do not enter formal, full-time education before they are ready. The academies in the Ebor Academy Trust will be happy to meet with parents in advance of children commencing education to discuss and agree with parents whether their child should start full-time or part-time in the first instance.



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