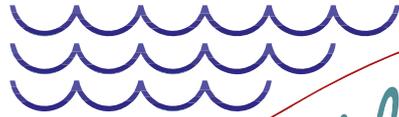
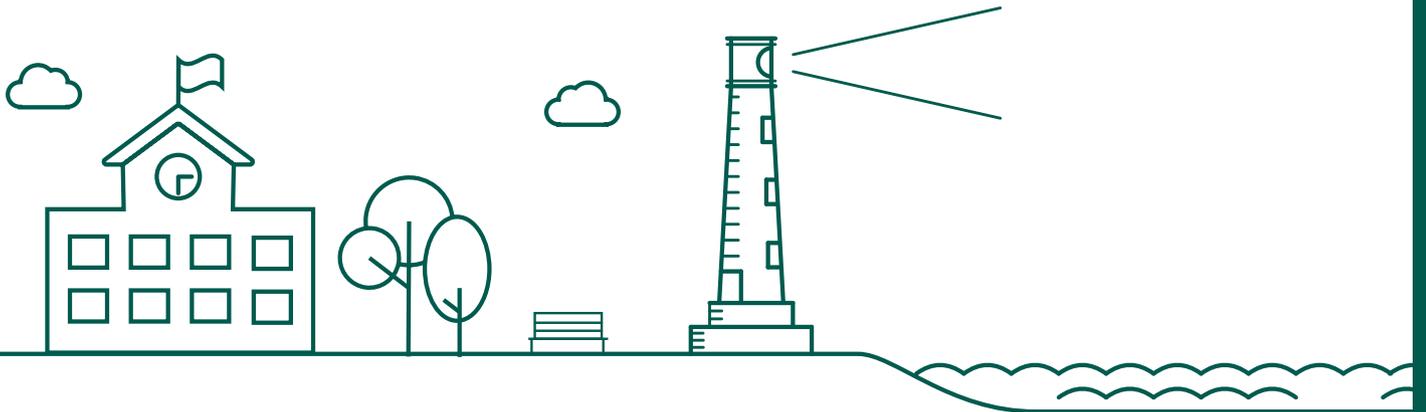


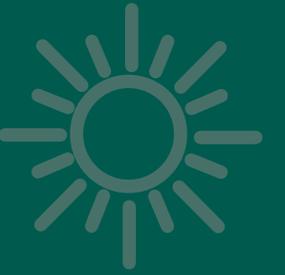
MONKSEATON



PROSPECTUS

2018/19





Welcome

Monkseaton Middle School is a small, warm and friendly place to learn.

We encourage all our students to try at all times to 'Care and Succeed'. Our School Ethos, developed by students and staff, describes our school best.



*“Being part of Monkseaton Middle School is like being part of a big family – we all care for one another and that’s really important to us
Andrew”*

Our Ethos

Every student matters at our school

We are a **family** made up of unique individuals

We are **respectful, trustworthy** and **responsible**

We are **supportive** and **caring**

We are **determined** to **succeed** and **learn** from our **mistakes**



To Care and Succeed!

Code of Conduct

At Monkseaton Middle School we:

Care for our **LEARNING**

Punctual
Prepared
Participate
Present

Care for **OURSELVES** and **EACH OTHER**

Respectful
Responsible
Resourceful
Resilient

Care for our **SCHOOL**

Safe
Sensible
Support
Succeed



Pastoral Care and Support

At Monkseaton Middle School, each student is a part of a Form Group.

Each one has a Form Tutor with whom they have contact with every day. Form Tutors are responsible for the welfare and care of pupils in their class and as such are the first point of contact for you or your child.

“We’re so pleased with the help and support our son has received from Monkseaton Middle School – you’ve made an incredible difference to his progress and confidence.”

Parent

We actively encourage pupils and parents to discuss any concerns at an early stage by contacting the Form Tutor in the first instance. Parents are welcome to visit school to discuss issues with either the Form Tutor or another member of staff. However, we appreciate it if you are able to telephone first, to ensure the person you wish to see is available. Form Tutors liaise with other members of staff where necessary.

Unique to Monkseaton Middle School is our Pastoral Guidance Lead. This is a non-teaching member of staff who has an expertise in family and child welfare and support and is available to help parents and students during the school day.

We expect that during their time at Monkseaton Middle School, our children will be safe; be happy; achieve the best they can; respect others; be confident and enjoy their time at our school. Our Code of Conduct and School Ethos enable all pupils to flourish during their time at Monkseaton Middle School.



“I like the intervention because we read great books and do fun learning which helps me a lot”
David



Extra Curricular Clubs

Our school has a wealth of interesting clubs and activities on offer to your child throughout the year.

A wide variety of PE activities are also available, including Badminton Breakfast Club, Basketball, Athletics, Football, Judo Club, Tennis Club, Dance City Club, Cycling Club, Tyne and Wear Sport Satellite clubs, Boccia competitions. In addition, there are teams for other sports in all year groups.

Other popular lunchtime clubs include Robot Lego, Choir and ICT club.

Our school has a daily Breakfast Club from 8am and an afterschool Homework Club three nights per week.



- **‘UKMT Maths Challenge’ group** – these students prepare for the national Team Maths Challenge – we’ve done very well in this, reaching National Finals!
- **GEMS** – GEMS club is for ‘Girls Exceeding in Maths’ and is an after school club for the most able mathematicians where students work on exciting and challenging maths puzzles
- **Creative Writing Club** – Creative Writing club encourages students to use their imagination and develop their skills in a fun and imaginative environment
- **Animal Club** – our school has a range of animals to learn about, handle and care for. Animal Technicians also run campaigns to teach other students about animal welfare
- **Year 6 Big Bang Fair** – students investigate a STEM topic of their choice. Our school has reached the National Big Bang Fair finals on several occasions, most recently travelling to Birmingham to compete



- **SQAD (Science question & answer desk)** – this is a weekly club for any student with extra questions about science
- **Year 5 Science Club** – our students try fun experiments, usually making lots of nasty smells and scary noises!
- **School Technicians** – many students volunteer to help in school – we have monitors and technicians in a range of subjects
- **Planet Pals** – this is a fun Environment Club where students learn how to take care of the environment in addition to practical skills like gardening
- **Duolinguo club** – a fun way to improve in French and Spanish

“I love Lego group because it helps me socialise – I don’t find that easy but I can do it much better now”
Kevin



“I love being part of the school performances – I wasn't very confident to begin with but now I've got a singing role and I love it”
Emma

Enrichment

There are many opportunities that students can take part in throughout the year.

These have included Science activities at Newcastle University, visits to French and Spanish restaurants to practise language skills, local, regional and national sporting competitions, STEM work at Tynemet College, participation in the Regional Reading Festival, Coastal fieldwork with Geography, Residential trips to High Borran's outward bound centre and even a French Ski trip!

Students are also encouraged to take part in a range of events linked to their future careers, including a careers 'speed dating' event. Helping even our youngest students to think about their future, can really bring learning to life.

Students with a talent for music, drama and arts can take part in our yearly school performances. We have recently performed Bugsy Malone, Joseph and his Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat and Hairspray.



New subjects

Students will study English, Maths, Science, Humanities, French, Computing, Art, Music, Technologies and PE in all year groups.

One of the most exciting features of Monkseaton Middle School is the opportunity students have to study new subjects, using a range of state of the art technologies to develop practical skills. Within Design and Technology lessons, pupils will use pillar drills, disc sanders, strip heaters and vacuum formers. Their ideas and designs are mapped out using Computer Aided Design (CAD) software and then realised through innovative equipment, such as 3D-printers and laser cutters. Students work with a range of resistant materials and hone their joinery, electronics and design skills. They will also be encouraged to fine-tune their textile skills using an array of computerised sewing machines.



Our dedicated Food Technology room enables students to cook independently and many will use their newly acquired skills as they participate in the 'Future Chef' competition. At Christmas, we invite residents from a local care home into school to enjoy a 'Vintage Afternoon Tea', where our students have prepared all the food. These cooking skills are further developed within Science, when they participate in campfire cooking.

We have two fully equipped science labs where students will get perhaps their first experience of using Bunsen burners, dissecting pig hearts and exploring the chemicals used in fireworks. Laboratory work also involves dissolving using acids, chromatography and using a condenser for distillation. As well as the classroom-based technologies on offer, we are also very lucky to have rowing machines, which are very popular! Students can chase down personal bests, race over a set distance and even race each other on separate machines.



School Awards

Our school has many awards, all of which gained through the hard work and dedication of staff and students alike.

They include:

- Silver Eco - Schools Award
- Healthy Schools Award
- Association for Physical Education Quality Mark
- Science Mark
- 'Read on' Reading Connects
- Green Tree School Gold Award
- Leaders Award for STEM
- Primary Engineer Programme
- Arts Council Award

This year we have taken part in the Young Mayor voting and achieved the highest number of votes from any school in North Tyneside!





Charity Work

Charity work is extremely important to our students.

We have raised over £4000 this year for Macmillan Cancer, St Oswalds Hospice, Marie Curie Cancer Care and the Rainbow Trust. We are also very proud to be part of the Junior Great North Run, raising over £800 this year. Our students have shown how much they care for one another by volunteering to complete 'bag packs' to help send a group of science students to the Big Bang National Finals.

“I’m a Form Rep and I think it’s great that I am part of making our school even better. I’m really proud of what we have already achieved”
Rachel





*“Thank you so much for everything you do to support my daughter - she has made incredible personal progress since arriving at Monkseaton Middle School. She was really nervous about leaving her first school but the staff made her feel so welcome and the older students kept checking in on her - she loved that
Parent*”



