

Happy Friendly Fun Safe



Holyoakes Field First School Prospectus 2026-27



Empowering Young Minds to Become Great Minds

Welcome to Holyoakes Field First School



Holyoakes is a well established and successful school with a rich and interesting history. The school joined Bordesley Multi Academy Trust (BMAT) in May 2019 before relocating to a brand-new purpose-built building in Brockhill in September 2022.

As a first school, we admit pupils between the ages of three and nine. A child's first experiences of school are very important. We strive to instil a genuine love of learning in all our pupils so that they go on to be confident and independent learners. The memories that our children accumulate whilst they are with us are what gives the school its heart. We take a huge amount of pride in our school and the most important individuals within it, the children! How children learn is as important as what they are learning; we strive for that learning to be engaging, enjoyable and meaningful. We look forward to celebrating their achievements both in and out of the classroom with you their parents and carers.

I hope that you are able to find all of the information you need and that the prospectus and website provide you a good insight into our school.

I look forward to meeting you and being part of your child's learning journey.

Mrs Tasnim Koser

Headteacher

What is it like to attend this school?

A culture of nurture and care permeates in all areas of everyday life at Holyoakes Field First School. Staff have the highest expectations for every child and want them to have the best possible start to education. Children flourish and do well. This includes disadvantaged pupils and those with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND).

Ofsted October 2024





About Us



Holyoakes Field First School is a welcoming, forward looking and inclusive school. Our pupils are at the heart of everything we do. Children, staff, parents, carers and governors share enormous pride in our school. The opportunities offered inspire our children to come to school each day; motivated, enthusiastic and ready to learn.

Our core values of **respect, freedom, responsibility, honesty, courage and hope** underpin our curriculum. Our motto of being a 'Happy, Friendly, Fun and Safe' environment for children, families and staff is indicative of the school's positive culture and ethos.



Prior to re-locating to Brockhill, Holyoakes Field First School served the community in and around Bridge Street for over 100 years. Originally, the school consisted of three separate schools; Bridge Street Infants School, Bridge Street Girls School and Bridge Street Boys School.

This provides the school with a rich and interesting local history, enabling pupils to consider the impact of national events such as WW2 or the late Queen's coronation on the school community. The move to a brand-new purpose-built school provides fantastic opportunities to extend the breadth and quality of our curriculum even further whilst building connections between the old and new site. A special historic legacy connection has been forged through the naming of the main road into the housing development after Edward Henry Pullen, a former teacher of the school who lost his life in battle during WW1.. This development occupies the previous Lowans Hill Farm site.



Respect



Freedom



Responsibility



Honesty



Courage



Hope

Vision Statement

At Holyoakes, our vision simply is to '**empower**' our pupils so that they acquire the necessary knowledge, skills and dispositions needed to realise and fulfil their potential.

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- By being a Happy, Friendly, Fun and Safe place to be.
- By building a strong learning community based on our core values, culture and ethos.
- By offering an evolving, exciting and ambitious curriculum rooted on our core values, culture and ethos.

Holyoakes Field First School

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Admission and Transfer Arrangements

Worcestershire County Council conducts the admissions and transfer systems.

Admission to Foundation Stage (Nursery)

Pupils are admitted to Nursery three times during the academic year. This is normally the term after they turn 3.

Regardless of when a child starts, parents will be offered the opportunity to visit with their child and have a chat with the Nursery teacher. Pupils remain in Nursery until they start Reception Class.

Families eligible for 30 hours funding can apply for a full time Nursery place. More information about this is available on the Nursery admissions page of the web-site.

[Our Nursery - Holyokes Field First School \(bmat.co.uk\)](http://www.bmat.co.uk)



End of transition arrangements

At the end of each school year pupils will spend two days with their new class teacher in preparation for the following September.



Transfer from another school

You and your child will be invited to view the school, meet staff and the Head Teacher.

Applications have to be made through Worcestershire County Council by completing a CA1 form. This can be found at

www.worcestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions.

Admissions to Foundation Stage (Reception)

Most children transfer from Nursery to Reception however, attendance in Nursery does not necessarily guarantee a place in one of our Reception classes. Admission criteria are set and administered by the County Admissions Office and are detailed in the booklet sent to all parents.

This can also be found at

www.worcestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions.



Access and Inclusion

Our new site and building can accommodate the needs of any pupil who may have additional physical needs. As part of our commitment to full and effective inclusion for all pupils, all reasonable adjustments will be made to support pupils with additional needs.

Transfer from Reception to Year One

During the first half-term, year one staff will structure the timetable carefully to enable pupils to build up to the more formal aspects of the year 1 curriculum incrementally. A range of adult directed tasks, child initiated and collaborative activities are planned alongside some continuous provision. Some pupils adjust very quickly to the expectations of the year 1 curriculum, whilst others may need a little extra support.

Transfer to Middle School

During the Autumn term of your child's last year with us, you will receive information about Middle School transfer. You will be invited to visit local middle schools to enable you to specify your choices in order of preference. Once middle school places have been confirmed in April, middle school colleagues visit and meet with their prospective pupils. Pupils also spend two whole days at their new middle school in July.

The School Day

School Day

Nursery:

Morning session - 8:30-11:30 am

Lunch 11.30-12.15



Main School: 8:30-3:00pm

Registration: 8:45am

Term dates can be found on our website.

[Term Dates - Holyoakes Field First School \(bmat.co.uk\)](http://bmat.co.uk)

Breakfast Club

From [September 2026](#), all primary age pupils will be entitled to access free breakfast provision. This will be based in the school hall from [8.15 am](#) each morning. Parents will be required to book online, in advance.

School Attendance

Regular attendance and arriving in good time at the start of each day is essential if young children are to make good educational progress and develop strong relationships. It also helps establish good habits for life. Every day counts!

Reporting Pupil Absence

In the case of illness, please telephone the school office on **01527 62928** or text on **07860005187** as soon as possible on the first day your child is unwell. If we do not hear from you a text will be sent asking you to call.

If your child is vomiting or has had diarrhoea due to a virus please keep him/her away from school for 48 hours after the last episode.

Late Arrival

Arrival after 8:45am is regarded as late and parents are required to sign their children in at the school office.

Late Collection

It is important that pupils are collected on time at the end of each day. Children can often become upset and anxious if a parent or carer is late. If you have been unavoidably delayed please get in touch with the school office so that we can reassure your child. If a parent is repeatedly late a late collection charge may be incurred.

Wraparound Care

Funzone care for children from Holyoakes Field First School from 7.30 am until school starts and then again from 3:00 pm until 6:00 pm after school during term time. They also operate a holiday club between 7:30 am and 6:00 pm during school holidays.

Email: funzone@hotmail.co.uk

Holidays

We strongly discourage parents from taking their children out of school during term time as this can affect their academic progress. Leave of absence will only be granted in exceptional circumstances.

Medical

Please let us know if your child has a diagnosed medical condition. Depending on the nature of the condition, we may need to complete a health care plan. Children suffering from Asthma or allergies will need to have their own clearly labelled medication in school with a completed medical form supplied by the office.

Appointments

Where possible we ask that dental, medical and other appointments are made outside of school hours. On the odd occasion that this is not possible a note may be sent to school along with a copy of the appointment letter/card prior to the day of absence.

Headlice

All schools have problems with headlice and it is therefore advisable to regularly check your child's hair. We recommend that children with long hair wear it tied back as a preventative measure.

If you do find headlice in your child's hair please inform your child's class teacher straight away.

Wellbeing

We promote active and healthy lifestyles through the school curriculum. Please support us by ensuring your child gets plenty of exercise and eats a healthy diet. It is important that your child bring a bottle of water to school to keep them hydrated throughout the day.

Excessive screen time can have a negative impact on children. Please monitor your child's television viewing and digital gaming/ tablet use with care and ensure that children get a good nights sleep so they come to school refreshed and ready to learn.



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Key Information

Safety & Security

In line with our safeguarding procedures all parents and visitors will be asked to sign in prior to entering the school by the main entrance.

For the safety of all our pupils we request that parents/carers driving their children to and from school by car observe the zigzag lines outside our school and park a safe distance away from Cookridge Close.

Priority should be given to parents/carers and any children with additional needs to gain safe access and to enable school transport vehicles to enter school.

Dogs are not allowed on the school site, other than guide dogs.



Parents in Partnership

Parents are encouraged to be fully involved in the life of the school. This can include helping out at special events, reading with pupils or even helping out with the school gardens. If you are able to spare some time to volunteer in school, please get in touch with the school office.

Communication

Letters and newsletters are published on the school website and emailed to all parents. Please ensure we have correct contact details ensuring that the school office is informed of any changes to address, phone number or email.

The dates and times of key events and activities are published on the school calendar which can be found on the school website.

Safeguarding

All staff are trained in effective safeguarding procedures and practice and follow the guidelines set out in the school's safeguarding policy to ensure children's safety and wellbeing at all times.

We work closely with families and all agencies involved and strive to provide positive opportunities for all our children and families.

Statutory policies are available on the school website. Paper copies of any documents can be requested from the school office if necessary.



Pupil Premium & Free School Meals check

From September 2026, all children in households receiving Universal Credit in England will qualify for free school meals, regardless of household income.

Eligibility by Year Group

Reception, Year 1, and Year 2: All children automatically receive free school meals under the Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) policy. No application or income check is required, though applying can help schools receive additional Pupil Premium funding.

Year 3 and above (Key Stage 2 and secondary school):

Eligibility is primarily based on household receipt of **Universal Credit**. From September 2026, the previous £7,400 net earnings threshold is removed, meaning **all UC households qualify** regardless of income

[Free School Meals 2026: Who Qualifies and How to Apply](#)

Parent Consultations and Reports

Parents and carers have the opportunity to discuss their child's progress with his or her teacher each term.

Letters will be emailed out with dates and times prior to each set of parent consultation meetings.

An annual report recording your child's progress and achievements will be sent out in July.

Parents are encouraged to ring the school office if they need to meet with their child's class teacher at any other time in the year.

We ask that parents avoid catching up with teachers at the start of the day and relay any urgent messages via the school office. This ensures that lessons and learning activities start on time.

Uniform

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Girls - Red polo shirt, grey skirt or trousers, royal blue sweat-shirt or cardigan (blue and white checked dress in summer - optional)

P.E. Kit Indoor/Summer: White t-shirt, black shorts and pumps.

P.E. Kit Outdoor/Winter: black hoodie, black jogging bottoms, black pumps

Boys - Red polo shirt, grey trousers, royal blue sweatshirt (grey shorts in summer optional).

P.E. Kit Indoor/Summer: White t-shirt, black/shorts and pumps.

P.E. Kit Outdoor/Winter: black hoodie, black jogging bottoms, black pumps

PE kit should be kept in a small P.E/ pump bag

PE kit must be kept in school at all times, it will sent home from time to time for washing.

Please ensure you provide a blue cap rather than a designer / football/ cartoon character cap. These get swapped and lost and this can be very upsetting and expensive!



For health & safety reasons, children should not wear jewellery in school. If pupils have stud earrings, these will need to be removed or have tape on them during P.E. If pupils do wear jewellery, it is at parent's own risk and the school will not take responsibility for injury or loss.

Food and Drink

Breakfast

From September 2026, all primary age pupils will be entitled to access free breakfast provision. This will be based in the school hall from 8.15 am each morning. Parents will be required to book online, in advance.

Break Time

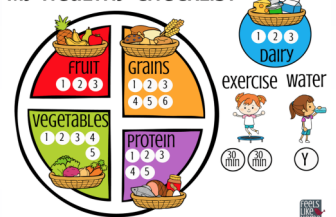
The school encourages and supports children eating a healthy diet and therefore children in Early Years and Key Stage 1 are provided with a piece of fruit as a snack each day free of charge. Older children may also be able to have a piece of fruit if they wish. Children may bring their own piece of fresh or dried fruit (e.g. raisins), or vegetables e.g. cucumber, carrot. However **nuts, cereal bars or packaged snack items MUST not be sent in to consume during break time.**

Lunchtime

Children can pay for a hot meal or bring a packed lunch into school (clearly marked). A drink of water may be brought into school; please ensure that water bottles (no larger than 750 ml) are sent in a non-breakable, non-spill bottle. **Please note, we do not allow sweets, chocolate or fizzy drinks in school.**

School dinners are free to all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. There is a daily charge for children in Year 3 and Year 4.

MY HEALTHY CHECKLIST



Clubs

At Holyoakes Field First School we aim to provide all our children with a range of additional opportunities so that they can develop active lifestyles and develop new interests.

We offer a range of lunch time and out-of-school clubs and encourage the children to become fully involved in all the school can offer.

Details of the clubs offered appear on regular newsletters and on the school website.

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Curriculum

Curriculum Organisation

Our curriculum is designed to enthuse and inspire our pupils and instil a real passion for learning that will enable them to succeed in education and life. Our curriculum aims to provide the very best foundations for all our children and do so in a way that takes account of their different and sometimes individual interests and needs.

The National Curriculum provides the school with the outline of knowledge, skills and understanding that we are required to teach in school.

We aim to teach our curriculum in an engaging, interesting and stimulating way, primarily through a thematic approach. Many of our topics change regularly to excite and stimulate the children in their learning.

Our planning and teaching ensures that the children make progress within their learning against key skills, as well as deepening their knowledge and understanding of the different subjects, as they move through the school.

We also offer many wider opportunities beyond the classroom to broaden and enrich the curriculum for our children.



Special Educational Needs, Disability and Inclusion

Some children can have short or longer term difficulties in one or more areas of the curriculum. We work closely with parents so any difficulties can be identified early on and the correct support provided.

Where pupils have more complex needs, we will consult other agencies and professionals to ensure we can adapt our provision to meet their needs; ensuring they too can access a full and inclusive curriculum. This may also involve working with an outreach team to seek additional advice and secure the correct provision for pupils who may have an identified disability.



Learning Knows No Bounds



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Religious Education

Religious Education is non denominational. Every day pupils attend a collective act of worship. Parents have the right to withdraw their child from religious education and/or collective worship, but must arrange to discuss their decision with the Headteacher first so that alternative arrangements can be made.



PSHRE

Personal, social, health and relationship education is about children's physical, social and emotional development. It is taught through a planned personal, social and health education programme and stresses the importance of family life, stable and loving relationships, respect, love and care.

Further details are available on the school website.

Homework

We believe that the purpose of homework is to enable pupils to revise and deepen learning that has taken place in school. It also helps children to develop self-discipline and take ownership for their learning.

Reading on a daily basis at home is essential if children are to develop fluency and good comprehension skills. Where possible this should be with an adult or older sibling, especially whilst children are still in the early stages of their reading journey. We want all children to develop a real passion for reading as an important life long skill.

Most homework tasks are designed to encourage children to develop a wider range of skills including organisational and research skills. Choice and variety is also important, therefore homework tasks are set on a half-termly basis allowing children to work through them in any order, at their own pace. We believe that a gentle introduction to homework will enable children to be well prepared for the demands of middle and high school.



Support for Parents/Carers and Families

Professionals make regular visits to classes to provide staff with professional advice and support our children and their families

Speech Therapist

Our Speech Therapist visits the school weekly and works closely with staff and families.

Educational Psychologist

Our Educational Psychologist provides specialist assessment and advice for children with more complex needs.

Attendance Officer

Our Attendance Officer closely monitors attendance and punctuality and works with

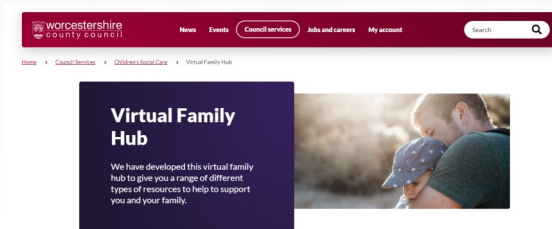
families to promote the best possible attendance for all pupils.

Early Help

Parents can be signposted to a wide range of support from finance and budgeting to parenting support in order for parents to maintain good mental health and wellbeing. [Virtual Family Hub | Worcestershire County Council](#)

Children's Services

The school has a number of trained designated safeguarding leads who are able to support and guide parents and families who may be experiencing difficulties which if ignored could impact on a young child's ability to thrive and reach expected milestones. We work closely with children's services and aim to provide non-judgemental support and guidance to a family before they get to crisis point.



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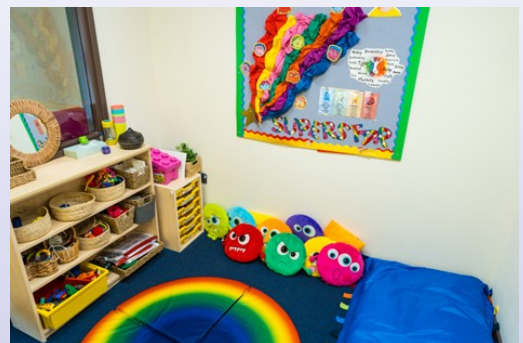
Chat with us

Positive Behaviours

At Holyoakes Fielded we believe that the best way to encourage good standards of behaviour is to establish and maintain a clear code of conduct, enhanced by a balanced combination of rewards and sanctions within a positive community atmosphere.

We aim to support pupils to develop the necessary skills and dispositions they need to regulate their emotions. We encourage all children to develop self-discipline and the ability to make reasoned choices about their behaviour and accept responsibility for their own actions.

We also aim to raise both adult and child self-esteem, or self-image, through the development of supportive and positive relationships. An adult or child with good self-esteem will be confident in their ability to succeed.



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Polite Notice

We aim to treat all members of our school community courteously at all times and expect our staff to be treated in the same manner. We take seriously any threatening, abusive or violent behaviour against any of our staff. If anyone is threatening or abusive, they will be asked to leave the premises and the governing body will be notified of the incident.

Please also refer to our Parental Behaviour Policy on the website for further information.

[Our Policies - Holyoakes Field First School \(bmat.co.uk\)](http://bmat.co.uk)



Respect



Freedom



Responsibility



Honesty



Courage



Hope



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GDPR Statement:

During your child's time with us we will gather information about them which we will use for various purposes.

A Privacy Notice has been provided to you in relation to the use of this information, which is also available on the school website.

Our Privacy Notice can be viewed on our Website

There are some things that we cannot do unless you tell us that we can. This information will be provided to you at the point of admission so that you can let us know which of these things you are happy for us to do, and which you are not.

This will not affect your child's place at the Holyoakes Field First School. You are completely free to refuse to provide your consent for any of these things.

You do not have to provide reasons for refusing your consent, but we are happy for you to give us additional information if you choose to so that we understand any concerns that you have and can take appropriate steps where necessary.

Photographs and Videos

The school may provide photographs or videos to the media or we may be visited by the media to supply these where permissions have been granted by parents. For safeguarding reasons, parents are not permitted to take photos when in school.



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