



Prospectus





WELCOME TO DIAMOND HALL JUNIOR ACADEMY

Diamond Hall Junior Academy is not just a school, it's a family. Ask any one of our 300 children and they will tell you that they care for one another and support and encourage each other to do their best.

Our lively 7-11 year olds come from many different backgrounds and cultures and we are extremely proud of our diversity. Children here are well mannered, respectful and above all safe. Every member of staff holds the children as being precious and cares for them, treating them as a equal member of the Diamond Hall family.

I am delighted to be the headteacher here where I come to work each day proud in the knowledge that we are providing the very best opportunities for the children in our community. Our wonderfully talented children are the great strength of our school and deserve the very best we can give. I am continually impressed by not just their consistent academic success, but by their hundreds of individual achievements in the arts, science, sports, charity work, clubs and trips, as well as individual acts of kindness and courage.

Generations of families have been taught at Diamond Hall Juniors and we are proud of our ongoing place in the heart of the community. With this as our foundation, I believe that together we can work to ensure the highest aspirations for all our children are met.

Kim Bennett, Headteacher

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A PLACE WHERE CHILDREN CAN SPARKLE

At Diamond Hall Junior Academy, every child is given their chance to shine. From our crop of talented young singers and musicians to our inquisitive explorers, animal enthusiasts, astronomers and gardeners, every child is valued and given the opportunity to pursue the things that make them happy.

Skills and talents are given room to grow and in addition to the academic aspirations we instill in them, children are genuinely encouraged to pursue their own individual dreams, whatever they may be. This could be through our extensive range of extra-curricular opportunities or by focusing extra attention on a particular skill or interest within the curriculum.

Success is regularly celebrated, from big achievements like our regional choir wins, to everyday small accomplishments like reaching a target or mastering a task they found difficult.

Through access to fantastic academic and extra-curricular opportunities, children leave us resilient, ambitious and well prepared for the big wide world of secondary school and poised to grow into marvellous young adults.

**"THIS SCHOOL CREATES A
UNIQUE AND EXTRA-ORDINARY
ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH MY
CHILDREN HAVE FLOURISHED."**

YEAR 3 & 6 PARENT



HIGH ASPIRATIONS

Children who attend Diamond Hall are given access to an excellent education in a very safe and happy environment. Our academic performance is consistently good with children making good progress regardless of their ability or background.

In our most recent Ofsted inspection (2014) we were judged to be 'good' in all areas with inspectors commenting that our teaching is good with an increasing proportion outstanding. They said that: "Teachers use a wide range of methods to engage pupils in learning and this motivates pupils to make good progress... pupils achieve well as rigorous checks are kept on their progress across the school." They also recognised our pupils' behaviour as being excellent commenting that: "Pupils enjoy coming to school to work and to play with their friends... they move around the school with care, are well-mannered, courteous and take a pride in their school."

Our curriculum is balanced, relevant and responsive and offers children the opportunity to be the best 21st century global citizens they can be.

Children are taught to be caring and respectful. This expectation permeates all aspects of the school with our commitment to it formally accredited through our recent 'Rights Respecting School Award' from UNICEF. The award recognises our efforts to put children's rights at the heart of our school.

"TEACHERS HAVE HIGH EXPECTATIONS AND PLAN LESSONS THAT MEET PUPILS' NEEDS SO THAT THEY CAN ACHIEVE WELL."

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OUR VISION

OUR VISION, ALONG WITH ALL SCHOOLS IN THE NORTH EAST LEARNING TRUST, IS THAT EVERY CHILD EXPERIENCES EXCELLENCE EVERY DAY.

OUR SCHOOL ETHOS

Diamond Hall Junior Academy is a safe, positive, stimulating, challenging and happy school where the development of the whole child is paramount and children are given every opportunity to thrive in an environment of high aspirations, care and mutual respect. Their work is valued and celebrated and all children, regardless of their abilities, are of equal worth.

Children, staff, governors, parents and the wider community work together in close partnership to attain high standards and each child is empowered to reach their full potential. They are instilled with a sense of self-belief and personal achievement as well as being encouraged to think critically, creatively and independently to face the challenges of the future with confidence. A readiness to support and care for the environment underpins everything we do.

OUR AIMS

We aim to achieve the highest possible standards in all areas for every child. Through a broad and balanced curriculum we promote the spiritual, social, moral, cultural, intellectual and physical development of children, preparing them for future opportunities and experiences in life.



"I LIKE IT WHEN VISITORS COME BECAUSE WE CAN SHOW THEM WHAT WE ARE MADE OF AND HOW WE ARE GUIDED BY THE WORK WE DO ON CHILDREN'S RIGHTS."

MARYAM, YEAR 5 STUDENT



SCHOOL INFORMATION

Before your child starts with us, you will be given several opportunities to visit us so you both feel fully prepared for school life at Diamond Hall Junior Academy.

Special meetings are organised allowing you to meet with staff and become familiar with school procedures so that, as a parent, you feel at ease with the transition into the junior school environment.

The school day starts at 8.55am and ends at 3.15pm.

Our smart new school uniform consists of:

- Red sweatshirt or cardigan
- White shirt and school tie
- Grey trousers or skirt/pinafore
- Plain black shoes

OUR AWARDS

- Healthy Schools Awards (healthy eating)
- UNICEF Rights Respecting School Level 1
- Investors in People Gold (staff welfare)
- Recent Sunderland City Sings Champions (choir)
- Silver Eco School Award (environmental projects)
- School Games Mark - Silver Awards (sports)

"YOU WILL BE TREATED LIKE A PRECIOUS GEM!"

NYEISHA, YEAR 6 STUDENT





HOW TO APPLY

Choosing which school to send your child to is an important decision and we actively encourage anyone considering Diamond Hall Junior Academy to visit us and see for yourself our fantastic school - please just give us a call to make an appointment on **0191 553 7630**.

If you've already made your decision and would like your child to attend Diamond Hall Junior Academy, you will need to complete an online application form by visiting:

www.sunderland.gov.uk/schools-admissions-infant-junior-primary

If you do not have access to the internet, you can complete a paper application by contacting Sunderland City Council on **0191 520 5553**.

The deadline for applications is in January (see admissions website for the exact date).





NORTH EAST LEARNING TRUST

In September 2017 Diamond Hall Junior Academy joined the North East Learning Trust, a highly successful multi-academy education Trust which spans the north east of England.

The Trust's vision is simple and shared by all schools who join the family: that 'every child experiences excellence every day'.

The Trust's founding school, The Academy at Shotton Hall, has achieved great success for their children by securing some of the best outcomes in the country. In 2016 the school achieved the best GCSE results in County Durham and they have been awarded two consecutive outstanding judgments from Ofsted.

Shotton Hall is also one of just 22 new research schools chosen to pioneer research in education across the north east. In addition, it is a national teaching school, training the next generation of teachers and ensuring the highest standards of teaching are instilled from the outset. This means that Trust schools can access a steady stream of consistently high quality staff to meet their workforce needs.

Being part of the Trust gives Diamond Hall Junior Academy access to outstanding leaders who are involved in the regional and national development of education and in return we will share our significant success and experience in the primary sector with other trust schools.



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