

Ofsted 2019 says...

“Pupils love their school. They enjoy coming to Meir Heath and feel happy and well cared for.”

“Pupils’ behaviour is excellent. Lessons are free from any disruptions. They work hard and do well.”

“Leaders want all children to do well and be happy”

Meir Heath Academy

‘Happy, Hard Working and Caring’



Proud members of St Bart's Multi Academy Trust



I am incredibly proud to be the Principal of Meir Heath Academy and I can honestly say that I have the best job in the world!

I have the perfect recipe for a school: delightful children, exceptionally supportive parents, as well as truly dedicated and hard working staff who love our children just as much as I do.

At Meir Heath, our vision is centred on a commitment to excellence in learning and high expectations for academic achievement as well as relationships and behaviour.

And thus our values are *'Happy, Hard Working and Caring'*.

We thrive on the opportunities provided by our curriculum, within a stimulating, creative and energising educational development.

Last year, Meir Heath Academy became one of only a few schools to become an Apple school. This means that every child from Y1 to Y6 now has their own iPad provided by the school and we believe that this has taken our teaching and learning to a whole new level, placing us at the cutting edge of technology.

Many say, once you join the Meir Heath family, you'll never leave. Many parents were pupils here and wouldn't send their child anywhere else. Staff too!! Many have joined as newly qualified teachers and wouldn't want to teach anywhere else. I took on the role as Deputy eleven years ago and stepped into the Principal role four years ago. Between the five members of the Senior leadership team we total over 88 years of being part of the Meir Heath Family — that's a lot of dedication and love.

New family members always welcome

Mrs Melanie Southern

School Day: settling in and our curriculum

School hours: Children can arrive at 8:45am and the end of the school day is 3:30pm

Uniform

At Meir Heath Academy, we regard uniform as an important ingredient of what makes us a great team. The children recognise that working together is important and that uniform helps us to feel like a team, makes pupils look smart and shows others who we are, wherever we are.

The children wear badged sweaters with the school logo, but everything else is available in supermarkets, so that we have a good a balance between being identifiable and the benefits of low costs and availability.

Parents can purchase our school uniform at two places: **Smart Uniform** and **Schools In!**

Smart Uniform

Telephone: 01782 713 650

Email:

sales@smartuniform.co.uk

Address: 1 Harvey House, Hassell Street, Newcastle under Lyme, Staffordshire ST5 1AR

Schools In! (formerly Trutex Meir)

You can contact Schools In! in several ways or simply call in.

Telephone: 01782 310 111

Email:

sales@schoolsuniform.co.uk

Address: 41 Weston Road, Meir, ST3 6AB

School Meals and Snacks

The school provides a wide range of healthy meals that are cooked and prepared on the premises. We have a 5 star hygiene rating.

Meals are currently free for children in Reception and KS1.

Curriculum Enrichment

Ofsted 2019

“Leaders want every pupil to achieve their best. In order to meet these high aims, leaders have created an ambitious curriculum for all pupils”

Pupil Passport

Leaders plan trips and educational visitors so that by the end of Y6 children will have experienced a range of trips. These include a trip to a castle, the zoo, a farm, a museum, an art gallery and many more. We also arrange for a multitude of visitors into school such as Key Strings Musicians, History off the Page. Teaching staff also plan and deliver curriculum days.

We have specialist teachers who deliver the PE and music curriculum.

Across the school, we deliver a program called, ‘My Happy Minds’. This incorporates the latest research, science and technology to help children develop lifelong habits which build on resilience, self-esteem and character for them to learn and thrive.

More details of our curriculum, as well as the topics that each class covers, can be found on the school website.



Wrap Around Care

Kids Aloud Club

195 Uttoxeter Road, ST11 9HQ

Telephone: 01782 399324 or 07960 629478

The provision on the school site is run by ‘Kids Aloud’, but there are also a number of other providers who bring children to and from their premises off site. Please contact providers directly.

Children’s First Day Nursery (0-11 years)

Lysander Road, ST3 7TW

Telephone: 01782 388353

Windmill Hill Private Day Nursery

Rough Close, ST3 7PR

Telephone: 01782 393010

Dojo Rewards

Meir Heath Academy has a whole school approach to behaviour.

Children earn dojos for good behaviour.

Children can save up their dojos and choose their reward. These range from having lunch with the Principal to a homework pass. The younger children can choose a Principal Sticker or Principal’s wristband each time they reach a multiple of 20 dojos.

Class Dojo Awards

Each class decide on a class reward and all children in the class work towards collectively achieving the target so that they can earn a whole class treat.



Enriched curriculum: trips, outdoor learning and clubs

Sport

Sport is a high priority at Meir Heath and we are extremely fortunate to have our own PE specialist teacher, Mr Wilkinson, who has taught at Meir Heath for 15 years and is loved by all.

The quality of Physical Education is outstanding and he has expertly led the school to achieve The Sports Mark Gold for the last 5 years and this means that we are soon to be awarded the prestigious Platinum Award.

Residential Trips

Children in Y3 have the opportunity to take part in an overnight stay linked to their Stone age topic. They use authentic tools to make necklaces, cook on an open fire and take part in shelter building and a drumming workshop around the campfire.

Children in Y6 stay over for 4 nights with the focus on water sports, high rope climbing and even have a masterclass in fencing.

Music

Music and performance is a key strength in the school and Mrs Pickering, our music teacher, shares her love and passion as she teaches weekly lessons across the school.

Children Y3 upwards have the opportunity to play a number of instruments including keyboard, drums and woodwind.

Extra Curricular Clubs

The school offers an exciting range of lunchtime and after school clubs.

Examples include: tag rugby, table tennis, choir, recorders, boxercise, cross country, indoor athletics, bug club, Lego to name a few.

Parent Involvement

To help parents plan ahead, our calendar of events for parental involvement is shared with parents at the beginning of the academic year, as many of our parents are working parents.

We have numerous opportunities throughout the year for parents to join in with the learning. These include:

Parent Go Outdoors

Big Art

Class Assemblies

Parents and Friends Association

We have a very active and supportive PFA who plan many family events. These range from the usual Christmas and Summer Fair as well as Easter Egg Bingo, Meir Heath Bake Off and we have regular children's discos.

We also have school events such as break the rules day. Activities change each year to keep ideas fresh.

Friday Celebration Assembly

This is Meir Heath Family's favourite part of the week. Led by Mr Wilkinson and our Year Six cheer leaders, staff and children all dance down the red carpet as they enter the hall.

We celebrate children who have been nominated for a Principal's Award, reading stars, class of the week and have a weekly raffle for classes who have achieved the school attendance target of 97%.

Children who have been nominated for Principal's award then join Mrs Southern for her Friday Principal's Picnic in the outdoor classroom.

Outdoor Classroom

We are lucky enough to have fabulous grounds and have developed a wildlife area with its very own outdoor classroom.

**** Unfortunately, due to COVID restrictions, some of our usual activities are on hold**

Admissions

Meir Heath has 60 places for September 2021

When/how can I apply? – Staffordshire Addresses

For parents living in **Staffordshire** and paying council tax to a Staffordshire borough (moorlands, Stafford borough etc):

The online service opens on November 2020 for applications. The closing date for applications in **January 2021**.

The website is for applications to Staffordshire County Council is:

<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education/schoolsandcolleges/admissions/Apply/apply.aspx>

When/how can I apply? – Stoke on Trent Addresses

The quickest and easiest way is to apply online to the Local Authority where you pay your council tax.

For parents living in **Stoke on Trent**, who pay their council tax to Stoke on Trent authority:

The online service opens for applications October 2020. The closing date for applications is **January 2021**.

The website for applications to Stoke on Trent is https://www.stoke.gov.uk/info/20033/school_admissions

The quickest and easiest way is to apply online to the Local Authority where you pay your council tax. If you are unsure then you can check at <https://www.gov.uk/find-local-council> by entering your post code.



What do you like about the school?

Lauren Y6:

'I wish we had a Meir Heath Academy High school so that I don't have to leave'

Lexie Y4:

'I love having battles on Times Tables Rock Stars. If the girls win, then we get 5 dojos.'

Alfie Y3:

'I love computing and using Scratch for programming.'

Millie Y2

'I love it when we get to take Paddington bear home for the

Alexander Y2:

'Visiting the beach for our seaside topic'

Alfie Y5:

'I love our Harry Potter topic. We got to use the sorting hat to put us into houses. I am in Gryffindor. I have enjoyed painting Hogwarts in the style of Vincent Van Gough's Starry Night.'

George Reception:

'I like the Numberblocks. They help me to learn our numbers.'

Tom Y1:

'I like it when my teacher reads Night Pirates and then we can write about the pirates in the story. I have made a pirate ship with treasure.'