



West Moors Middle School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to our Open Evening on **Wednesday 27th September 2023**. The school will be open from 5.45pm, with a **Headteacher and student talk at 6.00pm**, followed by a tour of the school with our students.

We realise that selecting a Middle School for your son or daughter is an important decision and we would therefore like to give you as much information as possible, to allow you to make a fully informed choice. On the evening, you will have a chance to speak to our staff, as well as with some of our current students and of course you will have the opportunity to walk around our school site, where there will be a range of activities from our subject areas to experience.

If you are unable to make the 27th September, or would like to see the school during its normal working day, there will be tours available the following week. Please may I urge you to take advantage of this opportunity, as the best way to judge a school is to see it in action. We are very proud at West Moors Middle of how well behaved and engaged our students are, and I would love for you to be able to experience this first hand.

Open Evening 27th September 2023	5.45pm to 7.45pm Headteacher's Talk at 6.00pm
Open Tour Tuesday 3rd October 2023	9.00 -10.15
Open Tour Thursday 5th October 2023	9.00 -10.15
Open Tour Tuesday 10th October 2023	9.00 -10.15

Please email office@westmoorsmid.dorset.sch.uk to book your place. If you are unable to attend those dates and would like to arrange another, more convenient time, then please email this request so an alternative date can be arranged.

In the meantime, further information about our school is available on our school website <https://westmoorsmid.dorset.sch.uk/>. You can also join our Twitter ([@west_moors](https://twitter.com/west_moors)) and Facebook pages (<https://www.facebook.com/WestMoorsMiddleSchool/>).

To give you a flavour of what West Moors Middle has to offer; we have been judged as good with outstanding features by Ofsted. We offer a broad and balanced curriculum, while being a small village middle school, we know all of our children.



Head Teacher: Dr D Craddock PhD MA BSc (Hons) NPQH



In fact, in recent SATS (May, 2023), our children achieved 15% Greater Depth in Reading, Writing and Maths combined in comparison to 8% of children nationally. Notable achievements include the excellent progress our children have made in Reading (+1.0), Writing (+1.0), Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling (+0.9) and higher Maths (+0.2) between the end of KS1 (Year 2) and KS2 (Year 6). This demonstrates how hard our children and staff have worked to make this accelerated progress in their learning over this time. Indeed, pupils at West Moors have exceeded expectations with positive progress scores, indicating that they have not only reached their targets in the external tests, but have also made more than expected progress in these national assessments.

We are not just about academic achievement however and we do pride ourselves on being a school that really cares for and supports its children. I feel that we are a school where relationships between children and staff are a real strength and where your child is treated as an individual and is allowed to be whoever they wish to be. West Moors Middle is a Rights Respecting School where we spend a lot of time ensuring that our students feel happy and safe, enabling them to thrive to be the best that they can be on their own individual journeys.

Your son or daughter will also find out that at West Moors Middle, whatever their interests; there is a club or a group to cater for it.

Finally, to give you a flavour of the school, I have included some of the quotes from our last Ofsted report, following their recent inspection of our school in February 2022.

Leadership: “Leaders have high aspirations. Their vision is that all pupils will be ‘the best that they can be’. Pupils rise to this challenge. Leaders and staff help pupils to feel safe and have respectful relationships...” and “Leaders have designed an ambitious curriculum.”

Behaviour: “School reward systems and sanctions motivate pupils to behave well and to work hard...”, “Older pupils contribute to school life by being digital leaders, librarians and prefects...” and “Pupils behave well and value the reward system.”

Welfare: “Pupils thrive at school...”; “Pupils say that the school is a ‘Telling School’, meaning that staff encourage them to share any worries they have in a way that suits them. Pupils feel safe at school...”; “There are many opportunities for pupils to develop their interests and skills. Pupils enjoy the range of school clubs on offer. They particularly enjoy the opportunities to learn outdoors...”; and “A culture of valuing and respecting each other leads to strong relationships between staff and pupils.”

Teaching and Learning: “The school promotes reading well. Pupils enjoy the books that they read and feel motivated to read...”; “It is clear what pupils need to learn and when. This means that pupils successfully develop their knowledge well over time...”; and “Learning builds on what pupils already know. This means that pupils are ready for their next steps in learning. Support given to those who need it ensures that they progress well through the curriculum. Assessment systems clearly identify gaps in pupils’ knowledge.”

I look forward to meeting with you on the 27th September 2023 where I can explain more fully, what West Moors Middle School has to offer your son or daughter.

Yours faithfully,



Dr Deborah Craddock

Headteacher – West Moors Middle School