



CASTLE ACADEMY

NORTHAMPTON



Welcome

Our aim is simple, to offer an outstanding education for the pupils in partnership with Parents and Governors. It is our belief that each individual pupil should receive an education that is rich in terms of knowledge, skills concepts and relationships, developing the ability to challenge and communicate as well as supporting the individual in developing self-confidence and self-belief. We educate our pupils to reach their full potential in an inclusive, happy and secure environment.

School Vision: Castle...never stops learning!

- We are a community that embraces diversity to empower all to grow.
- We achieve through challenge, inspiring open minds and developing the skills for life long learning by working together for the future of every child.
- At Castle Academy there is an understanding and respect for all, regardless of race, gender or ability.
- We aim to encourage the whole school community to take risks in the pursuit of excellence.
- We celebrate creativity and success but acknowledge that we learn from our mistakes.
- We are committed to raising standards and setting high expectations through exceptional teaching.
- We aim to enable all to fulfil their potential and we celebrate their range of achievements.
- We believe a sense of belonging is vital for all members of the inclusive Castle community.
- We develop the whole child in a happy, secure and caring environment.
- We have pride in the school and are partners in being the best we can be.

Mrs Lorna Beard
Headteacher



Curriculum

In line with the new curriculum, year groups are teaching from updated long-term planning maps, which show the units that will be covered during each year in the school.

We follow Read Write Inc but have adapted it to suit the needs of our pupils. Children in Nursery start with learning how to hear and say phonemes in words. They then progress onto recognising phonemes and corresponding graphemes. In Reception and Key Stage 1 & 2 pupils follow Read Write Inc programme for phonological awareness, learning to blend and segment words, phoneme/grapheme correspondence, reading and comprehension. this takes place daily for 30 minutes in ability groups and pupils are continually assessed and move accordingly.

Once pupils are off the programme, they move onto spelling and comprehension.



Performance

Castle Academy is rated a **good** school by Ofsted.

"The quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good. The teachers regularly challenge the pupils to improve their work. This enables pupils to achieve well." Ofsted, November 2016



Performance Data for 2018

- Percentage of pupils who've achieved the expected standard in Reading, Writing and Maths 73%
- Average progress that pupils have made in Writing between KS1 and KS2 +1.7 points
- Average progress that pupils have made in Maths between KS1 and KS2 +0.4 points

School Day

Our school day follows this timetable:

- 8:45am Classroom doors open
- 8:55am Registration
- 8:55 - 10:40am Morning lessons
- 10:40 - 10:55am Break
- 10:55 - 12:00pm Morning lessons
- 12:00 - 1:00pm Lunchtime
- 1:00 - 2:45pm Afternoon lessons
- 2:45 - 3:15pm Assemblies
- 3:15pm Home time



Pupil Welfare

Castle Academy is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all stakeholders involved in the organisation to share this commitment.

We recognise our moral and statutory responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people in our care. We endeavour to provide a safe and welcoming environment where everyone is respected and valued.

We are alert to the signs of abuse, neglect, exploitation and radicalisation and follow our procedures to ensure that children effect support, protection and justice. Where there are concerns, we have a duty to refer those concerns; contributing to the assessment of a child's needs, and towards on-going actions to meet those needs.



About East Midlands Academy Trust

East Midlands Academy Trust was incorporated in September 2012. East Midlands Academy Trust is a Multi Academy Trust based in the centre of Northampton. Since incorporation, the MAT now includes five primary academies, one secondary academy and one all-through 4-19 Free School. East Midlands Academy Trust's key ambition is straightforward - to create excellent academies.

Vision, Values and Purpose

'Every child deserves to be the best they can be'

We are driven by a strong moral purpose that every child has the right to outstanding teaching and leadership. It is our mission to work with our children, their parents and carers and our staff to create excellent schools. Schools that demonstrate integrity of purpose through high aspiration for every child. We set high expectations for our leaders and teachers to support and stretch every child. We ensure that they make excellent progress and build the skills, knowledge and attributes that will prepare them well for secondary school and beyond.





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