

Sandhill Best Bites



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SANDHILL VIEW ACADEMY



**Everything primary school
pupils need to know about
Sandhill View Academy**



What is being at Secondary School like?

Starting at secondary school can be scary. To make things less frightening, we've made this booklet to tell you about what you can expect, the things we do to help you and some of the fun stuff you'll get up to in your time here. Don't worry! It's going to be great!

What's different?

More than one teacher

In secondary school you have a different teacher for every lesson. You will also have a 'form tutor' who will take you for registration and tutor time every day and will look after you at Sandhill View.

Different Classrooms

Instead of one teacher, teaching you all the subjects in one classroom, in secondary school you have a teacher for every subject, each with their own classroom. This means you move around the school to attend your different classes.

Pssst! Check out the map on page 16 to see where all our subjects live at Sandhill View.

New Subjects!

Some subjects you might not have studied at Primary School. You'll learn a foreign language, play music, learn how to cook or make things in Design Technology as well as learn more about some subjects you have already studied at primary school.

What Else?

You'll find there are a lot more students, up to 800. Toilets are only open at certain times within the school day and if you need to go in lesson time you might get a special pass.



What we do to help...

Transition Week

We try to make your start at Sandhill View a smooth one. To help, we offer Year 6 pupils the chance to visit the school, for a whole week, to familiarise yourselves with the school and meet your future teachers early.



Taster Sessions

We also do fun taster sessions, where primary pupils can spend the afternoon learning more about the 12 different subjects we teach.



Specialist Days

We also offer lots of special subject days such as 'World Pi Day', drama workshops, 'World Book Day', sports days and a chance to have fun in our school pool.



Our pupils tell you what it's like...

The best thing about secondary school is the opportunities! You get the chance to improve your skills; learn how to make more friends and socialise much more!

Kirsty Young

Former Hastings Hill Pupil

I really like Secondary School because it's really easy to make new friends!

Kaitlin Hepple

Former Broadway Pupil

Life at Sandhill View is fantastic, the teachers are always looking out for you.

Leo Ciaraldi

Former Highfield Pupil

Proud of being at Sandhill View

We want you to be proud of being at Sandhill View. That means looking smart in our school uniform every day, being on time for school and lessons with everything you need to learn and setting a good example for your school in the community.



Our School Uniform

It is very important that you come to school in the correct school uniform every day. Take a look at what you need to be wearing above to make sure you are looking smart! For PE you'll need to wear your school PE top (see next page) and black shorts or bottoms.

Your school day

Arrival to school: 8:00am – 8:20am

Registration / Assembly: 8:30am – 9:00am

Lesson 1: 9:00am – 9:55am

Lesson 2: 9:55am – 10:50am

Break: 10:50am – 11:05am

Lesson 3: 11:05am – 12:00pm

Lesson 4: 12:00pm – 12:55pm

Lunch: 12:55pm – 1:40pm

Lesson 5: 1:40pm – 2:35pm

Lesson 6: 2:35pm – 3:30pm*

* Period 6 on a Wednesday is the enrichment period with no scheduled lessons. Pupils may leave school at 2:35pm on Wednesdays but are encouraged to engage in enrichment activities about the school from 2:35pm to 4:00pm onwards.



Important stuff you'll need every day for your lessons

Equipment Checklist

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Zip Wallet | <input type="checkbox"/> Cloth |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black Pen | <input type="checkbox"/> School Bag |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Green Pen | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pencil | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rubber | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ruler | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> White Board Pen | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Whiteboard | |



What we give you...

As well as bringing your own stuff to school, we'll give you an equipment pack to help get you started with your life at Sandhill View Academy.

Mini White Board & Pen

Ruler

Cloth Eraser

Pencil

Rubber

ERASER

Zip Wallet

Green & Black Pens

On Your Bike!

Why not hop on your bike to get to school? You can ride your bike right up to the school building and store it safely on site in our secure bike racks near to the entrance of the main yard. ***Pssst! Don't forget to bring a bike lock!***



What you're not allowed to bring to school

There are some things you should not bring with you to school. Here are a few of the items you should either leave at home or keep in your bag during your time at school.



Energy Drinks



Chewing Gum



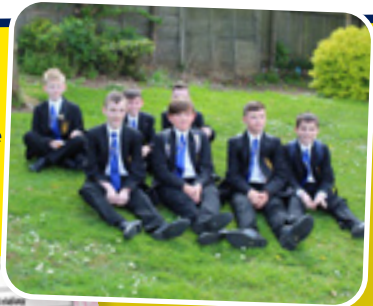
Headphones



Mobile Phones

Breaks & Lunchtimes

You get one 15 minute break in the morning and a 45 minute break at Lunchtime. These give you the chance to chill, have something to eat, catch-up with your friends or visit the toilets (you are not allowed to go to the toilet inside of lesson time). You can also attend a lunchtime club or activity.



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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Clever Biometrics

You'll pay for your meals with your fingerprint as our school meals are completely cashless. We'll take your fingerprint on your first day at school and from there your parents can top up your account remotely online or you can by using the top up machines in school.



What's it like in Year 7?

In Year 7 you will learn lots of new things and make new friends. Though it might be scary to be the youngest year group, we are here to make sure that you get the best start in your new school.



Meet Miss Scott, Head of Year 7

My name is Miss Scott and as your Head of Year, you'll get to know me very well, and I will soon get to know you. I will be the person in school you or your parents come to if you have any worries, problems or questions. I am also the person who is responsible for ensuring that you all have excellent attendance, punctuality and behavior.

I also want to make sure you do your work well and are given the right help if you need it. During your time at school I want to make sure that I do everything I can so you feel happy, safe and reach your full potential.



The Year 7 base is the place where you will enter the school, go to at break & lunchtimes and where you go if you have any problems you need Miss Scott to help with.



Our Year 7 pupils tell you all about what it's like...

The teachers, Heads of Year and SLT are so nice. I love it here at SHV, it is a safe, kind and loving environment where students and teachers care for and listen to each other.

Sophie Louise Naisbett
Year 7 Student

Sandhill view is a safe and kind place. At first I was nervous to come here but I soon found that everyone is really friendly. The teachers are kind and always have smiles on their faces. Our head Teacher, Mrs Dodd has kindly bought all pupils an equipment pack so we can all be ready for our classes with the things we need.

Katie Conlon
Year 7 Student

Sandhill view is a really good school because the teachers are helpful. I was worried people here would be horrible but actually everyone is really nice and I have alot more friends now then I thought I was going to have!

Amelia Longstaff
Year 7 Student



Your Tutor Group

Your tutor group is where you start each day, along with your form tutor who will remain with you as you go through every year at Sandhill View.

It's also the perfect chance to take on a responsibility yourself. Your group could elect you to be **Attendance Monitor**, **Anti-Bullying Ambassador** or even **Tutor Group Monitor** and represent your entire group in meetings with the Head Teacher to discuss any problems and ideas brought up by your classmates.

Our school building

Secondary school might seem big and scary but we have some fantastic facilities at Sandhill View so you can get the most from your time here. Worried about getting lost? Don't worry, everyone gets lost, even the teachers sometimes! Just ask and we'll show you where you need to go.

Maths
(Upstairs)

English
(Downstairs)

Computing
(Downstairs)

History & Geography
(Upstairs)

Languages
(Downstairs)

Art & Photography
(Upstairs)

From
Grindon
Lane

YOU COME INTO & OUT OF
SCHOOL THIS WAY

Year 7 Base

Science

Reading Suite



Music



Technology



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ASPIRE • ACHIEVE • ENJOY



PE



Lunch Hall

Theatre



Out of Bounds
Corridor



Reception &
School Office

Being at School every day

Being in school and on time to your lessons is very important. If you're not here learning then how can you expect to do well? We make sure we reward good attendance and punctuality.



Our attendance system helps us to reward good attendance with all sorts of good stuff like certificates, badges, shopping vouchers & special events.

ATTENDANCE TARGET

97%
& ABOVE

That's being in school 180 days out of 185 days in a school year.

You get 180 days not in school for holidays, shopping & appointments

Pssst! That's only three days off per year!

Which of these is a good reason to be off school?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> A) Genuine Sickness | <input type="checkbox"/> D) To Play Video Games |
| <input type="checkbox"/> B) Family Holiday | <input type="checkbox"/> E) Catch up on Sleep |
| <input type="checkbox"/> C) A Doctor's Appointment | |

Answer at the bottom of the next page

At Secondary School there is much more focus on attendance...

To reward excellent attendance we have a number of events throughout the year. Twice a year at Christmas and Easter, for every day you're at school during this reward period you will be entered into a **daily prize draw to win a prize**. On the last day of term, everybody who attends school every single day during this period will have a chance to **bumper prize**.

Pssst! All you've got to do is come to school.



End of Year Awards Evening

At the end of the year we have a special rewards evening for every year group, inviting in parents and carers to help us celebrate your great attendance and excellent attitude to learning. This includes not only celebrating attendance put those students who have earned either 1000, 2000 or even 3000 positive points throughout the year! There are even special prizes for those students who have gone above and beyond!



When you do your best at school we reward you

We want you to do well at school, and we want to reward you for good work, excellent behaviour and a positive attitude. For that reason, we award our pupils positive points every time they do something good. At the end of each term you'll be recognised for earning points by achieving the SHV 1000, 2000 or even 3000 award which will also help you unlock access to special rewards.



Earn Positive Points

Do Well in Lessons



Unlock Special Rewards & Activities



Fantastic FRIDAYS

Every Friday we celebrate that week's successes amongst our students with 'Fantastic Friday', where pupils are nominated for various special mini-rewards for showing us excellent attitudes to learning and school life.

Brilliant Breakfast

The pupils with the best attendance and praise points every week join members of our school leadership for a special breakfast on a Friday morning where they can discuss their week and enjoy a special breakfast buffet including bacon sandwiches, bagels, waffles, cereal, fresh fruit, hot drinks and more!



Achievement All Stars

Meanwhile, every week we choose a subject where teachers in that subject area nominate the best work they've seen recently and invite pupils down to our Aspire Hub to show off and discuss their outstanding pieces of work with our school leaders.



Headteacher's Awards

Finally, to wrap up our Fantastic Fridays, all teachers and support staff have the opportunity to nominate pupils that they feel have gone above and beyond and deserve special recognition. Our Headteacher Mrs Dodd then chooses three pupils from these nominations to be presented with a special certificate, a beautiful pen set and a fridge magnet to remind everyone at home of their fantastic achievement in school.



Enjoying your time at school

Being at school is not just about learning. It's about having fun and feeling safe too so you can really enjoy your time here.



What to do if you're worried or think you're being bullied...

Our school has very low levels of reported bullying. We understand this is a worry for students and parents and we take bullying very seriously. The most important thing is that if you think you are being bullied or hear or see bullying then **please tell us! Pssst! We can't help you if we don't know about it!**

#NOBYSTANDERS

Anti Bullying Monitor

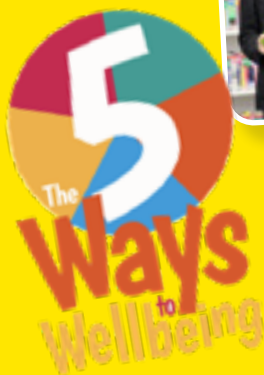
We know telling an adult about being bullied can be hard. That's why every tutor group elects an **anti-bullying team**, so that you can talk to your peer if you feel uncomfortable telling a teacher.



Supporting Your Wellbeing

We are very aware that being a teenager can be tough at times and that life at school can be stressful. We do all we can whilst you are in school to support your wellbeing so that you can enjoy yourself and be happy.

We do all sorts to achieve this from personal development lessons where you learn about mental health, special guests who may come into school to promote it and also by celebrating events such as 'Mental Health Awareness Week' by allowing our students to wear green in their uniforms for the day. We also encourage the 'five ways of wellbeing' in your everyday life.





Join a Club!

There are many different clubs you can join every week that run over lunchtimes, after school and during enrichment periods. Interested in cars? Then why not join our Motor Vehicles club, or perhaps you'd like to share your talents in Art Club? There's so much to choose from!



Love to Learn

We want to make your learning fun. If you're learning and having fun you are more likely to remember what it is that you've been taught. We want you to come to school because you love it!



Fun in the Classroom!

You'll get to have lessons in Science labs where you'll use Bunsen burners and conduct experiments, you'll get to perform in our state of the art Drama studio with lights and sound equipment and you'll also be able to use specialist machinery in Design Technology.

Here to Help You

Our teachers are very dedicated to making sure you're learning well. If you're struggling, they are always here to help. There is also a **'homework club'** every night after school in our Learning Resource Centre where you are welcome to come and do your homework in a friendly and relaxed environment.



Fun outside the Classroom!

There are fantastic opportunities for you just outside of the school as well. You could join our school Eco Team and help out in our award winning school garden, where you can learn all about how to grow and care for your own food. There is also our amazing Forest School area, with outdoor classrooms designed to help you learn all about nature and our environment.



Engaging Trips Away from School

Throughout the year you will get the chance to go on school trips to help enhance your subject knowledge to places such as Durham University, The Empire Theatre, The Baltic, Beamish, Boggle Hole, The Lake District or even trips further afield such as cultural trips to London or Paris or even skiing in Andorra!



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Welcome to my classroom!

I expect you to be:

Ready

- Full uniform
- On time, all of the time
- All equipment
- Homework on time, every time

Respectful

- To all adults
- To all students
- To the school environment
- Follow all reasonable instructions from staff

Safe

- Be safe at all times, in all areas
- Only you are responsible for your actions

Our Classroom Expectations

In order to making learning enjoyable for everyone, we have set out clear guidelines for how you should behave in classroom and around school. It's simple! All you need to do is be Ready, Respectful & Safe. These three words will guide you towards having an excellent attitude to learning and help you enjoy every minute of your day at Sandhill View. You'll find them on the door to every learning space.

Don't miss our Amazing Summer School

Don't miss out on a full week of fun by taking part in our annual Summer School! Our Summer School will run from Tuesday 27th until Friday 30th August where we will welcome our new Year 7 pupils for four days of fun activities. This is a great opportunity to meet your new classmates and staff members. It also helps a lot to reduce any nerves you may have about joining us in September. We've got all sorts of cool and fun stuff planned, in and around school, so don't miss it!



Working in partnership with our Primary Partners



Hasting Hill
Academy



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Key Contacts

If you'd like more information about everything we do to make the transition as smooth as possible, please contact us on the number below to arrange a visit and see for yourself.

Contact us on: 0191 594 9992

Mrs L. Scott: Head of Year 7

Mr A. Blake: Assistant Headteacher & Transition Manager

Please see our website for more details: www.sandhillview.com