



**One Childhood, One Chance:
Happy, Safe, Successful.**

Upton Junior School prides itself on our vision to ensure that every child reaches their full potential during their four years with us. This is made possible through the high quality teaching and learning that we provide to enable all of our children to make good or better progress - not only reading, writing and maths, but across all curriculum areas.

Our passionate and talented staff team are key to achieving this goal. We share collective aims: we want every child in the school to be happy and safe; inspired and enthused to learn; and to experience a first-class education!

We understand that all children learn differently and so we ensure that our lessons are interesting and engaging.



We Welcome You to Upton Junior School

One Childhood, One Chance -
Empowering Children through Education



We fully believe that all children will attain more when home and school work in collaboration with one another. We have an 'Open Door Policy' and welcome you into our school at any point to discuss your child. Working together we will achieve more.

Upton Values

We actively teach our children about our school values, their meanings and how we show the behaviours associated with the values:

**Friendship
Aspiration
Respect
Resilience**

Alongside Upton's Values, our school rules of Be Ready, Be Respectful and Be Safe ensure that at Upton, there is a common understanding of how everyone should be treated and how they should behave.

Upton Junior School is part of the Viking Academy Trust. Please see our website for the [Viking Vision](http://www.vikingacademytrust.co.uk).

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Key Information

Staff:

For details on all our team please see the staff page on our School website. Key staff members you should be aware of are:

Miss Arthur – Headteacher

Mrs Hill – Deputy Headteacher

Mr Kettle – Assistant Headteacher

Miss Scarr – Assistant Headteacher



Behaviour:

At Upton, we hold the highest expectations for the behaviour, attitude and rights of adults and children alike. Our policy, procedure and practice is developed in partnership with the school community and is built upon respect and morality. Everyone at Upton is clear about their rights and responsibilities and also understand the consequences of poor behaviour choices too.

Inclusion:

Upton is a fully inclusive junior school in the county of Kent and follows the inclusive policy of all Kent schools.

Inclusion looks at the needs of all pupils; children with learning difficulties such as dyslexia, children who have English as an additional language, children who have issues with their behaviour and children with social and emotional needs.

For more on our inclusive learning offer, please see our website.

The School Day - Timings

The 38 week school year is divided into six terms, in line with the family of schools working within the Viking Academy trust. The school day has a minimum of five hours of 'teaching time'. The school day begins with gates opening at 8.30am for registration and remain open until 8.45am. All pupils finish school at 3.00pm.

Wrap-Around Care: The Extended School Day

We cater for the working parent and those looking to return to employment, as we provide both before and after school care beyond the school day. For further information on the Breakfast Club and After School Club, including how to register for this provision, please visit the Clubs and Wraparound Childcare section on our website.

We also run a range of sport and music clubs after school. Further information on these clubs will follow.



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Parents and Carers

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

Attendance - Our Expectations

We strongly endorse the Department for Education's stance on Attendance, in that every moment in school is important. Upton has very high standards on attendance and we expect your child to be in every day unless illness or extenuating circumstance prevents this. This is ideally less than five days of absence each academic year.

Reporting an Absence

On the first day of an illness, please call the school office on 01843 861393, to inform office staff that your child will not be in school and why. We also ask that you call on each subsequent day that your child is not in school.

Please do not be surprised if school staff make contact with you to check on your child's absence, it is their duty to safeguard the children even when they are not in school.

School Meals

Up until the end of Year 2, your child will have been entitled to Universal Infant Free School Meals.

Now that your child is in Key Stage 2 (years 3 – 6) you will be required to pay for their meals online. School lunches must be paid for in advance via the school payments system.

For more information including meal plans please see our website.

Free School Meals and Pupil Premium

Your child might be eligible for Free School Meals if you receive certain benefits. For the full list and to see if you may be eligible, please visit our website.

It is not just Free School Meals

As well as receiving free school meals, your child will also be eligible for supermarket vouchers in the school holidays (as of June 2024), discounts on larger school trips and more. Please contact the school office in confidence regarding any of this information.

Here is the link to Kent's website to apply for Free School Meals:

www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/free-school-meals

Our School Uniform

Upton Junior School takes great pride in looking smart at all times. Our uniform is very important to our school and provides our children with a sense of belonging.

The Schoolwear Centre

Our uniform is available to buy online or in store exclusively at the Schoolwear Centre, 85 High St, Margate CT9 1JL. – 01843 293555. Please buy new items or pre-loved items (at a reduced cost) online or in store.

However, many items of our uniform can also be bought at other shops and supermarkets. Please see our website for a full breakdown of our full uniform list (essential and non-essential items).



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School Communications

The 'My Child At School'(MCAS) Parent App

My Child At School app allows parents to have access to key information straight to their smartphone.

- Securely login with biometric support
- Instant access to daily and 'year to date' attendance
- School announcements tailored to your child
- Messages sent to your phone
- Weekly behaviour point notification
- Book your parents' evenings
- Access reports, behaviour for learning reports, your login details etc.

Your registration details will be sent to you before the beginning of the school year. Search the Apple App Store or Play Store for 'My Child At School'.



Parent Support for School Events

Moving forwards, we have decided that the PTFA will not continue in the same way, and instead we will launch an Events Team!

This will consist of as many volunteers as possible who will be willing to lend support as and when they can at events. There will not be the need to commit to anything long term. More details regarding this, and how you can join, will follow once you join in September.

We look forward to welcoming you to our school community soon.



School Learning Blogs

Each year group has a blog which is updated every week. This is the place to keep abreast of your child's learning and access key reminders and upcoming dates. See examples of class blogs on our website.

School News and 'Next Week at Upton'

Keep up to date with all news and events at Upton by reading our School Blog and our weekly reminders email called 'Next Week at Upton', which you will receive via email every Friday afternoon ready for the next week ahead.

Want to plan further ahead? All pupil events are on our website calendar.

School Website

For all other information you are looking for, including leave of absence requests, medical information, payment information and curriculum information, please see the school website.



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