



### **What sort of things will I learn in your school?**

You will learn to be as independent as you can be; looking after yourself being safe in and outside of school and doing things on your own without help. You will learn how to communicate with other people; your friends, adults, your family, in the best way for you. You will learn to be able to control your emotions and let people who help you know how you feel so they will know and understand you as well as possible. You will get the chance to do lots of different activities inside and outside of school such as Maths and English but also including chances to go away on trips play different sports and take part in music and drama.

### **Who will help me with my work?**

All the staff in school will help you with your work but especially the class teacher and the support staff that will be in your class. But you can ask any adult in school for help.

### **Will I be able to do extra things after school like go away on trips?**

You will have the chance to go on day trips and trip s where you will stay away from home if you want. You will have the chance to do after-school and lunchtime clubs as well such as trampolining, dance and Judo.

### **Who do I talk to if I am worried or have a problem?**

You can talk to any adult in school if you want or need to but usually the class team can help you first. You can talk to the Base leader Deputy Head teacher or the Head teacher. There are also other staff in school whose job it is to help pupils who are worried about things or have problems.

### **Will I have to wear a uniform?**

You have to wear a uniform until you are 16, then you can make the choice to wear it or not. If you have a problem with certain materials or colours or you need to wear a hoodie or a special piece of clothing to feel safe and happy we will agree with your parents that it is ok.

### **How will you help me to plan for what I want to do when I leave school?**

When it comes time to leave school staff, with your parents and with the support of other people whose job it is to help students to plan for when they leave school, will sit down with you and talk about the things you want to do, what is possible to do and how best to make it happen. When you know what you will do when you finish school staff will help you prepare for that, including chances to have visits and meet the people who will be supporting you before you finally leave school. We will make sure you have pictures to remind you about where you will be going and who with.

### **Do pupils get to have a say on what goes on in school?**

Pupils have a chance to say what they think in class when they have 'circle time'. They can be elected to be on the school council for their Base and do things like interviewing new staff for school. Pupils get to say what they think about the food and the dining hall and also what they think about their lessons and the work they do in school.

### **How will I get to and from school?**

You will come to school either on a bus with your friends and someone to make sure you are all safe, or in a taxi. Your parents will talk to the school about what is the best way for you to travel especially if you are in a wheelchair or you find it difficult to share with others or if noise is a problem for you.

### **How long are the break and lunchtimes?**

You will have a break of 15 minutes in the morning to go outside and play if the weather is good otherwise we have break time in class. You will have 1 hour to eat your lunch and play outside.

### **How will I know if I am doing well in school?**

Your class teacher will ask you at the end of each lesson how well you think you did and how they well they think you are doing. You will have a reward system so that you know when you have done something well and you can build up to having

a reward for your good work. Your teacher might use stickers or write comments in your home school book. When someone works especially hard they can get the student of the week award in assembly and at the end of the school year we have other special awards for pupils who have done particularly well. Each year at your annual review you will have a chance to talk about and hear about how well you have done with your work.