

Hyrstmount School Information

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September 2025

Staffing

Staffing for this academic year is as follows:

Senior Leadership

Headteacher:	Mr Leach
Deputy Headteacher:	Ms Wallis
Assistant Headteacher:	Miss Julien
SENDCo	Mrs Morton

Classes

Year 3	
3HR:	Mrs Roberts / Mrs Heald
3FM:	Mrs Morton/ Mrs Firth
Year 4	
4B:	Miss Beard
4M	Mrs Mencattelli
4JS:	Mrs Stott / Miss Julien
Year 5	
5A:	Mrs Ahmed and Mrs Akhtar
5M:	Miss Mallinson
Year 6	
6S:	Miss Saiyed
6W:	Ms Wallis

Uniform

The children have returned to school looking very smart in their new uniforms. I would like to thank parents for making the effort to buy the uniform specified in the policy.

Punctuality

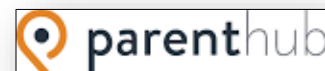
Missing a few minutes of school, particularly if it's a regular occurrence, can have a very damaging impact on a child's education and can also be disruptive for a child's class. I would like to remind parents that school starts promptly at **8:40am**. Children are welcome to arrive from 8:30am when the school gates open so that they can be in school and ready to learn before the bell goes.



Medical Appointments

We need to know beforehand if a child has to leave school early or have time off during the day for medical appointments. Please call the school office from 8am on 01924 326700 if that is the case. Whilst we would urge parents to make appointments outside school hours, we appreciate that this can be very challenging these days.

Children needing to attend a medical appointment must be collected by a parent or another known adult. If children are ill at school, we will make them as comfortable as possible and contact you immediately.



Parent Hub is a **FREE** app that helps keep you up to date with what's going on at school. You'll receive messages, pictures, documents and newsletters, all in one handy place.

Instructions:

1. Download the Parent Hub app from your app store (iPhone or Android).
2. Create yourself an account.
3. Choose "Join a School" and enter the school handle.

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Medicines

Some children require medicine on a regular basis for complaints such as asthma, diabetes, epilepsy and ADHD. These children will have a health care plan to meet their specific needs. Please tell us if this applies to your child.

Our first aiders are able to administer medicines to children during the school day. However, parents will be asked to complete a consent form before any medicine can be administered. Medicines should be handed in to the school office by the parent and should be clearly marked with the child's name, dosage and expiry date.

Parents' Evening

Parents evenings will be held on the following days:

Thursday 4 November	3:20 - 7:00pm
Tuesday 6 November	3:20 - 5.00pm

A letter with information on how to book appointments will be sent nearer the time.

Automated Gate System



For security reasons, the gate to the car park and the main foot gate leading into the school grounds are on an automated system. Parents and visitors wishing to come into school during school hours will need to speak to the main office via an intercom before being granted access. Furthermore, when leaving the school grounds, parents and visitors will need to press a release button which is located on a yellow pole to the left hand side of the main path. The gates will be left open first thing in the morning as pupils arrive but the automated system will be in operation from 8:45am, when all children should be in their classrooms.

Traffic Safety

Please can I remind parents that it is strictly prohibited to park on the yellow zig zag lines outside school. We would also ask that parents do not turn their cars around in front of the school gates. Doing so compromises the safety of our children, particularly at the end of the school day when lots of children are crossing the road.

Thank you.

On Monday 8th September, our year 6 learners will join other year 6 and year 7 learners from the Batley Multi-Academy Trust in the Theatre Royal Wakefield for the first-ever 'Inspiring the Next Generation Event'. This day has been designed to spark hope, build confidence, and ignite ambition, helping every learner realise their true potential. Our learners will listen to an inspiring talk from Luke Staton, enjoy guest performances from a spoken word artist and listen to messages and real stories of courage, self-belief and resilience. At the end, every learner will receive a free copy of Luke Staton's book, CREDO.

Prepare to be inspired!

ERIC Time

Everyone Reading In Class

ERIC stands for Everyone Reading in Class. During this designated slot, between 8.55 and 9.15am each Wednesday morning, you will find pupils in every classroom in our school reading.

You are invited to come and read alongside your child for part of or all of the session from 17 September.



As a reminder, parents now need to use Parent Pay to pay for school trips and items such as swimming hats. Apart from the money we take for school fairs, the school is aiming to be completely cashless.

We also use ParentPay to book places on after school clubs



Friday 23 January 2026
Friday 20 March 2026
Monday 20 July 2026



(formerly known as Twitter)

Hyrstmount keeps parents posted about key events and the activities that our children are doing in school. There is a link on the front page of the school website that will take parents directly to our X page. We now have 433 followers! Perhaps you could follow us too!

SCHOOL TRIPS



AUTUMN TERM

Year 3—Magna

Wednesday 19th November 2025

Year 4 - Leeds Museum

Friday 10 October 2025—4B

Thursday 16 October 2025—4JS and 4M

Year 5 - Coal Mining Museum

Wednesday 2 October 2025

Year 5 - Nell Bank

Wednesday 26 November 2025

Year 6—Yorkshire Wildlife Park

Wednesday 3rd December 2025

Safeguarding



Mr Leach

Schools have a duty to ensure children are safe. If we have concerns about the safety of any children, we follow the school's safeguarding policy. It outlines how we deal with any issues when we think children may not be safe, including how we act if we felt children were not safe at home.

All concerns are recorded and handed to the Designated Senior Leader (DSL), Mr Leach, or our deputy DSLs Ms Wallis, Miss Julien and Mrs Morton. The DSL would then decide how to deal with a concern. This would usually involve speaking to parents or people from other agencies such as health or social care.

If we feel a child is at risk of harm, we would usually discuss this with parents. We then have a duty of care to report our concerns to the assessment team at social care. If you require any further information, the school's safeguarding policy can be accessed via the school website.



Miss Julien



Mrs Morton



Ms Wallis

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Our school councillors for 2025/26 are now in post and ready to undertake their first project. Congratulations to the successful candidates and thank you to all of the other children who put themselves forward for election. The school councillors for 2025/26 are as follows:

3FM	Sadia M
3HR	Safiyyah M
4B	Maryam A
4M	Muhammad M
4JS	Haya Q
5A	Abdurrahman L
5M	Zaynab M
6S	Yoosuf R
6W	Maryam R

Extended Leave

The law states that headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. Exceptional, by its very definition, means that very few holidays can be authorised. If parents are thinking of taking their child out of school for an extended period, they need to arrange an appointment to speak with the headteacher. Parents will also be asked to fill in a standard application form. If extended leave is not authorised by the headteacher and parents remove their child from school, the school is legally obliged to issue penalty notice fines after 4½ days absence. Penalty notices are £80 per parent, per child, rising to £160 if not paid within 21 days.

Stronger Together—Parents' Forum

There will be a Stronger Together meeting on Monday 29 September at 2:15pm.

At these meetings, parents are invited to express their views about particular aspects of school life. Parents' Forum also allows Mr Leach to seek parents' opinions on ideas he has for the school, moving forward. There is also time made available in these meetings for parents to bring up their own matters for discussion.

Operation Encompass

Our school is part of Operation Encompass. This is a police and education early intervention safeguarding partnership which supports children and young people who experience domestic abuse. The Education Safeguarding Service will share information about domestic abuse incidents with our school PRIOR to the start of the next school day when the police have been called to a domestic incident. This is so we can put in any necessary, timely support to our children and our families. If you would like to know more visit the Operation Encompass Website at:

www.operation.encompass.org



October is Black History Month. To mark the event, the children will be learning about inspirational black achievers in some of their lessons. The children will also learn about aspects of black history in our assemblies.

Free School Meals



From year 3 onwards, parents must apply to claim free school meals for their children. However, you must receive one or more of the benefits in the list below:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income support
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit, but are not entitled to a Working Tax Credit and your annual income (as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs) is less than £16,190
- Support under Part V1 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Guaranteed element of State Pension Credit

Parents are welcome to call into school and see **Mrs Bryant** in the office who will help you to apply. Alternatively, you can access the application form online at the following address www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/schools/free-school-meals.aspx

Even if your child has a packed lunch or goes home for dinner, it is important that you **still apply** for free school meals. The school receives £1345 from the government for every child who is entitled to receive free school meals. This money is then used to pay for additional staff, intervention programmes and teaching resources that directly benefit your children.

✓ Attendance

If your child is absent it is very important that you let the school know by phoning the school office on 01924 326700 or by emailing the following address:

absence@hyrstmount.co.uk

Please kindly provide a reason for your child's absence on your email. If you do not inform the school or provide a reason for absence by 8:40am, the school's office staff will telephone or send a text message to ascertain why your child is not in school as it important we know why they are not attending.

For safeguarding purposes, we may also carry out a home visit if there is no reply.

Our school office can be very busy, so it would be greatly appreciated if parents could contact the school before we have to contact you. Thank you.



Nut Allergies

We have a number of children with nut allergies. Therefore, it would be greatly appreciated if children did not bring any nuts into school. Thank you for your co-operation.

Playground Snacks

Children are welcome to bring a snack to eat at morning playtime should parents wish. However, the snack must only consist of fruit, vegetables and yoghurt as it is our aim as a school to promote healthy eating. Biscuits, sugary snacks, confectionary and cereal bars are not considered healthy and should not be brought to school as a snack.



Our year 6 pupils will be treated to a live performance of Macbeth in the school hall on 15 October. The play, which has been adapted for children, will be performed by the Young Shakespeare Company and will serve as a memorable introduction to their English unit on Macbeth.