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# Information for Parents

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## Welcome to William Austin Junior School.

**William Austin is a vibrant school centred on our motto, 'Care, Inspire, Achieve.'**

I have great pleasure in introducing you to our dynamic, positive and aspiring learning community, of which this prospectus is just one part. My colleagues and I are very proud of our school. This is a highly motivated, hardworking school, totally committed to providing an excellent platform for learning.

The warm and happy atmosphere which pervades our school is key to our success, alongside the quality of relationships and the high levels of care which exist between members of the school community.

The life of our school is driven by enthusiasm and a desire to achieve. We want to give our children a thirst for learning that continues with them throughout their future school experiences and lives. An essential ingredient for this to happen is teamwork. We view education as a joint venture, involving everyone – children, parents/carers, staff, Governors and the wider community. Home and school, work closely together to provide a safe and secure environment which the children grow in confidence and independence. From this foundation, children are able to acquire respect for themselves, others and the environment. They are encouraged to use their powers of reasoning and imagination to discover, analyse, innovate, solve problems and to express their ideas confidently and to develop an enjoyment and life-long love of learning.

I hope that you find the information in our prospectus helpful and informative. As it can only give you a small taste of what our school has to offer, I would encourage you to visit our website, [www.william-austin.com](http://www.william-austin.com), or indeed visit our school, speak to staff, meet our pupils and see us in action. I would be delighted to answer any questions you might have and would welcome the opportunity to show you around.

**Mrs J Adams**  
**Headteacher**

Pupils thrive in the positive atmosphere, rising to the demands of a challenging curriculum.

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They are very well prepared for their next step in education by the end of Year 6.

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## Our vision underpins everything we do at William Austin Junior School.

It is encapsulated in our motto 'Care, Inspire, Achieve'. Our vision is driven by values that develop positive character, promote a sense of community, celebrate creativity, sustain positive relationships and ensure personal wellbeing.

We aim to inspire pupils to achieve excellent educational outcomes and become successful and productive British Citizens.

### Our Whole School Vision

- To be a safe, happy and inclusive place where everyone feels welcome
- Provide a rich exciting curriculum that inspires and encourages all
- Work hard to achieve our personal best and fulfil potential
- Promote mutual respect, caring and understanding amongst pupils, parents, staff and governors
- Celebrate diversity and harmony through our school and British values
- Work in partnership with the local and wider community
- Build pupils' character and resilience to help them be successful in an increasingly global and competitive society.

Effective systems and processes for leading and managing the school are well established.  
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Leaders at all levels are working cohesively to improve the school further.  
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**At William Austin Junior School we understand the importance of, and value the close working relationship we have with parents and carers.**

Working in collaboration is key to ensuring that all pupils feel happy and secure at school and are making the progress they need to achieve.

An important part of this collaboration is our home and school partnership agreement. With this we set out our agreement to work together and identify the responsibilities of all.

By working together we can ensure a happy, successful school career. We value the support of parents and carers and offer a range of activities to strengthen our partnership.

We use a variety of ways to communicate with parents and carers, such as our website and regular newsletters. This is where you will find out lots of information about things which are happening at school, such as work the children have been doing, their achievements, special events, celebrations, dates for your diary and general information about the day to day life of the school.

For more information about how we work in partnership with parents, please click on the Family Centre link on our website

Please click on the link below for our home/school agreement.

<https://www.william-austin.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/Policy-for-Home-School-Agreement-Booklet-Sept-2017.pdf>

Further information about working in partnership, dates for your diary, newsletters and upcoming events is available on our website:

[www.william-austin.com](http://www.william-austin.com)

Pupils behave well in lessons and around the school. They are keen to learn and enjoy lessons.

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Pupils feel safe because they are well looked after and cared for.

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## Enriching the learning experiences of pupils at William Austin beyond their classroom is seen as key to enhancing our curriculum.

We look for opportunities for pupils to experience visits and listen to visitors to further develop their knowledge, understanding and interest in the topics they study.

We believe these opportunities and experiences bring learning to life and are an important part of the children's education. We run an extensive Challenge Programme of extra-curricular activities for all pupils whatever their ability or interest. Included in this are a range of sports clubs and other activities. We regularly take part in inter-school events, such as sports and music competitions. Please click on the Clubs link on our website for more information.

We work with local community leaders to positively promote the area and develop the resources available for residents. We are proud of our multi-ethnic community and positively promote community and global cohesion. Our successful Family Centre is fundamental in providing support and opportunities for our families and the wider community.

For more information please visit the Family Centre pages on our website.

Pupils are encouraged to see life beyond their immediate environment. Using 21st century technology, pupils can interact with others and engage in projects and learning opportunities outside our local area.

For more information please visit the Parents page on our website and click on the link Enrichment Overview to find out how we enrich our pupils' experiences beyond the classroom.

Differences in the achievement of different groups of pupils have narrowed or been eliminated.

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A strong and effective focus on staff development has enabled the quality of teaching to improve.

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**Learning is our business, it's what we do. Our vision to provide a rich and exciting curriculum which inspires all is central to creating individuals with a passion for learning.**

We expect and enable everyone to achieve their best and track progress and attainment rigorously in order to set targets for improvement.

We aim to unlock the potential in everyone. William Austin Junior School produces resilient, confident, healthy young people with the ability to imagine how the world could be different and desire to make positive change happen. We value diversity and originality and encourage our pupils to discover and pursue particular interests and talents.

Our curriculum is based around the principles of creative thinking: developing the ability to question, make connections, innovate, problem solve and reflect critically. Teaching is designed to excite pupils' imaginations, extend horizons and meet intellectual needs. We support the need for high standards in English, maths and across all foundation subjects that enable pupils to have a secure foundation for future learning. We encourage pupils to explore links between subjects and wider aspects of learning.

Progress is assessed in many different ways including statutory tasks and tests. Teachers measure children's progress day to day through marking, assessing practical work, talking to pupils, listening to their explanations and comments and by asking and answering questions. Working alongside pupils in lessons, identifying misunderstandings and addressing errors is all part of the process. Teachers give children verbal and written feedback, sharing with them their achievements against learning intentions. We encourage the pupil to be part of the learning process and help them to understand their own strengths and areas for development through self-assessment.

For more information about our curriculum please click on the curriculum link on our website.

Further information on learning & progress and our curriculum is available on our website: [www.william-austin.com](http://www.william-austin.com)

Key factors in teaching which have helped to raise levels of attainment include effective planning across year groups and consistently good marking and feedback.

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Sustained and accelerated progress across the school means that pupils are now achieving well in English and mathematics.

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## William Austin Junior School is a Community School and admissions are dealt with by the Local Authority.

Admissions policies and further information are available on the Luton Borough Council website; [www.luton.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.luton.gov.uk/admissions), alternatively you can contact the **Admissions Helpline on 01582 548016**.

William Austin Junior School is organised into four year groups, Year 3, 4, 5 & 6, with five classes in each. Every year group is led by an Achievement Leader who supports all pupils, class teachers and support staff in their year.

Our school day is split into two schedules:

### Year 4 & 6

<b>School opens</b>	<b>8:40am</b>
<b>Registration</b>	<b>8:50am</b>
<b>Lesson 1</b>	<b>8.55am – 9.55am</b>
<b>Lesson 2</b>	<b>9.55am – 10:55am</b>
<b>Spelling/ Handwriting</b>	<b>10.55am – 11:15am</b>
<b>Morning break</b>	<b>11:15am – 11:30am</b>
<b>Lesson 3</b>	<b>11:30am – 12:30pm</b>
<b>Lunch break</b>	<b>12:30pm – 1:30pm</b>
<b>Registration</b>	<b>1:30pm -1:35pm</b>
<b>Lesson 4</b>	<b>1:35pm – 2:30pm</b>
<b>Lesson 5</b>	<b>2:30pm – 3:30pm</b>
<b>End of school day</b>	<b>3:30pm</b>

### Year 3 & 5

<b>School opens</b>	<b>8:40am</b>
<b>Registration</b>	<b>8:50am</b>
<b>Lesson 1</b>	<b>8.55am – 9.55am</b>
<b>Lesson 2</b>	<b>9.55am – 10:55am</b>
<b>Morning break</b>	<b>10:55am – 11:10am</b>
<b>Lesson 3</b>	<b>11:10am – 12:10pm</b>
<b>Lunch break</b>	<b>12:10pm – 1:10pm</b>
<b>Registration</b>	<b>1:10pm – 1:15pm</b>
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Our uniform has been designed to reflect the high standards we aim to achieve as a school.

**Girls**

Mid-grey trousers or skirt

White shirt

School tie

Royal blue v-neck sweatshirt with school logo

Plain mid-grey or white socks

Flat, plain black shoes

*Optional uniform*

Royal blue tunic set, worn with sweat-cardigan with school logo

Royal blue, ready made, one piece headscarf

*Optional summer uniform*  
Mid-grey trousers or skirt

Royal blue polo shirt with school logo

**Boys**

Mid-grey long trousers

White shirt

School tie

Royal blue v-neck sweatshirt with school logo

Plain mid-grey or white socks

Plain black shoes

*Optional summer uniform* Mid-grey trousers or tailored shorts

Royal blue polo shirt with school logo

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Summer optional uniform will only be allowed to be worn from the start of the summer term, when directed by the headteacher.

**Physical Education kit**

- White polo shirt with school logo, or plain white T-shirt
- Royal blue shorts
- Black plimsoles
- Trainers (Outdoor games only)

**Optional PE Kit**

- Black leggings (Worn underneath shorts for modesty)
- Black sweatshirt and/or sweat pants (Outdoor games only)
- Football boots (Outdoor field games only)

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All uniform items are available from:

JS Sports, 22 Neville Road, Luton LU3 2JQ

as well as a variety of other optional items, such as book bags, containing our school logo.

- For safety reasons, jewellery is not permitted with the exception of a watch and one stud earring in each earlobe. Watches must be removed for PE and earrings should be removed, or taped (if you plan to have your child's ears pierced please consider when you do so, so there is enough time for them to be removed for these activities).
- Hair should be modest in style and of a natural colour. Patterns shaved into hair are not appropriate for school. Hair bands and bows can be worn. Pupils should not wear make-up or nail polish.

Further information about school uniform is available on our website: [www.william-austin.com](http://www.william-austin.com)



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