



**We learn to live together,
together we live to learn**





Welcome to Westmorland School... A place where every child matters

Westmorland School is a primary school for up to 32 boys and girls with behavioural, emotional and social difficulties and associated learning needs.

Westmorland School is part of the Witherslack Group. The Witherslack Group has a number of schools and children's homes nationwide, providing high quality education and care for children and young people with complex needs.

"I would like to express my most sincere appreciation of the skill and professionalism of your staff. Throughout his tenure at Westmorland he has made progress in all areas. His social skills and problem solving, his manners and his academic progress are a testament to Westmorland's dedication to their pupils."

Social Worker

"You get a lovely feel like going into one big family." Parent

"There is a relaxed, friendly environment which enables pupils to feel accepted, particularly as the majority have not succeeded in their previous schools." Ofsted





"The curriculum is outstanding, takes account of the National Curriculum and provides personalised programmes for individual pupils to enable them to make good academic progress." Ofsted

We cater for each child's educational needs. Their learning future is of great importance to us and is fully supported in our small, welcoming, well-resourced classes.

We provide level-appropriate learning programmes within a structured, broad and balanced curriculum.

We aim to equip children with the skills to succeed, building their self-esteem and confidence.

We help children to learn more effectively by using a variety of teaching and learning styles and promoting independent learning.

We help pupils to 'enjoy and achieve' through varied and interesting learning opportunities influenced by children's own preferences.

'Academically the school has done wonders with my son and I can honestly say I have seen his confidence and self esteem grow during his stay here.' Parent

We learn....





Westmorland School provides high standards of support and care to all children. Our day is structured to ensure everyone's safety is of paramount importance.

We use the holistic behavioural management approaches of 'TEAM TEACH' which ensures that all staff are fully trained to de-escalate difficult situations safely.

We believe in the importance of developing the 'whole child', with consistent focus, for example, on self-esteem, anger management and emotional literacy.

Our proven rewards system engages children, assisting the development of positive behaviours. These behaviours enable our children to integrate successfully into both the school and their wider community.

"My son now enjoys school. He loves the teachers and other children. He has come a long way thanks to Westmorland's support." Parent

We provide wholesome meals for all children, cooked on site and following nutritional guidelines.

We encourage all children to engage in physical activity through P.E. lessons and break time/lunch time activities.

Children can be certificated in 'bikeability' to develop their safety, enjoyment and bike control.

We are an 'ECO school', endeavouring to reduce the school's environmental impact.

"Staff are fair; they listen to both sides of a story if there is a problem." Pupil

"My daughter has improved in all aspects. She has come on in leaps and bounds. Family and friends always comment on how she has improved. It's wonderful!" Parent

"I feel my son has improved in all aspects since starting at Westmorland, emotionally, psychologically and educationally. I now have back the child I knew at age 5, who was happy, lively, inquisitive, confident and alive. I can't thank you enough for bringing this back when I thought it was gone for ever." Parent

...to live together...



...together...

Together we achieve more...

"Highly effective teamwork between care and education staff contributes greatly to the outstanding personal development of pupils." Ofsted

"I really, really like this school. It's the nicest school I've ever been to." Pupil

We pride ourselves on our success in developing our children's social skills. This helps to create a warm, friendly and welcoming atmosphere.

We use the holistic approach of SEAL (social, emotional aspects of learning) which develops children as learners.

Frequent key-worker sessions allow each child to express their feelings or concerns.

Children's views are pivotal to our success. We access these views continually through our School council meetings.

Westmorland School (Chorley), along with Cumberland School (Bamber Bridge) offer continuous education for day pupils from the age of 5 through to 16, including children and young people who are resident within Witherslack Children's homes.

Together we make a difference...

Our qualified and dedicated team strives to support pupils' complex difficulties using continuous assessment and advice from multi-disciplinary professionals.

Excellent home/school liaison promotes consistency in approaches to children's behaviour.

Our children are assessed by our teachers, educational psychologists, speech and language therapist and psychotherapist.

Dependent on need, additional therapies are accessed.

Review meetings are held annually where progress is monitored and we can plan for each child's future success as a multi-disciplinary team.

"I would like to say a great big thank you to everyone involved with my son. I don't think I could have coped without your help. He could not have been placed anywhere better. Keep up the good work." Parent

"Westmorland is a safe place to explore feelings..." Psychotherapist

"I have always been made welcome on any school visit. I just wish I had time to visit more often."

Educational Psychologist



A woman with short blonde hair, wearing a red sweater and a colorful scarf, is smiling and looking towards the right. A young boy with a short haircut, wearing a dark blue polo shirt with a school logo, is looking in the same direction. They are standing in front of a wooden door.

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You have read what others have said,
now come and see for yourselves

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