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Welcome to Cumbric Education



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UNLEASHING POTENTIALS SINCE 2016

# Contact Information

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# WELCOME

Cumbric Education began working with permanently excluded pupils in 2016. Due to the increasing demand for this service, Cumbric then registered as a school in 2021.

We offer a full and diverse education to pupils who have either been permanently excluded from, or are on the verge of permanent exclusion, from mainstream full-time education.

Our working environment focuses on smaller class sizes with specialised teachers, and offers life opportunities that are tailored towards a more bespoke, individualised curriculum.

Our learning environment is stimulating and nurturing, with defined structure and boundaries so pupils can develop, learn and thrive academically, socially and emotionally.

# VISION ETHOS AND VALUES

We aim to be an inclusive school offering opportunities to pupils who find it challenging to work within a mainstream school setting.

Each pupil and their family are made to feel welcome. We work with everyone involved to offer advice and support at every stage of the process.

We aim to empower each pupil so they become self-motivated, to want to achieve, develop independent thoughts and ideas, and be able to clearly communicate their feelings.

Our school provides each pupil with a set of standards to help every person to thrive and achieve.

We aim to inspire by offering quality education with a personalised and creative curriculum in a customised education environment that will transform our pupils' expectations.

The welfare of each pupil is very important to us and we make every effort to ensure sure that all pupils are known and nurtured.

# CURRICULUM

At Cumbric Education we deliver a programme of study that is delivered in line with the Department for Education guidelines.

We know that not every pupil will be able to follow all aspects of the National Curriculum. In such cases, we will modify our curriculum to suit each pupil with an individualised programme of learning.

We offer a full and varied list of subjects, courses and qualifications, including alternative qualifications and apprenticeships. Please visit our website for details: [www.cumbric.co.uk](http://www.cumbric.co.uk) Alternatively, you can contact the school to speak to our Careers Advisor (Tel 0191 0191-4870169)

Cumbric pupils select their GCSE options in Year 9 following in-depth discussions and an assessment process with each pupil. The process also identifies what the individual wishes to achieve after leaving school.

We build on this initial assessment throughout the school year and explore potential opportunities for suitable work experiences that will give each pupil a realistic idea of what each job entails and which route they wish to follow after Cumbric.

These opportunities include careers advice, college visits, work experience and visits to and from a number of local employers.

During pupils' time at Cumbric they are also offered a number of vocational courses with qualifications. These include First Aid, Food Handling, and Health and Social Care.

Our curriculum can be adapted to accommodate pupils with English as a second language or an Education Health Care Plan (EHCP).

Information on how we adapt our curriculum can be found in our Curriculum Policy available on our website or from school reception.

# ASSESSMENT, RECORDING AND REPORTING (ARR)

Over the course of the school year. Parents and carers receive regular updates on the progress of their child. Pupil reports are emailed to each parent or carer and an electronic copy is held on the school system. A hard copy can be requested from the school office.

During the academic year, invitations are sent out via email for Parents' Evening. We encourage pupils to attend these meetings so that they can be part of the discussion.

Year 7-8 assessments are rated against age related expectations. We use a four-point scale.

Beginning - to meet the expectations

Working Towards - the expectations

Expected - to meet the expectations

Confident - working beyond the expectations

In Years 9, 10 and 11 assessments will be confirmed using the GCSE criteria.

Year 11 mock examination - TBA

Year 10 examination - TBA

Year 9 examination - TBA

Year 8 examination - TBA

Year 7 examination - TBA

# SCHOOL TERM DATES

## Gateshead School Holidays

### Autumn Term

Start of term	Half term	Last day of term
Monday 6 September 2021	25-29 October 2021	Friday 17 December 2021

### Spring Term

Start of term	Half term	Last day of term
Tuesday 4 January 2022	21 – 25 February 2022	Friday 8 April 2022

### Summer Term

Start of term	Half term	Last day of term
Monday 25 April 2022	30 May-3 June 2022	Friday 22 July 2022

(Bank Holiday 30 May)

# AN EXAMPLE OF OUR KS3 SCHOOL DAY

Day	Morning Session			Afternoon Session				
	9.00-9.45	9.50-10.40		10.55-12.00		12.30-1.45		2.00-3.00
Monday	English	ICT (Maths)	B	History	L	Citizenship	B	Art
Tuesday	Geography	English	R	RE	U	Science	R	ICT (Creative)
Wednesday	Maths	English	E	Art	N	Geography	E	Citizenship
Thursday	English	Maths	A	Science	C	PE	A	PE
Friday	Maths	RE	K	History	H	Citizenship PSHE	K	Music/ Performing Arts

# SCHOOL RULES AND POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR MANAGEMENT

At Cumbric, we expect everyone to be respectful, polite and courteous to one another.

Pupils will be given a list of school values and expectations at the beginning of school and we expect them to be followed. This also includes the travel between school and home, and on any trips or activities within the local or wider community.

**Foul language or racist comments are not tolerated.**

**Cigarettes, drugs, or alcohol are forbidden.**

**Bullying will be dealt with in line with the school's anti bullying policy.**

**Violent or sexual behaviour is not permitted.**

# SANCTIONS

Sanctions will be put in place when a pupil's efforts or behaviour drops below our expected standards. Our chart below shows what we expect from our pupils and what the sanctions are if they fall below this level.

<b>GREEN</b>	Working within the expected standards of the school
<b>YELLOW</b>	Any low-level disruption/low effort towards work/poor behaviour.
<b>AMBER</b>	No change to behaviour choices identified at Stage YELLOW Shouting out/Disruptive behaviour/Disrespectful of school property or building/
<b>RED</b>	Continues to ignore warnings at YELLOW and AMBER. Serious misconduct within school/classroom. Foul language towards staff, racism or homophobic language. Damage to school property.
<b>BLACK</b>	Serious breach to the school rules, e.g. possession of drugs or alcohol, assault, bullying, theft or consistent disregard to the school sanctions.

For a full break down of sanctions and standards and the exclusion process please refer to Cumbric pupil exclusion policy and pupil behaviour and discipline policy. Both policies are available on the school website and a paper copy can be requested from the school office.

# SAFEGUARDING AND SECURITY

Cumbric staff, trustees and volunteers are committed to the safeguarding and wellbeing of all of our pupils. We are also committed to our pupils' welfare and a safe environment.

We will always challenge inappropriate behaviour and keep all our values at the forefront of all that we do. Cumbric's Child Protection Policy can be found on our website or by contacting the school office directly.

# SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS

At Cumbric we monitor children's progress carefully on a day-to-day basis and hold regular meetings with the relevant agencies to ensure we are meeting the needs of any child with Special Educational Needs.

If your child has Special Needs or you think that they may have, please contact the school office to make an appointment to discuss our recommendations.

# SCHOOL UNIFORM

Cumbric school uniform consists of: white polo shirt, black jumper, black trousers, and black shoes. All items can be ordered at the school reception.

# SCHOOL MEALS

School meals at Cumbric consist of 2 main course options each day, one being a vegetarian option. This also includes a range of other options including sandwiches and pasta/salad bowls. Meals are provided at a cost of £2.50 per day.

Packed lunch option is allowed but must contain healthy food options.

Chilled bottled water is readily available throughout the day, free of charge.

# MEDICAL CARE AND FIRST AID

Medicines will only be administered that have been prescribed by a doctor or another authorised person and where it would be detrimental to a child's health if the medicine were not administered during the day.

If your child is able to attend school but requires medication during the school day, we ask that any medicine that is sent in, is clearly marked and labelled with your child's name on it and handed into Reception at the start of the school day.

If your child needs long term medication, e.g. an inhaler, again these must be clearly marked with the child's name and the recommended dose.

Non-prescription medicines will not be administered by staff but parents/carers can make arrangements at lunch time to administer the medication to their child.

If your child becomes unwell at school, we will contact the named person and make arrangements for the child to be dropped off or for collection at school.

Sickness and diarrhoea requires a minimum of 48 hours away from school after the symptoms have ceased.

Parents must inform school if their child is absent due to illness or medical appointments.

Please contact the school office to report this. Continued absence for medical reasons may result in the request from the school to show medical appointments.

A list of trained First Aiders is available in school.

Cumbric Covid guidelines are available from reception or via the website.

# ATTENDANCE AND REPORTING ABSENCE

School attendance is a high priority for Cumbric and as a parent or carer you will become very aware of the importance of attendance at school.

Due to the nature of our pupils, most of whom have already been permanently excluded, the need for full attendance is paramount. This is because typically, they will already have missed a considerable amount of potential learning time.

The Cumbric Attendance policy is available on our website, and sets out guidance and sanctions: [www.cumbric.co.uk](http://www.cumbric.co.uk)

It is a priority that parents inform school immediately when your child is ill and unable to attend school.

This should be done by 8.50 a.m. by contacting the school office or emailing [cumbric@outlook.com](mailto:cumbric@outlook.com)

If we have not heard from you by the morning break, we will contact you to discuss the absence. Please ensure that all parental contact information is up to date.

We do not expect parents to take children out of school during term time for family holidays.

The Department for Education has published regulations on attendance, and in particular holidays. A copy of this information can be requested from the school office.

If we believe that the time off from school is necessary and does not conflict with the regulations set out by the Department for Education, then parents need to apply to the Head Teacher for leave of absence.

# Contact and Complaints

## Office Hours:

8.00 a.m.-4.00 p.m. Term Time

9.00 a.m.-4.00 p.m. School Holidays

Telephone: 0191-4870169

In the first instance of any question or complaint, please refer to your child's class teacher:

Safeguarding Mr. J. Gibson

SEND Mr. E. Baker

Attendance and welfare, including Medical Mr. E. Baker

Financial Mr. J. Gibson

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