



Firm Foundation Course

Year 5 Eleven Plus Course Details 2024/2025

The 40 week annual course includes sessions for Verbal Reasoning, Non Verbal Reasoning, Spatial Reasoning, English and Mathematics (GL Assessment Style). Tuition is held on a weekly basis in line with the academic school year.

All sessions will be in-person unless there is a national lockdown. There will be two 2-hour Mock Assessment sessions which will be held in July 2025 and September 2025 (*a few days prior to the actual 11+ Transfer Test*). There will be no extra cost for the two additional double sessions as the cost of the Mock Assessments are already incorporated in the fees.

Your son/daughter would have developed Numeracy skills, various techniques of answering Verbal Reasoning, Non Verbal Reasoning and Spatial Reasoning questions by the end of the academic year (July 2025). There will be regular mini tests throughout the course. You will be given clear guidance in areas needed for improvement. Regular assessments and feedback will be given to parents.

Your child will be encouraged and stretched to their full potential. Homework will be set on a weekly basis. Homework is taken very seriously. Please ensure your child does his/her homework before the subsequent lesson. Guidelines of homework expected to have been completed will be sent to parents once you have enrolled your child. There are quite a few additional books which are highly recommended in preparation for the 11+ Transfer Test; Parents will need to monitor and constantly mark these books on a regular basis (Answers will be given to parents where applicable). It will also be the parents' responsibility to ensure their child is constantly learning the spellings and meanings of the weekly vocabulary word list which will be emailed out at the start of the course (*Access to the weekly word list is also on our website*). Online work should also be monitored by the parent.

The knowledge gained from this course will be invaluable to your child whether or not they join a Grammar School.

There are currently a few choices of group sessions which will be allocated on a first come first served basis. The maximum number of students in each group is 12.

Once you have enrolled your child on the course, a list of recommended books will be sent to you for you to purchase for your child. Most books will have a mark scheme so that parents can mark and monitor the work.

41 Week Course Fee:

The total annual cost £1700. 5% discount is given to parents who pay for the whole 41 week course upfront. If preferred, fees can be spread out and paid in 10 instalments of £170 per month.

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If you are unable to set up a bank standing order yourself, you may prefer to use our Bankers Standing Order Form to instruct your bank to set up monthly payments. You will need to fill in the standing order form and hand it to your bank.

Extra Tuition:

If your child is having any significant problems with specific techniques, then parents will be advised of the situation. There is an additional charge for any additional session(s) booked. Parents who choose the Video Conference sessions also have the option of booking additional In-house one-off sessions at an additional cost of £30 for each session booked.

Absence:

If the tutor cancels a session, another session will be arranged in lieu of the cancelled session. If a child is absent, please ensure you drop off and collect their homework. However, at our discretion, provided a class does not exceed 12 students, a session in lieu of the session missed can be arranged. Parents still need to pay the tuition fee even if their child is absent.

Materials:

There is a list of books which parents will need to order within the first month of starting the course, for the student to use as extra practice. Failure to order these books may cause your son/daughter to lag behind. You can order the books yourself or you can pay for the books to be ordered on your behalf. Additional materials which can enhance learning will be suggested but are not compulsory. Each student will need an A4 Notebook for class work (preferably spiral bound); These items will not be supplied by the tutor. It is also advisable that each student brings a Mathematical set or pencil case which includes a ruler, pencils, sharpener and rubber.

(Please see the Equipment List and policies on www.firmfoundationcentre.com)

Terms & Conditions:

Kindly read the Terms and Conditions document and the following separate policies before signing the Terms & Conditions Form:

Data Protection Policy

Safeguarding & Equalities Statement

Parent-agreement & complaints procedure

Code of Behaviour for Pupils Policy

E-Safety Policy

Forms to be handed in:

Please read, sign and hand in the following forms before your child's first session:

Enrolment Form

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Terms & Conditions Form
Parental Consent Form
Code of Behaviour for Pupils Form
Photo Release Form (Optional)

The forms should be returned to the Co-ordinator, by hand or preferably by email.

Venue for tuition:

Firm Foundation Centre,
Unit 4 Cochran Close,
Off Presley Way,
Crownhill Industry MK8 0AJ