



## Firm Foundation Course

### Year 5 Eleven Plus Course Details 2020/2021

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The 41 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.

There are four options of courses to join. Ranging from attending 41 Video conference sessions, 41 In-house sessions at the centre for tuition to mixing In-house sessions with Video Conference Online sessions. Students can attend 30 sessions at our venue in Crownhill combined with attending 11 scheduled Video conference sessions from your home or vice versa (11 sessions at the venue and 30 Video Conference sessions). The dates for the Video conference sessions and the *joining in* details for the Video Conference sessions will be sent to you upon registration.

For students who choose any of the In-house options, there will be a 2-hour Mock Assessment session which will be held in September 2021, a few days prior to the actual 11+ Transfer Test. There will be no extra cost for this additional double session as the cost of the Mock Assessment is 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 2021). 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 on a monthly basis (*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 In-house 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 £1500 includes £35 non-refundable registration fee.

There is also an additional refundable deposit of £100 which will be refunded at the end of the course or deducted from the last instalment.

Returning Students who started the course last year (In year 4) do not need to pay the registration fee. The registration fee of £35 should be deducted from the 1st instalment.

5% discount is given to parents who pay for the whole 41 week or 30 week In-house course upfront.

If preferred, fees can be spread out and paid in 10 instalments.

You may prefer to use the 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. This will be sent to you along with the enrolment form.

#### **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 £35 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 prior to the subsequent week. However, at my discretion, provided a class does not exceed 12 students, I can arrange a session in lieu of the session missed. 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 on [www.firmfoundationcourse.com](http://www.firmfoundationcourse.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  
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 by email.

### **Venue for tuition:**

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