CLASSROOM ROUTINES

SLANT

TENBURY HIGH
ORMISTON ACADEMY

Five simple habits every pupil practises in every lesson, so that every pupil can learn. Here is what we do and why it matters.

S — Sit up straight

Why we do it: Sitting upright helps children breathe, stay alert and keep their bodies ready to learn. It also shows the teacher, and classmates, that they are ready to begin.

L — Listen actively

Why we do it: New ideas and instructions are usually explained once. Listening with full attention means children catch it the first time and can get on with their work with confidence.

A — Ask and answer questions

Why we do it: Questions show us what children are thinking. Asking and answering builds understanding, helps teachers spot gaps early, and gives every child a voice in the lesson.

N — No interruptions to the learning

Why we do it: Every minute of teaching counts. When we wait our turn and keep side conversations for break time, everyone gets to learn without distraction, including your child.

T — Track the teacher

Why we do it: Following the teacher with their eyes keeps children focused on the explanation. It also lets the teacher see who is confident and who needs a little more help.

How you can help at home

Talk about SLANT with your child. Ask which habit they find easiest and which is trickiest, and praise the effort you see. Using the same words at home and at school helps the routines become second nature.

High achievement. Outstanding care.

Our values

Respectful · Ready · Resilient