





New Park Primary Academy

# WELCOME TO NEW PARK PRIMARY ACADEMY



We are a small family school with a big heart. We want all our children to enjoy coming to school and to find learning exciting and engaging. Our school is a place where imagination, curiosity and creativity are nurtured and encouraged.



We work hard to help every child reach their potential. New Park has been on an exciting journey and is one of the fastest improving schools in North Yorkshire – our children make excellent progress and achieve well above the national average. Our curriculum is built on a love for reading, a passion for the outdoors and inspiring, immersive learning. Our children are supported to become confident and avid readers.

I know that choosing a school for your child is one of the most important decisions that you will make. That is why you are welcome to visit us to see for yourself what we offer. All our contact details are on the back page of this prospectus.

I look forward to welcoming you to the New Park Primary community.

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# NEW PARK IN A NUTSHELL

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The best way to decide if New Park Primary Academy is right for your child is to come and visit us. We hold open days for prospective parents in the Autumn Term, but you are welcome to call us to make an appointment to see the school at any time of the year. In the meantime, here are five reasons why parents choose New Park.



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## WE TAKE LEARNING BEYOND THE CLASSROOM



Great education enables children to grow as individuals, helping them to become resourceful and resilient. Our project-based curriculum immerses children into real-world problems and encourages them to develop critical thinking skills. We work alongside experts and professionals creating and presenting our learning back to the community.

All children learn to love the outdoors: building dens; growing vegetables; and looking after the animals on our school farm.



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## WE'RE A COMMUNITY



New Park Primary Academy is a family - children, parents, carers and staff. We see learning as a partnership between home and school, in which everyone has a part to play. We have regular community learning days, family breakfasts - even family school trips! Our farm and soon-to-open gardens are a hub for the local area - building community and learning together.



#1

## WE HELP EVERY CHILD ACHIEVE THEIR POTENTIAL

Our children achieved well above the national average in tests for reading, writing and maths in 2019. Our results show that New Park is the one of the fastest improving schools in North Yorkshire, with progress in the top 10% of all schools nationally. We firmly believe that learning can be exciting and fun and enable children to achieve at the same time.



#2

## WE FOCUS ON DELIVERING A CREATIVE CURRICULUM



We bring learning to life by engaging children's curiosity and imagination.

Our exciting curriculum immerses children into a world of stories and imagination. Reading is woven through the curriculum and is at the heart of everything we do.

#4

## WE FOCUS ON PROVIDING THE BEST START

At New Park our Nursery and Reception children develop a love of learning in our teacher-led, Early-Years unit. Our exciting indoor and outdoor provision promotes resilience and a can-do attitude. Children thrive in our nurturing and supportive environment, learning from day one.



Nurturing, Growing, Thriving

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# NURTURING



## FLEXIBLE NURSERY PLACES

We are fortunate to offer 15 and 30 hour flexible nursery provision that best suits parents, shaped around their family needs.

Parents are welcome to contact us to discuss their requirements and, of course, to make an appointment to visit.

Fully integrated with our reception class provision, our nursery has the same strong educational ethos as our school as a whole.

**We are focused on supporting each child's development from the start.**

## LEARNING, GROWING, SUCCEEDING

The staff team at New Park Primary Academy is vibrant and energetic.

We are ambitious for all our children. At New Park we are determined that every child should realise their potential, with no exceptions. As a result, we are one of the fastest improving schools in Yorkshire and the progress our children make is in the top 10% nationally.

We enjoy being a smaller school with more time and space for each child.

Our curriculum is built on the belief that literacy skills are the key which enable children to access all areas of learning. We use every part of the curriculum to develop our children as confident readers.



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It is no co-incidence that our school logo is a book!

Whether reading to widen their knowledge, to explore new horizons or simply to entertain themselves, we encourage every New Park child to become immersed in books.



## RESOURCEFUL AND RESILIENT CHILDREN

We want every child's time at New Park Primary Academy to be one of discovery. We want them to enjoy developing new skills and also to learn more about the world around them. That's why we place a strong emphasis on learning beyond the classroom with outdoor experiences that



stretch their imagination and challenge them to try new things.

As part of our school farm

project, children care for animals, learn how plants grow and discover where our food comes from. This year, we are opening our school allotment plots – creating a hub for families, local residents and community groups.

Through our outdoor learning programme, we offer our children a chance to go camping, to learn to make and light a fire and to cook their own meals outdoors. We take full advantage of our local countryside to explore science and geography topics.

We believe such experiences are vital parts of growing up, making learning fun and engaging.



## SUPPORTING OUR ARMED FORCES

New Park Primary Academy is the catchment school for the Army Foundation College Harrogate, welcoming children from the families of College staff. Between 15-20% of our children are from forces families and we are proud of the support we provide.

For service families, our school provides a welcoming community that understands the unique challenges and opportunities of army life.

Because of our special link, our staff and pupils are used to integrating new children and forming new friendships quickly.

Children from our forces families enrich our school. Many have lived overseas, bringing with them experience of a wider world which adds to everyone's learning. We value their special contribution and take part in events celebrating our Army links throughout the year...



# GROWING

## BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

We are ambitious at New Park Primary Academy. We are always looking for ways to improve our school and provide even more opportunities for our children.

Over the last two years we have invested £1.2 million in improvements to our building to create better learning environments for all. This year we have been awarded funding to develop our community growing spaces on the school field.



### Part of something bigger

We are able to attract investment and make improvements because we are part of a larger family of schools in the Northern Star Academies Trust. Our sister schools include outstanding academies across North Yorkshire, both primary and secondary.



Being part of a trust gives us additional opportunities as a small primary school. Our children can visit our trust schools to take advantage of specialist teaching facilities – for example in science. In addition, trust schools send their specialists to New Park, adding breadth to our curriculum.

We also encourage students to help one another across the trust. Student mentors from the trust's secondary schools support our oldest children before they move to high school.

Being part of a trust means that New Park Primary Academy is stronger and more sustainable.



# THRIVING



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