



Welcome to West Denton Primary School (WDPS)!

We've put together this short presentation to take you through the journey we've been on as a school under our current leadership team and Head Teacher Mick MingStones, appointed in September 2010.

The first Ofsted visit took place in 2011 within 4 months of Mick taking up appointment.

Overall Grading: Good.

Leadership Grading: Good.

Ofsted commented that ***"The newly-appointed head teacher has a very clear vision for school improvement"***

- He communicates this extremely well to all staff.
- The roles of talented leaders and managers at all levels are being developed further.
- The governing body, leaders, managers and staff share the head teacher's very clear vision for school improvement.

Within 3 years Ofsted visited again in 2013, at which point we were already making great strides towards the school we are today.

Overall Grading: Good.

Leadership Grading: Outstanding.

Ofsted now believed that ***"The leadership of the school is inspirational."***

- Led by an energetic, resilient and committed head teacher, the deputy head, senior leaders and governing body provide outstanding leadership.
- The curriculum is outstanding and exciting approaches and themes help spark a love of learning amongst the pupils.
- A 'Life Skills' program, including first aid, positive thinking, and endurance through bike riding, focuses the pupils on wider achievement and personal development.



In 2018 we were visited again with Ofsted looking to see how the school culture had developed since their last assessment.

Overall Grading: Good.

Leadership: continues to be Outstanding

With the education landscape in the country changing Ofsted commented that ***“Determined and effective leadership has ensured that the school has adapted well to the higher expectations of the national curriculum.”***

- Parents were keen to praise the wide variety of experiences provided beyond the school site, such as residential trips, long-distance cycling events and bushcraft sessions, which they described as motivational and character-building.
- The senior leadership team, well supported by middle leaders in each phase of the school, is ambitious and committed to improving the quality of education.
- WDPS provides a rich and varied curriculum that makes a positive contribution to pupils' academic and personal development.



And finally, we were recently visited again in May 2023.

Overall Grading: Good.

Leadership: continues to be Outstanding.

We enjoyed a really positive visit with Ofsted reporting that West Denton Primary School was a ***“...magical place in which to learn...”***

- Leaders have devised a curriculum which is inspiring, captivating pupils' interests
- Many opportunities and activities promote pupils' broader development which are extensive, exhilarating and purposeful.
- Pupils obviously enjoy school and get on well together.

While you visit with us today, please ask us about our plans to capitalise on our positive Ofsted report and what we're doing now to progress even further.

We hope you enjoy your visit to West Denton Primary School (WDPS).

We feel the most recent Ofsted feedback really captured the essence of the school. They understood the balance we strike; to engage our children out of the classroom so that we can unleash their academic potential inside the classroom.