

Sparken Hill Academy



Excellence
and Enjoyment
in Education
for Everyone



An excellent and enjoyable. curriculum

“ At Sparken Hill
Academy, children
come first! ”

Parent

Welcome to Sparken Hill Academy, a happy, caring and inclusive learning community for children aged 3 to 11.

We have high aspirations for all our children and strive to deliver Excellence and Enjoyment in Education for Everyone.

We do this by providing opportunities to widen our children's horizons, within an excellent and enjoyable curriculum in which all of our children can achieve and develop a love of learning. By giving them the confidence to believe in themselves and their abilities, we enable them to fulfil their potential.

As well as helping our pupils to excel academically, we also believe it is important to provide an all-round education that meets their personal, social and emotional needs.

Like the children in our care, we believe that Sparken Hill Academy is special. We are excited about the future, and look forward to welcoming you to our school.



An inclusive and creative learning community



We believe in equal opportunities for all, and aim to give everyone the chance to succeed. Our creative approach to learning has been nationally recognised, while our dedicated staff work hard to encourage all our pupils to do their best.

For those pupils who are starting school for the first time, it is the beginning of an exciting journey that will enable them to explore new skills and develop their individual talents and interests. Tailored support is offered to children who are new to English or for those who need additional help with reading, writing or numeracy.

We want all our children to grow in confidence and make a positive contribution to the school and the wider community. This includes helping them to take responsibility for their own learning, teaching them how to stay safe and make sensible choices that contribute to their health, happiness and well-being.





“Sparken Hill Academy is a supportive and caring environment in which children can grow and learn.”

Parent





An education for the 21st century



As a national leading primary school in ICT, we give our children every opportunity to meet the challenges of a rapidly changing and increasingly technological world.

To aid personalised learning, pupils are able to choose from an abundance of technical devices. These range from iPads, netbooks and laptops – to pen and paper. Computers, interactive LED screens in every classroom, recorder pens, video-conferencing facilities and digital cameras also help to enhance teaching and learning.

We pride ourselves on providing a stimulating setting in which pupils can learn the skills they need to meet the challenges of the 21st century.

We firmly believe that the bedrock of our flourishing family of learners rests on our strong ties between home and school. We value our excellent working partnership with parents and carers, and welcome their support in the education of their children. We pride ourselves on having our very own community team.



“My son is making excellent progress. I can’t thank his teachers enough.”

Parent





Pride in our school, pride in our facilities

“Lessons are fun
and exciting. I enjoy
learning something
new every day.”

Pupil

Our eco-friendly, state-of-the-art school building is a fun and inspirational space in which pupils can discover the joy of learning.

As well as modern, colourful classrooms, our first-class facilities include a Media Suite, where children produce the Academy's own TV programme, a Sensory Room and a dedicated kitchen area in Key Stage 2.

Situated at the centre of the Academy is The Heart, a reading area where pupils can come in their own time to explore topics of interest. The Music Room also provides a creative space in which every child has the opportunity to learn a musical instrument.

Outdoors, pupils can take part in playground games or engage in creative and general role play in our amphitheatre. They can have fun in our giant sandpit, study wildlife in our pond, grow fruit and vegetables in the horticultural area, care for chickens, goats, sheep and guinea pigs on our school farm or play with our very own school dog, called Nancy. The opportunities are endless.



New horizons wider opportunities



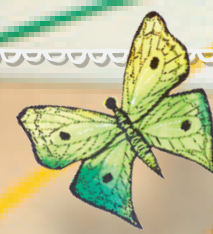
An extensive timetable of extra-curricular clubs and activities, visits and visitors, enhance the curriculum and add depth and interest to our pupils' learning.

Pupils can extend their skills and experience by taking part in a variety of clubs, ranging from football, cricket and Lego, to dance, radio, panto and table tennis.

Trips and visits help to bring learning to life and enable pupils to gain first-hand experience of the world around them. These include visits to the theatre or local cinema, Yorkshire Wildlife Park, Cadbury's World and National Coal Mining Museum, as well as the Year 6 residential.

Links with schools abroad, in Turkey, Italy and Spain, also provide opportunities for pupils to widen their horizons.

If you want your child to feel valued, cared for, inspired, and enjoy fantastic opportunities to learn and grow, Sparken Hill Academy is the school for you.



“ Sparken Hill Academy is the best school ever! ”

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