

Context Information - Academy

Highfields Primary Academy draws directly from the local community with the majority of pupils living within walking distance. The vast majority of its intake comes from Highfields estate. In terms of deprivation, the academy is in the top 10% in the country with a deprivation index indicator of 0.51.

In May 2018 the academy received a Requires Improvement judgement from OFSTED, with Leadership and Management and Personal development, behaviour and welfare being graded as Good.

The Head of Academy, Mrs Jo Sercombe, started in September 2018, having held the position of Assistant Principal in the previous academic year. Mrs Sercombe was joined by Associate Executive Principal, Mrs Donna Brown in September 2018. The extended leadership team comprises of an additional leader, Miss Sabrina Gardom, whose key responsibilities include leading EYFS, KS1 and English.

The academy is a smaller than average school that is currently undersubscribed although a lot of work is being done to increase pupil numbers. There are 5 classes in total. We currently have 125 pupils on roll, including 19 in the nursery.

10% of our pupils are EAL compared to the national average of 20%. The number of pupils eligible for the Pupil Premium Grant is over twice the national figure at 50%.

The number of pupils with special educational needs is broadly in line with the national figure at 20%.

We pride ourselves on providing support for both personal and emotional development, as well as academic progress. We work collaboratively with pupils, parents, colleagues and professionals to provide a high level of support for our pupils, who are central to everything that we do.