



The  
Ferns  
Primary  
Academy



Growing and Learning Together

**PROSPECTUS 2015**



A Northern Education Trust Academy



Pupils say they enjoy coming to school, they say they feel safe and that behaviour at The Ferns is good - Children Questionnaires January 2015



## Magical Moments

**We are a happy and inclusive school, where children are given the opportunity to achieve their best and challenge their own expectations.**

We believe that every single day counts and we work hard to ensure that each day is rewarding, challenging, productive and enjoyable. Effective links with parents and carers help children to settle in easily, and learn how to play and work together in harmony.

At The Ferns Primary Academy, we strive towards excellence in everything we do and embrace new strategies and initiatives to enhance the experiences of our children. Our dedicated team of Governors, Teachers, Staff and Parents and Carers aim to give every child the best learning opportunities and the highest

possible quality of education, in a safe, friendly and caring environment.

In addition to high standards in literacy and numeracy, our focus on helping children to become confident and independent ensures they reach their full potential mentally, physically and socially.

**For an education that's full of magical moments, we look forward to welcoming you to The Ferns Primary Academy.**

We believe we have the magical ingredients for success and lifelong learning.



## Magical Ingredients

Children are placed in one of four Houses, namely Oak, Willow, Beech and Sycamore which helps to nurture a sense of belonging as well as an element of healthy competition.

Pupils earn House points for, among other things, good work, effort, behaviour and helpfulness. As well as encouraging a healthy sense of competition, this enables us to reward their achievements and celebrate their success.

Throughout their time with us, children are encouraged to speak out and contribute to their own learning. As well as

life skills, this helps to develop teamwork, communication, problem-solving and self-confidence, and enhances a feeling of community in which pupils and teachers work in partnership towards shared goals.

Add to this our creative and innovative curriculum, stir in the individual needs and abilities of each pupil, blend together a strong focus on building pupils' basic skills, and we believe we have the magical ingredients for success and lifelong learning.

**At The Ferns Primary Academy, we believe the sky is the limit.**

**We pride ourselves in a strong sense of pride and teamwork.**

# Stroll



## Magical Memories

**In addition to treasured moments spent with friends, children can take part in a wide range of extra-curricular clubs and extended out-of-school activities.**

**These include the school choir, boys' and girls' football, cookery, School Magazine, dance, and gardening.**

We care about the well-being of all our pupils. Strong ties between home and school enable us to identify and address any personal issues that might arise, and encourage parents and carers to play an active role in their child's education.

As well as helping all our children to achieve academic success, we aim to create confident children with happy memories.

As well as providing a safe and secure environment, we teach children about the benefits of healthy eating and regular exercise. Children also enjoy taking on responsibility, for

example as members of the school council or as reading buddies for younger pupils.

By the time they leave school, pupils have developed into polite, mature and confident young citizens, who are well prepared for the next stage of their education.

For a learning journey that's full of magical memories, join our happy family of learners.

We encourage the children in our care to believe that anything and everything is possible. Our inclusive learning environment also teaches them to celebrate

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their differences and help one another, and promotes a culture of tolerance and mutual respect.

From Nursery through to Year 6, our care, guidance and support help children to feel valued. As a result, they are polite, friendly and well behaved, and develop excellent attitudes to work and to each other. For the journey of a lifetime, we look forward to welcoming you to our thriving family of learners.

Our expert teachers and enthusiastic support staff are committed to providing an outstanding education, in which children make rapid progress in

literacy and numeracy and excel in subjects across the National Curriculum.

At the same time, our inclusive curriculum is adapted to the individual needs and abilities of each child, we pride ourselves on providing appropriate levels of support to help children achieve their best.

Colourful classrooms provide a creative yet disciplined learning environment. Our status as an Academy also gives us more freedom to plan exciting topics, while our hands-on approach to learning combines both work and play to encourage children

to think for themselves and learn from each other.

**We believe that by generating a sense of fun, we create happy children who enjoy school and go on to develop a lifelong love of learning.**



Teachers are always encouraging us to 'have a go'



## Discover the Magic

**Every journey involves meeting different people along the way, and we welcome our positive partnerships with parents, carers and members of the local community.**

To maintain our high standards of work, behaviour and attendance, we encourage parents to play an active role in their child's education. Parents' Meetings and Home School Diaries encourage regular communication, while our parent support advisor provides an additional link between home and school.

We have high expectations of all our children, and rejoice in their achievements. Our teachers set challenging targets, monitor progress carefully, and take prompt action if any child starts to fall behind.

Creative learning techniques, including role-play, and the latest educational technology to help to engage the interest and imagination of our young people. And we are keen to embrace initiatives such as the Children's University, a national accreditation system that recognises and values out-of-school learning activities.

When the time comes to say goodbye, we make sure they are all well prepared for the next stage of their incredible journey. Join us, and together we'll discover a world of opportunity.



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