



## **OLD OAK PRIMARY SCHOOL INFORMATION**

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**SCHOOL TYPE:** Group 3 Primary School with two Nursery classes.  
**SCHOOL ROLL:** 380 (of which 50 are full time equivalent nursery pupils).

### **OLD OAK PRIMARY SCHOOL - THE LOCAL AREA**

Old Oak is situated on a residential estate located in the triangle between Wormwood Scrubs, Du Cane Road and Old Oak Common Lane. The estate was built in the early 1920s and is terraced housing. Many of the houses are overseen by a Housing Association. The school has the open space of Wormwood Scrubs on one side facing towards the Linford Christie Stadium and bordered by Hammersmith Hospital and the prison. The area is current news as the main development and station for the HS2 development. East Acton (Central Line) underground station is 2 minutes walk away and the school is located near the bus stops on Du Cane Road. There are bike sheds and car parking for staff on site.

### **THE SCHOOL BUILDING AND SITE**

The school building was built in 1921/2 and is on two floors, providing a spacious learning environment for the children. You should see the size of our classrooms! There are three halls as well as a music room, an art room, a library and an ICT suite. A new wing has

enhanced the Early Years provision allowing access to an outside learning environment, refurbished Reception classes and a new Nursery classroom.

## **PUPIL POPULATION**

The school population reflects its local community and children in the school reflect a rich cultural diversity. The majority of families live locally on the Old Oak Estate. The pupil intake also includes families of international medical students, studying at Hammersmith Hospital.

The school has gradually been moving towards 2 form entry, and now has 2 parallel classes per year group.

## **THE CURRICULUM**

We are committed to providing a broad and balanced curriculum and enriching the school experience for all children. The curriculum is being updated and adapted to meet the demands of the new national curriculum. The school introduced the International Primary Curriculum from September 2014. This is an exciting step for everyone and the staff are all very motivated to develop a creative curriculum with lots of opportunities for enquiry based learning. We have also adopted a new mathematics curriculum from September 2015.

We use of 'The Power of Reading' as the foundation for the English Curriculum. The Power of Reading is an initiative based at the Centre for Literacy in Primary Education (CLPE). The programme advocates the use of quality texts to encourage children to read and enjoy a range of books as well as to inspire their writing.

A majority of our children start below the nationally expected level but make good or very good progress during their time at Old Oak, as the teaching is consistently of a high standard. Our recent Ofsted states, *pupils achieve well from below-average starting points. By the end of Year 6 standards are average.*

Sport includes involvement in swimming, football and netball. The Linford Christie Stadium is within walking distance. We also work closely with Queens Park Ranger Football Club on a range of sports, not just football!

We have a range of after-school clubs, the majority of these are free to everyone, a few carry a small termly charge. These include canoeing, martial arts, ballet and Shakespeare.

School journeys are held each year for Year 6 and Year 4. Museums and other places of interest are regularly visited by all classes. Children in Year 6 attend after school sessions at the QPR study centre. There are after school clubs each term offering a range of activities.

The children are encouraged to present work to the whole school and the standard of singing is high. The Early Years and Key Stage 1 Christmas production and the Leavers (Y6) End of Year Musical are highlights of the school year and always attract good parental support. MA musical instrument is learnt throughout key stage 2, including recorders, ukuleles, and drums. We have a school choir which regularly performs at school and community events and a staff / children school band.

## **STAFFING**

The staff at Old Oak work very much as a team, for support, sharing planning and organising activities. The current staff of 50 includes a good mixture of experience amongst staff members, with low staff turnover. The Senior Leadership Team comprises the Headteacher, Deputy Headteacher, Early Years, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 coordinators and the SENCo. Additional support in the classes includes English as an additional language support, teaching assistants and a Learning Mentor. We have also recently appointed a Head of Pastoral Care who work closely together with the SENCo as part of the Inclusion Team.

## **PARENT AND COMMUNITY LINKS**

Support and communication with parents/carers is actively encouraged. There is a high level of interest in attending class assemblies, plays and parent/teacher meetings. We have a Parents' Forum group who collaborate on school events. Parents / carers have also been joining the Reception classes on Fridays for a maths / phonics session.

We liaise with the local Community and Children's Centre which provides an extensive range of opportunities for the community. This is located opposite the school.

## **OFSTED:**

The Ofsted in November 2013 agreed with the ways forward identified by the school. The school was recognised as a 'good school'. To learn more about this inspection go to:  
<http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/inspection-reports/find-inspection-report/provider/ELS/100335>

