



# HARVEY ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

**SCHOOL REVIEW**  
**July 2016**

Harvey Road School is a unique school. For over 75 years we have been providing support and challenge to our children. Children from all backgrounds thrive here and are encouraged to not only develop their own talent but also learn the importance of contributing to the wider community.

Our school continues to be one of the highest performing schools in the country. Children receive a wide ranging, rigorous curriculum that is broad and balanced, ensuring that our children are able to meet the demands of the ever changing world. Most importantly however, our children are happy and enjoy coming to Harvey Road School.

## Curriculum

Children at Harvey Road School experience a thematic approach to learning focusing on key skill development. This ensures that our children are equipped with the necessary tools to not only achieve all the age related expectations there are in primary schools but also be well on the way to meeting those expectations that are required in secondary school.



In addition, we have visitors, such as authors, artists and model makers, coming into the school to not only inspire the children but also demonstrate how exciting learning new skills can be. Each of these were highly successful in raising children's awareness, interest and enjoyment for learning. OfSTED have

confirmed our views in their inspection by saying; 'the curriculum is exciting and stimulates the children's interests.'

## Music

Children take part in an extensive range of high quality musical experiences. This includes specialist teaching and individual instrument tuition. The school choir and orchestra took part in the following events:

- In school: Sing Up programme where we have achieved the National Gold Award. Well over 70% of our children play a musical instrument and many of these children performed at the Harvey Road School Music Festival.
- Local Community: Children sang carols at Croxley House and The Peace Hospice in Watford as well as the Rickmansworth Music Festival and the Watford Christmas Festival held at the Watford Colosseum.
- National Performances: Our children have recently sung at the O<sup>2</sup> Arena in London as well as the Hertfordshire School Gala Concert at The Royal Albert Hall.



## Legacy of the 2012 Olympics and the Sports Premium Funding



Sport plays a fundamentally important part in the life of our school and we pride ourselves in our ability to successfully support children. Our school facilities include:

- Football pitch
- Rounders pitch
- Two netball and basketball courts
- Cricket pitch
- Running track
- Swimming pool

Throughout the year children at Harvey Road School participate in many sporting activities including competitive athletics, football, hockey and netball sports days; a competitive swimming championship at our own school swimming pool; a community Family Fun Run for children, parents and grandparents

In addition to all of this, children from Year 1 upwards have taken part in many different inter-school sporting events through the year including cricket, athletics, multi skills, tag rugby, football, netball and High Five tournaments.

### **What are we trying to improve?**

OfSTED stated; 'Harvey Road School is an outstanding school.' We are delighted with this judgement but realise that there are still many things for us to develop.

All children at Harvey Road School make outstanding progress and we set very high expectations for everyone. Children achieve standards that place Harvey Road School in the top 1% of schools in the county (according to the Times Educational Supplement 2016) yet we constantly strive towards improving what we do.

This year we will be developing our assessment systems so that they accurately reflect the recent changes to the national expectations as well as the new curriculum. This will then be linked to performance indicators for teachers to measure the quality of teaching and learning in the school.

We are also looking at developing the quality of feedback and marking in children's work. We believe that having motivated children is key to successful learning and this can be achieved by children receiving not only marking comments that are developmental and motivational but allows the children to respond to the comments so that they can follow up the suggestions made in their next lesson.

### **Why your Child's Attendance in school important?**

Research has shown that the more a child is in school, the more they learn. To support your child we run a rigorous system that ensures your child will receive the best quality support to maintain their attendance in school. Our policy states clearly that taking children out during term time will not be authorised unless there are highly exceptional circumstances. For further information please see our policy on attendance.

### **Standards of Education at Harvey Road School**

Year on year our children perform significantly above the national average in all areas of the curriculum. This standard of excellence is something that we are very proud of and work close, in partnership with parents, to ensure that this successful legacy continues.

The standards of attainment for 2016 are:

#### **Key Stage 1 SATs Results**

<b>Percentage of children working at Age Related Expectations</b>	<b>Harvey Road School 2016</b>	<b>Hertfordshire Average 2016</b>
<b>Reading</b>	84%	79%
<b>Writing</b>	81%	71%
<b>Maths</b>	84%	77%
<b>Science</b>	77%	

## Key Stage 2 SATs Results

Area of Data	Harvey Road School Results 2016							
	Reading		Writing		Maths		Grammar, Spelling, Punctuation	
	School	National	School	National	School	National	School	National
% of children achieving ARE	87%	66%	100%	74%	93%	70%	90%	72%
% of children achieving higher than ARE	33%		53%		47%		57%	
<b>Average Scaled Score per pupil</b>	108	103			109	103	110	104
Attainment - % achieving ARE in Reading, Writing AND Maths	Harvey Road School: 87%				National Average: 53% Hertfordshire Average: 59%			

### How are we making sure that every child gets the teaching to meet their individual needs?



0.4% of our children are entitled to Pupil Premium funding for 2015/16. This premium is a government fund given to the school to support disadvantaged children. Although this figure is low in comparison to the national average we are investing this funding through employing a Special Needs Learning Support Assistant. We also have a highly experienced Inclusion Coordinator and class based Learning Support Assistants who support children in groups as well as individually.

All children's progress is tracked and clear individual targets are set. Regular discussions with parents ensures that your child's needs remains at the centre of all the work that is carried out in the school.

### How are we working with parents and the community?

Prospective parents are encouraged to visit the school and are given a guided tour. Once a place has been confirmed, new parents are then invited to attend information meetings that ensures that every child and family have a smooth and happy induction into Harvey Road school.

Formal parent consultations are held twice a year with an additional Celebration Evening in the summer for parents and children to meet the teachers. We also hold meetings on such topics as Sex and Relationships Education, curriculum development, Secondary Transfer and School Journey as well as holding annual safeguarding meetings for all parent helpers.



This year we held a Careers Day where parents and members of our community shared their careers with all of our pupils. Children considered how diverse the place of work is and whether or not they have an interest and talent in that field.

We have very strong links with local secondary schools such as Rickmansworth Secondary School, St Joan of Arc Secondary School, St Clement Danes Secondary School and Westfield Community

School. Universities including the University of Hertfordshire, Bedfordshire and Roehampton also have links with us. These establishments provide a considerable level of additional curriculum support for our children.

### **How do we make sure our pupils are healthy, safe and well supported?**

Our pupils take part in many different activities that encourage greater awareness and an active involvement in living a healthy and safe lifestyle through:

- Cycling proficiency training
- Road safety training
- Walk to school weeks
- PSHE curriculum on Drugs Awareness
- e-safety discussions and parent meetings



We ensure children have a sound understanding of respect, supporting others and looking after themselves. Independence and personal responsibility are considered highly important characteristics and all our visitors comment on how well-mannered our children are.

A recent children’s questionnaire (2015) stated that:

- 97% of children stated that they were happy in school
- 94% of children believed that their lessons were interesting and fun
- 95% of children said that they had to work hard in their lessons
- 99% of children said that their teachers show them how to make their work better
- 96% of children stated that Harvey Road Primary School encourages children to celebrate their different cultures and find out about religions and backgrounds of other children at the school

We have a rigorous approach to child protection and safeguarding young people and all staff and helpers must have a successful DBS check before working or volunteering in our school. Our recruitment procedures are thorough with all staff having regular training to ensure that they are aware of all safeguarding issues.

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### **What do our pupils do after leaving this school?**

We have a large number of secondary schools in our catchment area. The table below indicates the number of children who have been allocated these schools for September 2016.

<b>Secondary School</b>	<b>Number of Children</b>
Rickmansworth	27
Westfield Community Technology	0
St Clement Danes	1
Watford Grammar School for Boys	0
Watford Grammar School for Girls	1
St. Joan of Arc	1
Other	0

Once they have left, children frequently return to us with news of their many successes in all areas of their lives; including academic, music and sport.

- Many pupils return to us for a work placement in Year 9 to 11. This involves a week working with children and staff to give a valuable taste of what working with children is really like.
- Sports Leadership and Language Leadership programmes where ex-pupils return in Year 11 to support and train our children
- We have also supported ex-pupils in raising money for a named charity or event that they are working towards
- Ex-pupils from different secondary schools have returned to talk to our current Year 6 children on issues relating to secondary transfer

### **What have we done in response to OfSTED?**

OfSTED inspected Harvey Road School in October 2011 and judged us as being an outstanding School. A brief synopsis of their report is as follows:

"This is an outstanding school. Its continued drive for improvement has enhanced pupils' progress. This inclusive school promotes equal opportunities very effectively and is committed to eradicating any discrimination. It encourages a genuine respect for the traditions of all groups within its community and is successful in helping all minority ethnic groups represented in the school achieve as well as the rest. The school takes a leading role in local partnerships and in supporting other schools.

The school's fast rate of improvement, the excellence of the leadership team, a strong governing body and robust self-evaluation processes combine to give it an outstanding capacity to continue to improve."

For a copy of the full OfSTED report please refer to the following website address:

<http://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/inspection-reports/find-inspection-report/provider/ELS/117131>

We were clearly delighted with this report which reflects the innovative and inclusive work that goes on in the school as well as the strength of our partnership between staff, parents, governors and children.

We are proud of the fact that our school consistently strives to improve, irrespective of how good we are. For this reason we strongly adhere to the motto our children, governors and staff have:

**'Be Happy; Show Respect; Seek Success'**

