

Context Information – Simpson's Lane Academy

Simpson's Lane is a primary academy situated in Knottingley, West Yorkshire. There are approximately 360 pupils on roll including 19 part time Nursery pupils. 46% are in receipt of Pupil Premium and the deprivation indicator is 0.47. The catchment area we serve is predominantly the Knottingley area, located within the local authority of Wakefield in West Yorkshire.

At its most recent Ofsted inspection, December 2019, Simpson's Lane was judged to be good in all areas. Simpson's Lane is a high performing school with a highly inclusive ethos. We believe that every child deserves a level playing field and the right support to achieve their aspirations. Our curriculum is designed to ensure this happens. It is designed to sequentially build on prior learning, ensure knowledge and skill retention as well as closing gaps in learning. We view the teaching and learning process as a partnership between the school, pupils and their parents.

As a school we place great importance on the development of each pupil, academically and socially and emotionally. Our curriculum has been designed to provide pupils with a wide range of opportunities to develop as aspirational life-long learners that are able to take their place as active citizens in an ever-changing world. As a forward-thinking organisation, we willingly embrace change and constantly strive to develop innovative practice. This is supported by our strong commitment to collaborative working with other academies across the trust and beyond. We understand that primary is the beginning of our pupils' educational journey and therefore we value a close working relationship with our feeder secondary school, De Lacy Academy, to ensure the skills and knowledge our children are equipped with are continued and transferred.

As a school community, we make it our priority to ensure everyone's well-being is at the centre of everything we do. This is reflected in our diverse curriculum, which is enhanced by a broad range of enrichment opportunities.

At Simpson's Lane Academy we want to raise all our pupils to be individuals that:

- Make kindness a priority every day
- Are compassionate and respectful towards all people they meet
- Have a strong sense of empathy and a willingness to help others
- Talk to each other, not at each other – to truly listen and understand
- Are good role models to those around them at all times
- Make the world a better place