



About Worplesdon Primary School

Worplesdon Primary School is a popular and oversubscribed school situated on a private housing estate near the town of Guildford. Children come from a wide catchment area and range of backgrounds. Currently there are 475 children on roll in 16 classes. Parental support is excellent and considerable efforts are made to involve them in their children's learning. The Parent Teacher Association is very active, providing many extra resources that could not otherwise be afforded. The staff team is a good mix of experience and ages, they work well together as a team. The staffing structure is based on phases with a phase leader managing a Year 5/6, Year 3/4, Year 1/2 and Early Years teams.

This is an exciting time for the School, in September 2016 the School began to expand to take four more classes. The junior school is expanding from two form entry to three classes, the first intake was in September 2016 and the final extra class being admitted in September 2019.

To support this the School has undergone a major building programme which was completed at Easter 2016. A new eight classroom building, an enlarged hall, new staff car park and new play facilities replaced four old and outdated classrooms and provide modern and quality teaching facilities.

The School has spacious grounds, with an outdoor classroom, environmental area, class gardens and an outdoor swimming pool. The School has quality teaching environments and small group teaching areas. All classes are well resourced and the School has a well stocked library, managed by a librarian. The library has been extended as part of a refurbishment programme and now provides an infant and a junior library as well as allowing flexible use of the area when needed. Teacher resource materials are stored centrally for easy access. The School built a Performing Arts Centre in 2001. This facility provides a dedicated facility for the teaching of music, dance and drama. These exciting facilities are considered to be essential in supporting a rich and balanced curriculum. In 2013, a new infant playground was built enabling separate play facilities for the infants and juniors. The two Early Years rooms are adjacent to each other, have a large covered play and activities area immediately outside the rooms and this joins directly onto the all weather infant playground.

The School was inspected by Ofsted in June 2016. They judged Worplesdon to be a 'Good' School which was in line with the School's own evaluations.

Comments included:

- The School offers a wide-ranging, rich curriculum. Pupils really enjoy this and gain much from it.
- ...this was an example of something else that is special about the School: positive relationships, rooted in mutual respect and good humour.
- Pupils behave very well. They are always ready to learn. They happily take on responsibilities and are kind and friendly.

Academically the School is performing well with standards in all subjects and at all age groups improving year on year for the last three years. All teachers plan the work together around clear, long and medium term schemes of work. The work beyond the literacy and numeracy hour is planned around a topic based framework. The curriculum areas are well resourced and the School has made a considerable investment in the development of a School wired and wireless computer network which at present provides classroom computers across the School with up to date programmes and machines in every room. All classrooms have interactive whiteboard facilities and all teachers are given their own laptop. There are mobile suites of wireless laptops enabling all children to have ICT access at the same time when needed. Resources for literacy and numeracy are good. The School has a skilled team of support staff who take an active part alongside the class teachers in the planning and delivery of the curriculum.

The School is passionate about truly delivering a broad and balanced curriculum. To achieve this, in addition to the learning environment, the School has gradually developed the curriculum to enable quality opportunities in all subject areas, sometimes this is through focus weeks and cross curricular projects, these have included mini topics where the year groups have decided what they would like to learn about. Teachers plan to give children the



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opportunity to work in their preferred learning style. As a further commitment to providing quality opportunities, all children receive music in groups of no more than 20 and junior children receive French and PE lessons also in groups of no more than 20.

In September 2010 the School introduced a values programme to pull together the delivery of the SEAL programme and the UNICEF Rights Respecting agenda. This has made a strong impact on the children. The School has developed strong links with a School in Uganda which has involved staff exchange and pupil contact. We are now developing curriculum links between the two schools.

In September 2015 the School gained International School status, in November 2014 it gained Eco Schools status and recently in April 2015 it gained Unicef Rights Respecting Award Level 2 status.

There is an active policy for the development of all staff which ensures that everybody has the opportunity to undertake appropriate training linked to the School development plan and personal priorities.

Worplesdon is a happy and successful school that is looking to recruit an enthusiastic, skilled and caring member of staff that will take the opportunity to become a member of our hard working and supportive team. PPA arrangements are fully in place. The School has an internal cover team that not only ensures continuity when there is absence but also enables release time for staff and school development. If you want to develop your career but also work in an environment that is realistic about what is reasonable, then we would encourage you to apply.

We very much welcome visits to the School. If you would like to arrange a visit please contact the School Office to make an appointment (01483 232126)