



Woodpecker Hall

PRIMARY ACADEMY

Achieving Excellence Together



Headteacher's Welcome



I am delighted to welcome you as the Headteacher of Woodpecker Hall Primary Academy. Woodpecker Hall opened its doors in September 2011 and caters for children between the ages of 3-11 years.

Woodpecker Hall, along with Cuckoo Hall, Kingfisher Hall, Enfield Heights and our secondary school, Heron Hall, are managed by the Cuckoo Hall Academies Trust, under the leadership of Patricia Sowter CBE, as the Executive Headteacher.

We operate under the Government's "Free School" initiative. We are directly funded by the Department for Education (DfE); this gives us much more flexibility and freedom to allow us to manage the school in the methods and processes that have already been tried and proven in Cuckoo Hall Academy. We have talented, committed and experienced

members of staff who work alongside your children to give them the best possible start to their academic career.

At Woodpecker Hall the importance of all parents, carers, families and friends as well as all members of the local community is not lost on us. Our principal aim is to ensure that your children receive outstanding primary education and develop with the confidence, knowledge and skills to undertake the next stage of their education, ensuring that there are no educational barriers to their life chances and lifelong learning.

I look forward to meeting you all and thank you for your interest and support in Woodpecker Hall.

David Penkert
Headteacher





Admissions

Woodpecker Hall is open to everyone, there is no selection of pupils.

Woodpecker Hall is a popular school and every year there are likely to be many more applications for places than we are able to provide.

Our admissions criteria are therefore in accordance with the National Admissions Code.

Please see enclosed information at the back of this booklet for full details of our admissions criteria and procedures (including admission to our Nursery).

Our Academy building



Woodpecker Hall Primary Academy moved into its brand new building in September 2012, and was officially opened by the Right Hon. Michael Gove, the Secretary of State for Education, in January 2013.

It is a state-of-the-art Academy, built and designed with input from both pupils, staff and parents. It is a bright, airy, spacious school built on one level with 21st century technology. We have excellent sporting facilities, including a larger-than-average school hall and a shared field linking us to Cuckoo Hall Academy.

We are a two form entry school and at full capacity will have 480 children by September 2017.





Our aim is simple:

To develop the firm foundations needed for lifelong learning.



We recognise that the decision about where to send your child to school is one of the most important you will ever make. At Woodpecker Hall we believe that all children should be given the very best opportunities to succeed.

To achieve this, we provide excellent teaching and we have very expectations for all children's achievement.

In all year groups we monitor children's progress closely to make sure that they are supported, guided and moved-on in their learning.

We provide structure, challenge and excitement in children's day-to-day learning.

We have a strong focus on teaching children the essential skills in literacy and mathematics, along with a stimulating curriculum to enrich children's learning. This ensures that children acquire the fundamental knowledge, skills and understanding to achieve their full educational potential. We know that this will stand them in good stead at their secondary school, in higher education and through the rest of their lives.

Alongside academic learning, equal attention is given to providing a safe, caring and happy learning environment for all of our children. We not only have high expectations for children's learning but also for their personal development and behaviour, with an emphasis on showing tolerance, respect and care towards each other. We expect parents and carers whose children join our school to support this ethos.

Our vision

Our vision is to teach all children to acquire and develop the knowledge, skills and understanding to succeed at all stages of their education and equip them with high aspirations for their future lifelong learning.



Woodpecker Hall Primary Academy has a strong moral purpose to nurture children to understand the contribution they make in society.

We want to educate children to:

- ★ respect themselves and show respect to others
- ★ understand the importance of learning and that this will help them to achieve their best
- ★ understand the importance of making a positive contribution to the community and society as a whole
- ★ communicate well with others and show consideration to others' beliefs and points of view
- ★ present themselves with confidence and pride
- ★ take responsibility for their own actions
- ★ develop the ability to show compassion and give support to others

Parents & Carers

Close partnership with parents and carers is very important to us here at Woodpecker Hall Primary Academy. We know that the involvement of parents and carers is vital to children's well-being and progress.

There are frequent opportunities for contact between home and school through parent consultation meetings, parent classes, coffee mornings and a wide range of school events.

We also have both Woodpecker Hall and CHAT Academies Trust PTAs (Parent Teacher Associations), which fund-raise and plan yearly events.

We actively encourage parents to join our PTA and become involved in planning events.








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