Denton West End Primary School

About Our School

Denton West End Primary School is an academy situated on the outer perimeter of Tameside. It lies within a quite distinct and separate area; it is almost insular in that although it lies next to Gorton and Reddish it does not have strong links with those areas. Equally, although a part of Denton, it is, and always has been, very much on the edge of Denton.

The area around the school is quite self-contained; it is a well-established and a well-regarded residential area. Housing consists, in the main, of owner-occupiers. The majority of our pupils come from caring homes, usually with two parents. Most of the parents are in full time employment and a considerable number of mothers find employment, either part-time or full-time once their children are of school age. Parents’ occupations range from professional and skilled workers to manual workers.

The original school was built in the thirties, but as housing developed in the area a separate junior school was added in the fifties. This was again extended in the sixties. The two schools were not amalgamated, however, until 1978, and were not physically joined, as a result of building extensions, until 1996.

The school is a popular choice with parents and there are more pupils wishing to attend than there are places available. The school is two-form entry and capacity for 420 in main school and 52 part time pupils in the Nursery. The number of parents wanting their children to attend our school remains high.

Our parents want to be reassured that their children will feel safe and secure at school and their well-being and happiness is paramount. The majority of our parents are very supportive of the school and will assist their children with reading in the early stages and homework as the children move through school.

Denton West End is a high attaining school, end of key stage results have consistently been above the national average. Members of the school community are committed to our motto, “Only our best is good enough.”

In its recent Ofsted inspection (May 2014) the school was graded as “Good”. Aspirations are to be outstanding as in previous inspections.

Although, a successful school we are never complacent and are always looking to improve our practices. We value the experiences that new members of staff can bring to our school whilst working within our supportive ethos.

School also has a thriving Breakfast and After School Club plus a wide range of out of hours learning activities.

On 1st June 2012 Denton West End gained Academy status.

Further information about our school is available on our school website: www.dweschool.org
Our school:

- Is heavily oversubscribed
- Has high academic standards
- Graded twice by Ofsted as Outstanding
- Has highly motivated well behaved pupils
- Has hard working and highly supportive staff
- Has excellent resources including a computer suite and two libraries
- Provides a welcoming and pleasant environment
- Offers a planned induction programme for all new members of staff
- Has a supportive governing body
- Would welcome applications from experienced staff seeking personal and professional advancement
- Positively encourages continuing professional development
- Offers committed staff the opportunity to make a difference.