



## **INFORMATION ABOUT WEST HAMPSTEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL**

West Hampstead Primary School is housed in a pleasant Victorian three-storey (listed) building with plenty of light and the space to accommodate 13 classrooms to fit 30 children and a further 3 to fit up to 20 children as well as a resources room, music room, staff room and several smaller teaching rooms. The school grounds have been developed and provide three adventure playgrounds, a football pitch, a sports area, a quiet zone and a garden area. The school is well served by public transport with bus, rail and Underground links. It is situated in an attractive residential area within walking distance of local shops, restaurants and cafes.

West Hampstead Primary is a two-form entry school with space for 446 pupils, from Nursery to Year 6. The Nursery which has 26 pupils, is seen as an integral part of the school. West Hampstead Primary draws pupils from a socially and culturally diverse local community. Around 40 languages are spoken by pupils and their families representing over 60 countries. The main languages spoken, other than English, are Somali, Bengali and Albanian.

We include children with a wide range of abilities and needs, including those who are exceptionally able and those who have learning difficulties and statements of special educational needs. The school is fully accessible. Our staff have a positive attitude towards inclusion and are highly trained and highly skilled.

West Hampstead Primary was recently inspected by OFSTED in March 2022. The report will be published in a couple of months.

The rich diversity of our pupil intake is both stimulating and challenging for staff, in terms of the skills required in the classroom, and the priorities expressed by parents. Many parents take an active interest in their children's education, are in regular contact with staff and give us a great deal of support and encouragement. This is a healthy partnership which the school encourages. There is a lively and involved Governing Body, where many members are also parents. The school also works closely with neighbouring schools.

We are well provided with resources for teaching across the curriculum. The school budget is supplemented by funds raised by our active PSA, which also arranges enjoyable social events. Visits to a wide range of local venues and those which are further afield are frequently made in order to support learning across the curriculum. Likewise, we invite visitors from such venues to the school.

We have 18 teachers which includes the Deputy Head, Assistant Head/SENDco and three Phase Leaders. We also have a PE instructor who works with classes throughout the school. We have a large inclusion team made up of an early years educator, HLTAs, a team of Learning Support Assistants who support pupils in class and 4 inclusion learning support assistants who support pupils with EAL and lead interventions. We also have 2 site staff and three office staff. Children receive a variety of instrumental tuition on the premises from self-employed staff.

Our staff are a mixture of people who have worked in the school over an extended period, as well as those who are less experienced and recently appointed. Staff members are lively, friendly, supportive and committed and between them have an impressive range of skills and a great sense of humour.

West Hampstead Primary is a thriving school serving a wonderful community. We are a school committed to inclusion and our ethos pervades everything we do. We have high expectations of our pupils both in terms of attainment and behaviour. We respect and welcome the diversity in our community as well as thinking of ourselves as one big family.