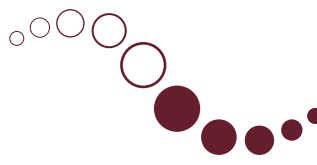


Prospectus



West Lodge
Primary School



Welcome

- a message from the Headteacher



Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to West Lodge Primary School. After the amalgamation of West Lodge First School and West Lodge Middle School, West Lodge Primary opened on 1st January 2009. It is a great privilege to be the Headteacher of West Lodge – I aim to consolidate and build on the strong foundations of excellence that have been laid at the school.

I am supported by a highly skilled and dedicated team of teachers and support staff, who are our greatest resource. The staff at West Lodge work tirelessly to provide the best teaching and learning experiences for each child. We want our pupils to enjoy coming to school and to be enthusiastic about learning. We nurture and encourage pupils and hopefully, inspire them to be active participants in their own personal development and education.

At West Lodge we have developed a strong learning culture and all members of the community are continually striving to become the very best we can be. Our school is an exciting place to work and learn. We provide a lively, creative curriculum which challenges, inspires and motivates our pupils and enables them to participate in a range of high quality learning opportunities.

Recently, the school has been undergoing a small expansion. A new provision has been built – Kaleidoscope – which provides 18 places for pupils on the autistic spectrum, allowing children with autism to experience specialist teaching and facilities within a mainstream setting.

We are passionately committed to individual achievement, personal growth and the pursuit of excellence for every child.

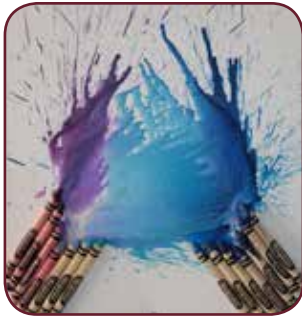
Jim Dees
Headteacher

Our Vision

At West Lodge each child finds the spark within them. The light continues to grow igniting the spark in others creating ripples throughout the world. It all starts with understanding and acceptance....

Our vision embodies our commitment to an ethos of inclusion and high expectations for all. It is a place where children become happy and positive young citizens. Learning to develop a strong sense of self and feel proud of who they are, where they come from and who they want to be. We instil a life-long love of learning and a desire to make a positive contribution to life at school and beyond school.



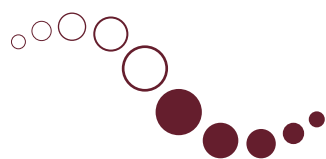


The Learning Journey

Our vision is that we lay the foundations for a life-long learning journey which provides our children with the tools to achieve happy, fulfilling and successful lives. We provide an exciting, nurturing environment which offers the best opportunities for all to achieve their full potential.

We promote independent learners and deliver a curriculum in a creative and dynamic way. We strive for excellence in all areas and celebrate success and improvement. We provide a supportive, challenging, engaging and holistic education for all our children which is appropriate for all the children's needs and talents. We all work collaboratively to create a school of happy, confident and caring individuals who are learning effectively together.



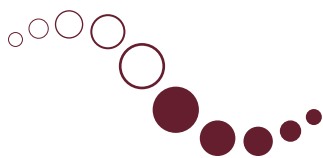


The West Lodge Way

At West Lodge our ethos is to be respectful, kind, honest and trustworthy. We want your child to make the very most of their time with us and so we have high expectations of both work and behaviour.

We are a Rights Respecting School and we place the United Nations Conventions of the Rights of the Child at the centre of our ethos. This means the children are taught to understand the importance of respecting each other's rights to learn, to be safe and to achieve their potential. These are reinforced through the school charters, rewards and consequences.

Children of all ages are encouraged to show responsibility, initiative and to think of others. We provide many opportunities for children to take on roles of responsibility: School Council, Learning Research Group, Rights Respecting Steering Group, Digital Leaders, West Lodge PALs, Junior Travel Ambassadors, House Captains, Sports Captains, Head Boy and Head Girl. These opportunities all help to ensure that the children to play an important role in shaping the school.



Our Learning Environment

We are very fortunate to be a school set in an extensive site with tree-edged grounds which include a range of outdoor learning spaces: a large sports field, a nature trail, a pond and a conservation area. We have also recently built a full size Celtic Roundhouse – a project which involved the children as part of the building process. We also have a series of raised beds where children are involved in planting and nurturing a range of vegetables, herbs and flowers.

We have excellent facilities including two ICT (computer) suites, a food technology room, two library spaces, music rooms, an environmental studies room, an art room, two gymnasiums, a separate dining room and all-weather play surfaces outside. In addition, our additionally resourced provision for pupils with autism (Kaleidoscope) has a sensory room, a soft play room, a life skills room and three additional classrooms.

We are located within easy walking distance of Pinner tube station and Pinner village shops. We are opposite Pinner Memorial Park.

The Curriculum

At West Lodge Primary School, our pupils are offered a curriculum that is broad, balanced, exciting and creative. Teaching staff are very flexible, innovative and reflective with their approach to teaching which ensures all pupils are getting the opportunity to maximise their full potential.

At West Lodge our curriculum aims to:



- Ignite the spark in all children, creating happy, motivated life-long learners equipped for the future.
- Help our pupils to become independent, resilient, enquiring and collaborative learners.
- Nurture healthy, caring and respectful individuals.
- Create thinking individuals, with values, who make a positive contribution to the world.
- Provide challenge, enabling children to reach their full potential.
- Be inclusive and diverse allowing a range of opportunities for children to find their 'song', their 'element'.
- Help children develop a growth mindset, a love of challenge and create an environment where children embrace risk.
- Ensure that the pupils develop a sense of understanding and acceptance for all.



Two key quotes underpin the ethos for our curriculum:



"There is a brilliant child locked inside every student." Marva Collins

(Our curriculum aims to provide a range of opportunities to meet the varied needs of all learners and give every child the best possible chance of finding their 'song', their 'element'!)

"Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire." W B Yeats

(Our curriculum aims to spark a love of learning in all – ignite the fire so that children become active learners and embark on a lifelong journey of learning)



Our pupils are challenged in fun and exciting ways through a curriculum that offers: real-life, purposeful learning opportunities; first-hand experiences and regular opportunities to learn outside the classroom via a range of educational visits, curriculum workshops and residential trips.

We aim to create learning experiences that help the children to develop a growth mindset, to enjoy challenge, work hard, persevere and develop creativity in all areas.



Beyond the Curriculum

Children are offered an impressive programme of extra-curricular activities. The school enjoys an excellent reputation for music, dance, drama and sport. We celebrate children's talents and skills which they may have developed outside of school life and aim to continue to nurture these interests in school.

We offer an enormous variety of breakfast, lunchtime and after school clubs. The emphasis is on giving children opportunities to enjoy their favourite pastimes and to introduce them to new activities which they might not otherwise have tried.

There is comprehensive provision for instrumental music tuition as well as specialist teachers and coaches for a variety of different sports. The school runs a Breakfast Club and we also have an After School Club on site to cater for families who require an extended day.



Achieving Full Potential

West Lodge is proud to be an inclusive school. Meeting the needs of all our pupils is a priority. We believe every child has the capacity to astonish themselves with their achievements. We are extremely proud of the progress all our pupils make and our record of academic excellence. We help each child develop a love of learning through a rich, creative curriculum. Progress is closely monitored to ensure pupils are challenged and supported to do their best throughout their school life.

We have an inclusive approach to meeting the needs of pupils with additional needs and welcome pupils who need additional support with their learning. We carefully monitor the progress of all pupils. This allows us to identify needs, which in turn informs our provision. We provide support within the classroom as well as additional interventions where appropriate. Kaleidoscope, our specialist provision for pupils on the autistic spectrum, has an excellent reputation and enables us to provide appropriate support for pupils with autism and a foundation for these pupils to access mainstream.

We work closely with outside agencies and families of children with additional needs to ensure that the children are well supported and make good progress.





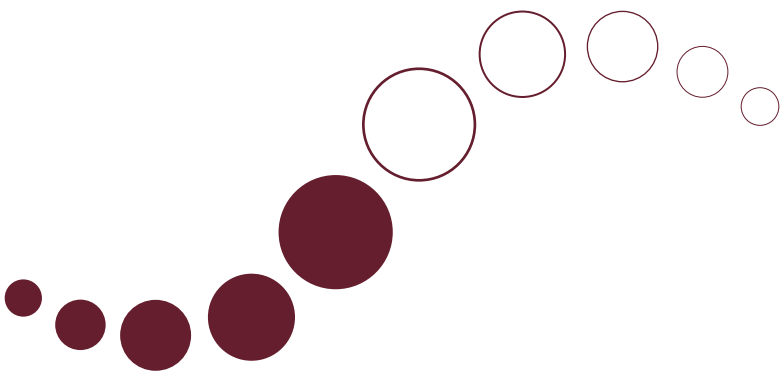
The West Lodge Community

We work hard to be a school at the centre of its diverse community. We embrace and celebrate the many languages and cultures shared by our families. We believe that by working together with parents, carers and the local community we can provide an education rich in first-hand experience.

Our exciting and creative curriculum is supported by school visits and a comprehensive programme of visiting speakers and workshops, including partnership work with local businesses, museums, galleries and places of worship.

We have fantastic support from the Friends of West Lodge School (FOWLS). They organise an impressive array of exciting events which bring the school community together and raise valuable funds for our school.



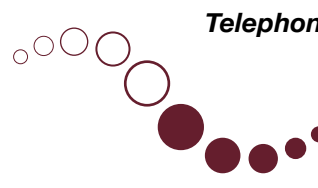


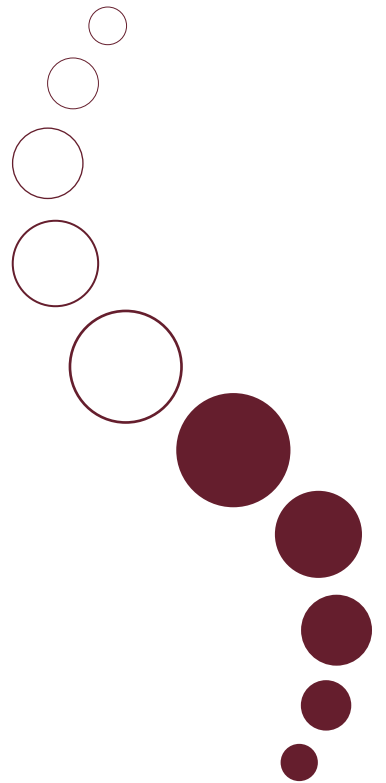
Admissions / Joining West Lodge

Children are admitted to their Reception class in the September of the academic year in which they turn five years of age. Allocation of places is administered by the London Borough of Harrow. Application forms for new Reception admissions are available electronically from the London Borough of Harrow website or in paper form from the school office.

For admissions to any year other than Reception, application forms can be obtained from Harrow Council:

Admissions Department, Civic Centre, Harrow, HA1 2UW.
Telephone: 020 8863 5611.





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