



Park Grove
PRIMARY ACADEMY

Proud to work, learn
and grow together





IT'S MY SCHOOL TOO...

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The high standard of teaching in the classroom, great facilities and fun and informative outings funded by an active Parent-Teacher Association, make Park Grove a fantastic place for our children to begin their academic journeys.



Our academy

At Park Grove Primary Academy, we inspire children to achieve excellence through our creative approach. We value the individuality of every child and empower them to fulfil their ambitions. We offer a vibrant and exciting learning environment where children thrive through challenge and fun.

Our strong community is built on the foundations of respect, inclusion and friendship. Together, we provide an outstanding education for our children.

Park Grove opened in 1895. The school has a grand Victorian exterior, but on the inside, you will find all the modern facilities of a new school including hall, gymnasium, fully equipped and networked classrooms and a dramatic learning environment. We also have huge outdoor spaces, a real advantage for a school so close to the city centre.

Our vision is to be recognised as outstanding by the whole community.



Excellence

To inspire and instil in others the desire to be the best we can be



We believe that every child can and should excel to reach their full potential.

Whether a child's talent lies within maths, art, music, sport or languages, it is our job to find out and then help them to be the best they can be. We offer a broad, balanced curriculum and love to see children thrive in subjects such as drama and music. We have professional, specialist coaches who come in to teach PE and we offer a wide range of extracurricular activities. We personalise each child's experience to suit their own interests wherever possible.

We recognise the importance of basic skills and aim to achieve excellent academic results in reading, writing, maths and science each year.

Our test results speak for themselves.

We inspire our learners to be independent. Our teachers work together to plan and deliver exciting lessons that capture the children's interests and ideas, engaging them and inspiring them to explore subjects to a deeper level. The creative curriculum engages our pupils, encouraging them to want to find out more.

Themes and topics are studied across key stages so that pupils have the chance to work with children of different ages and abilities. Our themed, creative days allow children to explore topics in detail. Throughout the course of the year we aim to find something that will captivate each and every child.

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“ I have watched my children thrive and grow in confidence as they have progressed through the school, supported by inspiring teachers and creative ways of learning.





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Every member of staff treats the children with such warmth and care. My child clearly feels safe and happy at Park Grove.

Belonging

To work together as a community, having a valued part to play within our academy group

Every child matters

At Park Grove, we recognise that every child is unique and we celebrate and encourage individuality.

Every child has a right to learn in a safe and comfortable environment and we are proud that our children are so welcoming and accepting of each other. When children begin their time at our academy, they immediately become part of the Park Grove family and we aim to get to know them quickly, so that they can begin to shine.

We have an excellent Pupil Support Team including our fully trained SENCO and two highly skilled Children and Family Support Workers, who ensure that every child's individual needs are met.

Teamwork

Staff at Park Grove Primary Academy work in key stage teams and share ideas for ensuring all children receive a rich, stimulating curriculum.

Belonging to a wider academy group means we have access to an extensive range of expertise, which contributes to improving all aspects of the experience we deliver to our children.

Parental engagement

We believe that children, parents and staff belong to a learning community. We work closely with parents to enable them to understand how they can best support their child in the learning journey. We provide opportunities during the year for parents to come in to see and learn how their child is taught.

Parents are also encouraged to discuss with us, at any time, individual needs or concerns. This is a very important part of the partnership. As well as reporting progress annually, staff also share individual targets and areas pupils need to work on.



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Park Grove embraces not just the children but the families. The sense of community is very strong.



Opportunity

To give, and be given, the opportunities to flourish and celebrate success

A creative approach

We empower children through our creative approach to learning. Our talented staff are fully trained to deliver the curriculum in a fun, challenging and exciting way.

Around our school there are numerous examples of artwork produced by our amazing team of staff and children. Our children attend workshops at the Theatre Royal in York to learn about performance and drama. We run choirs and music clubs for those interested in singing and playing instruments. Park Grove has a reputation for providing children with a wide range of creative activities, both inside and outside the classroom.

Our children do very well academically but more importantly, they leave us as well rounded individuals who can think for themselves and have interests that they wish to pursue further.

Enrichment

Our extracurricular activities aim to inspire children to develop their interests. Our variety of exciting trips and visits, including a residential visit in Year 6, show that our highly-trained, committed staff go the extra mile to make life at Park Grove more than just coming to school.

We believe in an education that reaches 'beyond the classroom' – you only need to see our children at school to know that they enjoy their learning!

Getting the best from the children

Our homework policy is one example of how we think carefully about what motivates children to work hard... we give them projects that interest them.

The Park Grove website contains a large selection of photographs showing children involved in a range of activities – it is clear to see that the children are happy and engaged. We believe that children learn best when they are having fun!



Respect

To value, respect and care for others and ourselves

At Park Grove Primary Academy, we believe that respect, well-being, self-esteem, aspiration, self-belief and understanding the values of a community are all crucial parts of the jigsaw that help us on our life-long learning journey.

We celebrate the individuality of every child. Our creative, personalised approach means that when children leave us, they are ready for their next step. Colleagues in secondary schools regularly comment on the confidence levels of children from Park Grove when they move to their new schools.

Our staff are highly trained professionals who are passionate about seeing children develop their skills and talents and we are proud of the successes of every member of our Park Grove community. We celebrate difference and listen to the views of all our children.

Every child has a voice and they are encouraged to speak out and tell us what they think. Our School Council representatives have regular meetings to express the views, concerns and suggestions of each class.





EBOR ACADEMY TRUST

Park Grove Primary Academy is proud to be part of Ebor Academy Trust, a mixed multi-academy trust comprising both Community and Church Schools.

As an inclusive Trust we embrace the diversity within the communities we serve. We consist of small village schools, large urban schools, schools in challenging circumstances and those which have capacity to support others. We celebrate

the uniqueness of each individual setting and share skills and resources, where appropriate, across our group.

Ebor Academy Trust is a family of schools who have a sense of responsibility for each other, building caring, strong professional relationships.

Our core values, Excellence, Belonging, Opportunity and Respect, represent a powerful force for all that's good in education during changing times.

Admissions

Children who have their fifth birthday between 1 September and 31 August may join the Reception class in the September of that year, although they are not legally required to commence school until the term after their fifth birthday.

We want our children to be prepared so that they have the

best possible start to their school life. It's important they do not enter full-time education before they are ready. We will be happy to meet parents to discuss and agree whether their child should start full-time or part-time – please get in touch and make an appointment.



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