

# Brambles Primary Academy

## Background Information



Brambles Primary Academy is part of Tees Valley Education Trust. It is an academy for children aged between two and eleven. There are approximately 300 children on roll, including part time 2 year old and 3 year old nursery places.

The academy is located in the community of Brambles Farm in East Middlesbrough. Its catchment area includes the local authority housing estates of Brambles Farm and parts of Pallister Park, Town Farm and Thorntree, which are areas of significant social and economic deprivation. The current school building was constructed in the 1930's around a very attractive inner quadrangle. The academy enjoys excellent relationships with other schools in the area and benefits enormously from this collaboration. Pennyman Primary Academy (located approximately a mile from Brambles) and Dormanstown, in Redcar, are our partner academies.



Over 76% of our pupils are eligible for pupil premium meals, which is well above the national average and around 25% of children have Special Educational Needs.

The most recent Ofsted Inspection took place in June 2014. The academy was judged to be outstanding.

- Pupils achieve exceptionally well academically, personally, physically and creatively because of the exceptionally wide range of opportunities which staff ensure are available to all pupils. Pupils become confident, polite, courteous young people.
- Staff have very high expectations and a consistent approach to managing pupils' behaviour, resulting in pupils showing high levels of respect to adults and each other. Pupils feel very safe in school. Their attendance is above average. Pupils are eager to learn and are very proud of their academy.
- Outstanding teaching ensures that pupils learn very quickly. Teachers apply high expectations to all subjects. Teachers' marking of work in pupils' writing books is of high quality.

Whilst the academy is of a 'cellular classroom' design, members of staff are encouraged to work as teams. There are four teams: Foundation Stage, Key Stage 1, Lower Key Stage 2 (Y3 & Y4) and Upper Key Stage 2 (Y5 & Y6). Each year group has two parallel classes of approximately 18-22 children.

The academy has adopted the motto: 'Learning Together, Growing Together, Making a Difference'. This embodies our belief that in Brambles Primary Academy we aim to develop a happy, caring and considerate community of people who are striving together to achieve their full potential. As an academy we care about our children, and each other.

