



Dinnington First School

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Dinnington First School is situated in a rural area to the north of Newcastle City Centre. It is a thriving and successful school catering for children between the ages of 3 and 9. The school itself is set in attractive grounds, there is a large playing field, hard play areas and a garden. In January 2019 the school moved into a new building which is designed to accommodate two forms of entry.

The current school roll is 168 and there are currently 7.5 teachers (including the head teacher) and 7 class room-based support staff. There is a morning nursery class and extended provision is offered in the afternoon. The children in the main school are organised into five single age mixed ability classes. In September 2019 the school hopes to admit 60 children into reception class and has the capacity to eventually expand to a roll of above 300.

In 2014 Dinnington joined with all other Gosforth first schools and Gosforth East and Gosforth Central Middle Schools to form the Gosforth Schools' Trust.

The school is also part of the Gosforth Pyramid of schools and children attending Dinnington transfer to Gosforth East Middle School, which is approximately 15 minutes away. The children then go on to Gosforth Academy.

Standards and achievement at the school are high. In 2018 DFE data for the school was good, indicating that children make good progress from their starting points. The number of children achieving a good level of development at the end of the Foundation Stage was above local and national figures. Attainment at the end of Year 2 was also above local and national figures. On transfer to middle school most children achieve Year 4 expectations or above. Expectations of children, both in terms of academic achievement and behaviour are demanding and the positive attitude to learning and school life that children display is a reflection of the commitment and hard work of all staff.

