



## Dormanstown Primary Academy Background Information



Dormanstown Primary Academy is a thriving learning community of 280 pupils aged 3-11. Our context is challenging, serving an area of socio-economic deprivation. A high proportion of our children are eligible for the pupil premium. We are unusual in that we have five special education units. These are tailored to the needs and age range of pupils who come to Dormanstown, both from our catchment area and Redcar and Cleveland as a whole. Our inclusive ethos allows us to integrate our pupils as much as possible, and has created a nurturing environment that enables children to be successful learners. Central to this is our focus on excellent behaviour for learning, with children given clear and consistent expectations regarding their behaviour. Our school mascot, Honker the Goose, teaches us all the value of teamwork.



We aspire to equip children to become successful members of the community. We have a strong focus on improving standards in maths and English, so that our pupils transfer to secondary school with the necessary skills to succeed. In September 2014, a new leadership team was put in place, and we appointed ten new teachers to the academy. This means that our children are taught in small classes, allowing us to personalise learning. Our commitment is to providing children with an excellent learning experience. Our new-build has been designed in such a way that every area can be used as a learning tool, from the corridors to the carefully planned outdoor spaces. A significant ICT investment has equipped our pupils with Kindles, iPads and laptops to engage learners from nursery age upwards, and has further enhanced our creative curriculum.



In September 2015, we became part of Tees Valley Education Trust. We work very closely with our partner academies, Brambles and Pennyman. This gives us the opportunity to develop best practice and deliver improved outcomes for our children. The additional capacity provided in working with our partner schools is integral in our journey to outstanding.

The vision for Dormanstown is ambitious, and presents a significant challenge, but the foundations are in place. With inspirational pupils who share a love of learning, a passionate staff team and the resources of the Trust's professionals, we are determined to ensure that our children are given every opportunity to fulfil their potential.

