

Context Information - Academy

Lower Fields Primary Academy is a larger than average primary academy, with 472 pupils currently on roll, ranging from Nursery to Year 6.

The ASP 2017, showed that a high percentage of pupils were eligible for free school meals (Ever 6 FSM) 44% compared to 24% nationally. 161 pupils (34%) are entitled to Pupil Premium and 17 pupils currently access Early Years' Pupil Premium.

ASP 2017 shows that the school deprivation indicator is higher than the national average at 0.44 (top 20%). Lower Fields Primary Academy serves the East Bradford area. The stability of the academy population is decreasing and there is an increased level of transiency due to the large number of privately rented properties which are now available in the catchment area. This change in stability means that pupils are currently being admitted more frequently within the academic year, many of whom are vulnerable; have challenging behaviour or are working below national expectations.

Although the school community is quite mixed, there are 19.7% of pupils with EAL which is similar to National (20.7) and is decreasing as the number of white British families is increasing. 39.4% of our pupils are from ethnic minority backgrounds compared to 31.6% nationally.

As an academy, we place great importance on the development of each and every child both academically and socially and emotionally. We aim to provide a wide range of learning experiences both within the classroom and beyond which will promote a lifelong love of learning and enable our children to become independent, forward thinking and socially responsible citizens of the future.