



A few words from the School Governors . . .

The aims of the school are to:

- provide a broad and balanced curriculum
- help children to develop lively, inquiring minds and ability to question and argue rationally
- help children to develop self-discipline and become self-motivated learners
- cater for each child's individual needs
- provide a caring and secure environment
- assist and encourage every pupil to achieve his or her full potential be it academic, creative, personal or social
- prepare children for the demands for a rapidly changing society

What questions do you ask yourself about a school? Are they...

- What's the environment like?
- What's the academic standard?
- Do the children enjoy being there?

What's the environment like?

- Our school is set in a small village in beautiful countryside in the Pennine foothills. It is quite small in terms of numbers. During the January term 2009 there were 143 children on role.
- In recent years we have added sheltered play areas to the playing field and continued to add to the school's facilities with the financial and practical assistance of an enthusiastic and capable PTA. This summer we will be adding a new School hall and other facilities to the current buildings.
- The school promotes a safe, caring environment, where the children play together and often learn together. There is school council with student representatives elected by students in each class.

What's the academic standard?

- The school is fortunate in having well motivated and experienced staff (we regularly outperform the national averages) who are dedicated to meeting the school's aims. Although we get good SATS results each year we try not to do this at the expense of children's enjoyment in learning and coming to school.
- The staff (1 Head, 2 class teachers [one class has a job share] and 5 Non-teaching assistants) are supplemented by additional people from the local education colleges - working towards qualifications.
 - We have a wide range of sports groups supported by staff, parents and qualified coaches from local clubs so that all children have the chance to get involved in sport at some level.
 - Children are encouraged to try out and learn a musical instrument – if they like this they can join the school orchestra and experience playing in a wide range of situations.
- We also have good links with Penistone Grammar School. These links ensure that our children have a smooth transition to secondary education in a school which is rated highly by Ofsted and endeavours to ensure that all its pupils make the most of the natural talents - whatever they are.



Some quotes from the last Ofsted Report (2008)



"Pupils acknowledge, modestly, that they learn a lot, but they stress that the school is also about 'friendship and laughter'.

"Their enormous enjoyment of every facet of their education is just one element in their outstanding personal development."

"Exemplary relationships between pupils and adults contribute to pupils feeling utterly safe in school."

"Children's personal, social and emotional development is outstanding."

Do the children like being there?

Here is a quote from one of this year's student's when asked by the inspectors what he liked most about school *"our school's great and if you want a challenge there's always one there'."*

The school regularly arranges trips to put core subjects in a wider framework and increase enjoyment as well as learning.

These pictures are from a recent trip to the Old Moore Wetlands Centre near Barnsley.

On this trip children were exploring life cycles and pond life as part of their Science Topic.

