



**STARBECK  
PRIMARY ACADEMY**





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OFSTED, MAY 2019



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# WELCOME



At Starbeck Primary Academy our vision is a simple yet powerful one: to create an inclusive school community which inspires each child to achieve their potential.

Each school day, we aim to provide our children with memorable and powerful learning experiences. We encourage our children to have self-belief, to be resilient, to respect others and to set high expectations for themselves.

We value every child as an individual, whatever their abilities or needs. We have been recognised by Ofsted for our particular strengths in supporting pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities. Our work to promote the personal development and wellbeing of all children has been recognised as outstanding. Every child is valued equally at Starbeck Primary Academy.

We are a good school where teaching is effective and pupils make good progress throughout the school. As part of Northern Star Academies Trust, a high-performing multi-academy trust, we have access to specialist teaching expertise and support in science, technology, engineering, maths and English in particular.

We enable children to discover and develop new talents. We have strengths in music and sport as well as offering a wide range of after-school clubs. School should be a happy, safe and enjoyable experience for every child.

Get in touch to arrange a visit and come to see our school for yourself.

**GARRY DE CASTRO MORLAND**





# FIVE THINGS



## STARBECK SCHOOL – THIS IS US!

The best way to decide if our school is right for your child is to come and visit us. We hold open days for new parents in the autumn term, or you can call us to make an appointment.

In the meantime, here are five reasons to choose Starbeck Primary Academy.

### *1. We're a good school in everything we do*

Our latest Ofsted report is from May 2019. It confirms that Starbeck Primary Academy is good in all areas. Inspectors remarked that our school has been "transformed" since its last inspection.



### *2. We make every child feel welcome*

We work especially hard to provide a welcoming environment to new starters to our school. Ofsted described our focus on children's personal development and well-being as "outstanding".





### *5. We're a community*

We consider everyone connected with Starbeck Primary Academy to be part of our school community: parents, carers, children, staff and governors. We're all focused on the same thing: providing the best possible start for every Starbeck pupil.

### *4. We encourage every child to be independent and ambitious*

We take learning beyond the classroom. We have particular strengths in music and sport and a wide range of after-school clubs. We encourage every child to find and develop their own talents.

### *3. We support every child to learn and progress*

Our children make good progress across all year groups. In 2019, our pupils achieved above average results in national tests at Key Stage Two. We have also been recognised for our particular strengths in helping children with special educational needs and/or disabilities to achieve their potential.

# INCLUSIVE



## THE BEST START FOR EVERY CHILD

At Starbeck Primary Academy, we see every child as an individual. We want every child to enjoy coming to school and to feel part of our school community. That is because children who feel safe and happy at school will learn and achieve more.

Ofsted inspectors have praised us for the special effort that we make to support new children to our school. We create strong routines which offer children a sense of security and help them to settle quickly into school life.

We put the well-being of all our children at the centre of learning in our school. We think that their personal development is as important as their academic achievement.

*"The school's work to promote pupils' personal development and welfare is outstanding".*

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Starbeck Primary Academy has been particularly recognised for the support it provides for children with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND). Ofsted identified this as a "key strength" of our school. We work hard to make sure that children with special needs are identified and then supported appropriately to make good progress.

Our aim is simple: to be an inclusive school where everyone matters.





## Good Quality Nursery Provision

We are often able to offer flexible nursery places for the number of hours that best suits parents, shaped around their family needs.

Parents are welcome to contact us to discuss their requirements and, of course, to make an appointment to visit.

Our nursery has the same strong educational ethos as our school as a whole, enabling children to learn and develop in a safe and nurturing environment.

We are focused on supporting each child's development from the start.

## Friends of Starbeck Primary Academy

Our school community includes parents and carers through the Friends of Starbeck Primary Academy. Anyone who is involved in our school community in any way can count themselves as a 'Friend'. Many make a positive contribution to the life of our school to support both staff and children alike – for example by helping out with sports days or helping with fundraising events. When parents and families get involved in activities and events, our children especially feel really supported and it encourages them to have a real pride in their school.

## What Parents say about our school

*"Since the change in leadership, we have seen such a remarkable change in the way this school runs"*

*"The teachers have all worked incredibly hard and we are happy with this school"*

*"I would recommend this school to anybody"*

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# INSPIRING



## LEARNING SHOULD BE A LIFELONG ADVENTURE

We want every child at Starbeck Primary Academy to reach their potential and have the skills and knowledge they need to prepare them for the next stage of their education. Our aim is for every child to become an enthusiastic reader, a fluent writer and to be confident in their number skills.

Above all, we believe that school should be inspiring and learning should be exciting. We take education beyond the classroom to expose children to new environments. We encourage learning through real-life topics and experiences.

We offer children access to a wide range of sporting activities including bowling, cricket, archery, tchoukball, cross-country running and basketball.

Children have access to high quality music education at Starbeck. They have opportunities to play a variety of musical instruments, to sing, to play in the school orchestra and to perform for audiences.

We make classroom subjects real for children by taking learning beyond school on educational visits and by making full use of the countryside on our doorstep.

Children can also take part in a wide range of after-school clubs to explore wider interests, from hockey to African drumming.

Our goal is to make every child's time at Starbeck Primary Academy both memorable and powerful to create a lifelong love of learning.

*"The quality and standards reached in art, music and physical education are key strengths of the school."*

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## Developing a sense of belonging

The Starbeck Sanctuary is a space where teachers can help children explore wider ideas and questions as they develop as individuals. It is a place to:

- ★ be inspired by the world around us;
- ★ learn more about ourselves and find ways to express thoughts and feelings;
- ★ understand how beliefs influence our everyday lives.

Sanctuary is for children of all faiths and none.

## Developing essential life skills

We place a high emphasis on children being independent and being involved in their own learning. Children who can talk confidently, ask questions and who are interested in the world around them are likely to learn more.

We promote an ethos of self-belief, respect, resilience and high expectations for ourselves and others.

We want every Starbeck child to be a happy, independent thinker with an enthusiasm for learning and aspirations for their future.



# ACHIEVING

## LEARNING AND SUCCEEDING



Starbeck Primary Academy is a good school, where the quality of teaching and learning has been found to be good by Ofsted.

Results from national tests show that our children make good progress during their time at Starbeck and that they achieve results broadly similar to those in other schools nationally. This is true regardless of our children's background or their starting points – pupils with special educational needs, for example, also make good progress.

*"Pupils make good progress across all year groups in school".*

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We aim to provide a curriculum which both teaches skills and provides opportunities for children to apply those skills. In all lessons we:

- ★ share the learning intention with the pupils so that they know what they are learning and why.
- ★ we ensure that questioning, variation and challenge are part of every lesson.
- ★ differentiate activities so that children can work at the right level for them, whether this is with extra support or more challenge.
- ★ mark and evaluate the learning with the pupils by using the steps already shared.
- ★ give pupils opportunities to improve their work further.





## Part of something bigger



**Northern Star**  
Academies Trust

Our journey to become an even better school is made easier by being part of a larger family of schools in the Northern Star Academies Trust. Our sister schools include outstanding academies across North Yorkshire, both primary and secondary.

Being part of a trust gives us additional opportunities as a small primary school. Our children can visit our trust schools to take advantage of specialist teaching facilities – for example in science. In addition, trust schools send their specialists (such as foreign language teachers) to Starbeck, adding breadth to our curriculum.

We also encourage students to help one another across the trust. Student mentors from the trust's secondary schools support our oldest children before they move to high school.

Being part of a trust means that Starbeck Primary Academy is stronger and more sustainable.







To find out more about Starbeck Academy,  
or to arrange a visit, get in touch:

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Information about admissions to Starbeck Primary Academy can be found on our website.

Admissions to reception class are made through the co-ordinated school admissions scheme for the North Yorkshire County Council area. You can apply online.

Information about the application process is at: <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/school-admissions>

Admissions to our nursery are made directly to Starbeck Primary Academy. Contact us for an application form.