



Prospectus

Welcome

Firstly, on behalf of all the staff and children, I would like to welcome you to our school. We are delighted to have the opportunity to show you around and we hope that you enjoy your visit with us. Please feel free to ask any questions you have and we will be only too happy to answer them.



I first visited this school when I was in the same position as you and looking for a reception place for my daughter. At the time, I was not a teacher so visiting primary schools was a new experience for me, as it may be for some of you.

What I wanted from a school may not be that dissimilar to what many of you want - a great standard of education, caring, nurturing and approachable staff who know every child and encourage each to be the very best that they can be, who value the partnerships they have with parents and carers, and who ultimately want every child to feel safe and happy. This is what I saw here.

I feel very privileged to now be leading the school and to be able to continue to ensure that what I first loved about Hardingstone Academy continues to be delivered for the children and families within our community.

Gill Glenn
Head of School

I am proud to be the Executive Headteacher of Hardingstone Academy, a place where we take pride in knowing that our children are happy and safe and therefore willing to learn.



At Hardingstone Academy, we pride ourselves on our inclusive and enriching curriculum and see opportunities for all children to succeed. We aim to open doors to new opportunities for the children attending the school and encourage pupils to try new things. We warmly welcome parents and carers, to share in the successes of their children and have an open door approach, working in partnership together to ensure that our children thrive in all areas, academically and emotionally, through positivity, a willingness to try new things and a "can do" approach.

We welcome you to Hardingstone Academy and would be delighted if you were to choose the Academy for your child/children.

Daniel Lugg
Executive Headteacher



Why choose Hardingstone Academy?



We understand how significant a decision choosing a school for your child can be.

Like you, we want the very best for your child. At Hardingstone Academy, we believe that every child has the right to be best they can be, whether that's within the classroom, or beyond. We teach our children to be happy lifelong learners, who have an awareness of the world and their role in it.

We want them to have the determination to break through barriers, the ability to think critically and an awareness of how to be a positive global citizen, showing respect for all.

We teach our children to follow our core values:

- Ready
- Respectful
- Safe

Reach for the stars



Ready



Respectful



Safe

Through our Core Values, we ensure that our pupils have not only academic success, but the emotional and mental resilience to enable them to reach for the stars.



Our curriculum

Every school in the East Midlands Academy Trust (EMAT) is committed to providing the highest standard of education so that all children are supported to be the best that they can be.

Our aim at Hardingstone Academy is to provide a curriculum which:

- is bespoke and built upon the needs and experiences of our learners;
- is inspiring and creative;
- encourages and values enquiry, problem solving and independence;
- engages and motivates all learners;
- is inclusive and accessible to all of our learners;
- creates a sense of enjoyment and a thirst for knowledge;
- builds and develops our strong community links;
- provides our learners with the skills they will need to become critical thinkers of the future;
- creates successful lifelong learners;
- demonstrates a clear progression from EYFS through to Year 6.

Our well-developed curriculum is underpinned by the statutory National Curriculum and the EYFS Framework. We enhance and adapt this with well-planned opportunities that make up the wider school curriculum. Our curriculum approach is knowledge based; we empower knowledge through our high-quality teaching and our cross curricular links which strengthen skills and consolidate learning.

At Hardingstone Academy, we ensure our curriculum is underpinned by our school values. Throughout the curriculum, our aim is to encourage children to reach for the stars, but keep their feet on the ground. This allows children to reach their full potential as local, national and global citizens, in an ever changing world.



What makes our school so special?

Behaviour Hub

Hardingstone Academy was selected as a lead school in the Department of Education Behaviour Hubs programme. As a lead school for the region, Hardingstone Academy was recognised as having positive behaviour, and worked with other schools to provide them with advice and support to help them to improve their behaviour culture.

Lightbulb Award

We are thrilled to have achieved the St Andrew's Mental Health Quality Mark Accreditation for our commitment to the mental health agenda and good practice in this field.



International School Award

This is awarded by the British Council to schools which have established a programme of activities around international education and embedded this learning across the school. We are proud to have a strong partnership with Kamtudi School in Kenya. Pupils from each school correspond with each other regularly to learn about their everyday lives and interests.

The School Games Mark

The School Games Mark is a government-led awards scheme to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community.' We currently hold the **gold** award.



Healthy Schools Award

We earned recognition for our commitment to teaching pupils about the importance of a healthy lifestyle with a **silver** Healthy Schools Award from West Northamptonshire Council. The award recognises our work around positive mental health and wellbeing, healthy eating, physical activity and PSHE (personal, social, health and economic education).

Eco-School Green Flag Award

Hardingstone Academy has been awarded an Eco-School Green Plaque award with distinction to recognise its work in promoting sustainability and raising environmental awareness. We achieved this largely through the work of our pupil-led eco-committee.



Pupil wellbeing

"The arrangements for safeguarding are effective. "

"Staff prioritise pupils' well-being. Pupils say they feel safe because adults listen and help." (Ofsted, 2023)



At Hardingstone Academy, we are committed to providing a safe and welcoming environment where children are respected and valued. We want every child to enjoy their school experience and create positive memories of their years with us.

Throughout the school, we use Zones of Regulation to enable children to recognise and manage the different emotions they feel. We teach every child to become more aware of and independent in controlling their emotions, a lifelong skill that they will not only be able to transfer to future educational settings but also use in their relationships and situations they encounter outside of school.



What is it like to attend this school?

Pupils are happy and enjoy school. They say that everyone is welcome. New joiners quickly become part of this friendly, inclusive school. Pupils appreciate their caring teachers, who frequently go above and beyond to help them.

Pupils benefit from visits to interesting places to help them learn more. They appreciate opportunities to develop their interests in sport and music. They respect the world around them and fundraise for charities. Pupils in Key Stage 2 relish different responsibilities, such as being a school councillor.

Pupils behave well. They know their school values are important. They are proud to receive praise and awards for being courteous, kind, resilient and doing their best. They say that bullying is rare. Adults help them to resolve any fallouts fairly.

Leaders and staff want to give every pupil the best education they can.

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We are incredibly proud of what we offer at Hardingstone Academy

- Forest Schools
 - Before and after school wrap around care
 - A range of before, after and in-school clubs including football, basketball, Rock Steady, NMPAT individual music lessons, U dance, gymnastics, choir and teacher led clubs.
 - Residential trips in year 4 and year 6. Day trips in other year groups, including museum and theatre visits.
 - Events with the other schools in our academy trust including Olympic athlete visits and award ceremonies.
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- Parent events including mums and dads breakfast, share a story, come and see us learn sessions.



East Midlands Academy Trust

Hardingstone Academy is part of East Midlands Academy Trust

East Midlands Academy Trust was incorporated in September 2012. East Midlands Academy Trust is a Multi Academy Trust based in the centre of Northampton. Since incorporation, the MAT now includes five primary academies, one secondary academy and one all-through 4-19 Free School.

East Midlands Academy Trust's key ambition is straightforward - to create excellent academies.



Vision, Values and Purpose

'Every child deserves to be the best they can be'

We are driven by a strong moral purpose that every child has the right to outstanding teaching and leadership.

It is our mission to work with our children, their parents and carers and our staff to create excellent schools. Schools that demonstrate integrity of purpose through high aspiration for every child.

We set high expectations for our leaders and teachers to support and stretch every child. We ensure that they make excellent progress and build the skills, knowledge and attributes that will prepare them well for secondary school and beyond.



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