



# Honilands Primary School

'We are one'



## James Northcott says...

As a past student myself, I believe that Honilands is an outstanding school. Honilands is all about giving its pupils the best education they can get. On top of this, they are also about community. No student is ever forgotten about. Students are rewarded in the best ways possible... The first class team of staff are always ready to lend a hand to anyone in need. I think that you should be proud, to be a part of Honilands.



# Welcome to Honilands Primary School



Foreword: Ralph Silverman, Headteacher, says...

## Welcome

It is a real pleasure to welcome you and your child to Honilands Primary School. We care deeply about every individual here and we work tirelessly to ensure all pupils are provided with the necessary tools to equip them for their different futures.

## Our Family

We offer children the opportunity to learn in a structured yet friendly and safe atmosphere. Each pupil is in a family each led by an assistant headteacher; Oak family is our nursery and reception. The other three families are Cedar, Hazel and Willow and each have classes from years 1 to 6. Each has its own playground. We encourage the older children to lead by example and act as role models.

## Our Commitment

We are also committed to a curriculum that is creative, relevant and enjoyable, so that learning becomes a life skill, allowing all children to become valued and active members of our community. We have high standards and we expect the best.



# Caroline Vivian says...

## Why did you choose Honilands?

"I chose Honilands because it is close to where I live. Also, a neighbour, whose child came to this school, said about their child, "he flourished here". I have no regrets putting my child in this school."

## Describe the needs of your child/children?

"My son can be shy and quiet at times. But, with the teachers that he has had, he is slowly beginning to open up. He also lacks in confidence, but slowly he is beginning to realise that he can do the work. This is down to the positive feedback he gets from the teachers."

## Has your child or children accessed any support?

"My son accesses a morning club called Tiger Team, which helps children improve confidence, balance and co-ordination. My son absolutely loves going there. The staff that run Tiger Team are extremely friendly and good with the children."

## How have you found the staff?

"I have found the staff extremely friendly and very easy to approach. I have had problems in the past and needed to talk to someone, and the staff are only too happy to lend an ear. Mr Silverman, the Headteacher, is great with the kids and parents."

## What makes Honilands different?

"Honilands is different because they have a Children's College, which goes on during school time for the kids. It's great

because it gives children a chance to work alongside younger, or older, children. Also, the school runs a Parent College, so that we can learn new things while the kids are at school. It also gives the parents a chance to meet other new parents."

## What does your child think of Honilands?

"My son says it's better than his old school as he has more friends here and, he also likes the teachers. He says that he loves playtimes. He also says he loves it when we ride our bikes to school and are able to lock it in the bike shed."

## What do they think of Honilands College?

"My son loves Honilands College as he learns new things. He also enjoys receiving the certificate at the end of each course."

## If you would recommend this school please give your reasons?

"I would highly recommend Honilands. When you walk in to reception, the staff make you feel welcome and comfortable straight away. Honilands has a lot to offer children and parents. If you have any concerns about your child, they are happy to listen and work through it with you. They have a coffee morning every Tuesday for parents to meet and talk about anything. There are also clubs before school and clubs after school. My son goes to the film club."

Ofsted say: "The headteacher has built a strong team of leaders. They are ambitious for the pupils and share a vision for the school and how it is to be achieved."



# School day



## School hours

The school operates a 'soft start' each morning. Nursery children may arrive in school anytime between 8:30am and 9:00am for the morning session and 12:30pm to 1:00pm for the afternoon session. Reception to Year 6 children should arrive in school between 8:40am and 8:50am.

## Breakfast/Homework Club

We have our own Breakfast Club, which is open from 8:00am to 8:45am daily. The children are encouraged to read, finish off their homework and play games.

## Children's Centre

Our Children's Centre received 'Good' from OfSTED in February 2015, and offers many services including Health Visitors, Job Centre Plus, ICT workshops, Stay 'n' Play, Money Management, Storytime, Dads and Lads, and help with breast feeding etc.

## Uniform

A simple uniform is helpful in establishing good standards of appearance in school and by wearing it children quickly feel part of the community. Children throughout the school wear a red polo shirt and red sweatshirt, both of which bear the school logo. Black or dark grey trousers or skirts must also be worn. Year 6 wear a white shirt and they are given a school tie.

## School meals and snacks

Lunch at Honilands is provided by Enfield's catering services and we follow a menu system that cycles every three weeks. Vegetarian options are included, as well as a salad bar. All our meat is Halal. You are welcome to come in and try a meal at any time.

## Free school meals

All children up to KS1 are provided with a free school lunch. Children in KS2, from low-income families and those on certain benefits, may be entitled to a free school dinner. To find out if you qualify please ask at the school office, visit [www.enfield.gov.uk](http://www.enfield.gov.uk) or call the Pupil Benefit Helpline on 020 8379 5367.

## Break-time and drinks

Under the Fruit in School scheme, Reception and KS1 children are entitled to a piece of fruit each day free of charge. This is given as a playtime snack. Water is always available during the day. Milk is available for all children at lunchtimes.





# Curriculum



The curriculum is divided into three stages:

**Early Years Foundation Stage:** from ages 0-5

**Key Stage 1:** from ages 5-7

**Key Stage 2:** from ages 7-11.

## Reception

The Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum is based on seven areas of learning:

- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Communication and Language
- Physical Development
- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Arts and Design

## Key Stages 1-2

Areas of the curriculum are:

- Mathematics
- Literacy
- Science
- Information and Design Technology
- History
- Geography
- Art
- Music

- Physical Education
- Religious Education
- Health
- Citizenship
- Personal and Social Education.

## Facilities

Our new building was finished in 2012, and includes a state of the art dance studio, with sprung floor. We have a new library with a neighbouring computer suite that can be opened up into one large learning resource area. Our science room is well-resourced and the envy of many other schools.

## Outdoors

The school has a MultiTraxx running area and an all weather pitch. We are also lucky to have a large field for football, athletics and our summer fayre. There is a curved outdoor arena called Honi-Hill for Christmas Carols and outdoor assemblies.

Ofsted say: "Governors ..... share the headteacher's vision that the school should be at the heart of the local community."



# Extended curriculum



## Trips and visits

We believe that children learn best by learning from experience. We have our own conservation area and large field, which offer many opportunities to learn outside. Each class goes on at least one trip a year locally and further afield. Our local library is next door and Forty Hall and Capel Manor are within walking distance. Each year we organise a school journey for our Year 6 pupils.

## Communicating with parents

### Your child's achievements

We let you know how your child is progressing at regular intervals. We also invite parents and children into school each term to discuss pupil progress. Parents are welcome to speak to the school at any time if they have any concerns. We

have an 'open door' policy so parents are always welcome.

### Honilands College

We offer all Key Stage 2 children (years 3 - 6) the opportunity to go to Honilands College. Each year the children choose from a wide variety of courses and receive a certificate at the end denoting a pass, merit or distinction. Parents are invited in to celebrate their children's success.

### School News

The Buzz, the school's newsletter is available online and you can also follow Honilands on Twitter, by following @Honilands.



# The Noor family says...

## Why did you choose Honilands?

"I choose Honilands because, even though I live five minutes away from another primary school, I thought Honilands had the best to offer: and would make sure that my child would work and learn to the best of their abilities and in a safe environment."

## Describe the needs of your child/children.

"My children need to be able to thrive in a fun and safe environment, where their abilities would be recognised and they would be awarded for their achievements."

## Has your child or children accessed extra support?

"When my son was in Years 2-4, I wasn't able to help him with his homework. But, Honilands managed to help us in a way where he could sit and do his homework, after it had been explained to him by a teacher who specialised in that area of work."

## What do you think of the family structure?

"I think that the family structure is a good idea. I know that if I had a problem I could go directly to the member of staff that correlates to that family."

## How have you found the staff?

"The staff are very helpful, and throughout the years they have helped me with any inquiries and problems I may have had. Each member of staff is dedicated and leads you in the right direction with anything you need."

## What makes Honilands different?

"The thing that makes Honilands different is that they work as a unit, and as a family where everyone is welcome. Their education system is really good and all of my kids have, and are still, benefiting from it."

## What does your child/children think of Honilands?

"I have five kids, two of which are now in secondary school after finishing Honilands. When asked, they still remember the little things about Honilands, such as helpful teachers and safe environment. Also, my eldest daughter says she still remembers the advice given to her by the Headteacher, and still carries it on with her at secondary school. She is now finishing Year 9, and believes that if it hadn't been for Honilands, she wouldn't be at the level that she is now. She says that one day, when she achieves her dreams and finishes University, she will have

her Headteacher, Mr Silverman, and Deputy Headteacher, Ms McNeely, to thank because they both encouraged her and supported her in whatever she did."

## What do they think of Honilands College?

"All of my kids enjoyed Honilands Children's College. Two of my children, that still attend Honilands, come home excited every Wednesday, ready to tell me about what they did and show me what they have made. They love the process of choosing things that they would like to do during the year. I think, in a way, it's like a simpler and more fun version of choosing 'options': where they will have to make choices which will determine what they do on that Wednesday afternoon for the next year."

## Have you accessed parental support/Children's Centre/ Parent College?

"Yes, I regularly attend Parent's College, Baby College and the Children's Centre, and I find that they are beneficial to my youngest child and me. They help in different aspects of childhood. Even though she is my fifth child, each child that you have is different in how they progress and grow."

## If you would recommend this school, please give your reasons.

"I always recommend this school to everybody. That they should take their kids here, for the same reasons I chose this school: the safe environment and for its dedication in helping my children be who they want to be. Also, the slogan for Honilands is 'We Are One' which gives a sense of security and equality between everyone."

## Has your child been on a school trip that they remember, what was good about it? – give reasons.

"My eldest daughter remembers a trip that they went on in Year 5 or 6. They visited a nature reserve and were placed into groups. They saw foxes, birds, bees and other animals in their natural habitat. They then had lunch, at the benches where everyone came together to discuss their sightings. This had been the first time that many of the kids had seen foxes up close. They also went bird watching, and were taught how to tell if a berry was poisonous or not. She really enjoyed that trip as it was very memorable. When they went to school the next day, they wrote recounts and drew picture of everything they did that day. I think that day helped them all appreciate nature and to protect it at all costs."

Ofsted say: "Children make good progress in the early years in secure, happy and stimulating classes. Staff work closely as a team to ensure that the learning and personal needs of all children are met."



# Inclusion: a curriculum for all



## Flagship for inclusion

We are very proud of the fact that Honilands was externally validated by an assessor and is one of only 60 schools in the country to be a flagship school for inclusion (IQM). We try to meet the needs of all our children and do our best to ensure they feel part of the Honilands ethos. Our Learning Mentor team is respected throughout Enfield and we have a good working relationship with a variety of external agencies.

### Access

We endeavour to adapt the physical space to provide for those not able to access the whole school.



## More Able children

We recognise that all children are individuals with their own specific needs, gifts and talents. Children who are identified as being exceptionally able or talented, are monitored and provided with stimulating and enriching lessons appropriate to their needs.



# Tracey Northcott says...

## School recommended

"Honilands was recommended to us by our neighbour, who told us it was a brilliant school. We found Honilands to be much more though. It was through the support of the incredible staff that our son James (now 16) was diagnosed with an Autistic Spectrum Disorder. Honilands provided James with interventions such as the WYSI (Early Years Social Inclusion) Project, Tiger Team to improve his gross motor skills, speech and language therapy and later, in-school counselling with Place2Be, to help him with the transition to secondary school."

## Nurture

"Similarly, Honilands have given Holly (11) huge support when she had severe emotional difficulties. This included Nurture Breakfast club, Afternoon Tea and Place2Be counselling, as well as being instrumental to us as a family in accessing vital services outside of the school to help Holly further."

## Extra support

"For Holly, there have been educational interventions too. She was performing well above expected targets in Maths and English so the school arranged for her and other students to have lessons to help them achieve Level 6 by the end of year 6. Holly enjoyed the challenge of these lessons immensely and it also shows that Honilands are prepared to go the extra mile to support the needs of the individual."

## Medical needs

"The same dedication is shown towards medical needs. Both James and Holly have eczema and allergies, and Honilands embraced these as easily as everything else."

## Honilands College

"When Honilands College was introduced to Key Stage 2 students, Holly could not wait to be old enough to be a part of it. (Unfortunately, James just missed out). Holly enjoyed every course she took part in and particularly loved Drama Workshop, Minecrafting and Rock Climbing. She is extremely proud of all the certificated she has received, and is enriched by the many different experiences she has had. The children enjoy choosing their courses from the prospectus and it gives them an early insight into their future education."

## Drama and public speaking

"Another aspect of Honilands that James and holly both thrived on were the lessons led by John Gilbert. Mr. Gilbert teaches drama and public speaking and is an invaluable asset to the school. He arranges inter-school debates which the children relish, and the same for drama workshops. The children gain considerable confidence through him and James proved this by going from a child who remained in the background for school performances, to a confident young student who played a comical character in the leaver's production!"

## School growing

"We have seen the school grow from a two-form to a three-form entry school. I will not deny we had our concerns that the welcoming, family atmosphere would be lost as a result, but we need not have worried. The introduction of the three families (Cedar, Hazel and Willow) ensured that Honilands remained the nurturing school it has always been. This is because it still remains a very personal learning place for the children, and supportive towards the children's families and carers."

## Amazing school

"So, if you are looking for a school that really cares about your child's every need, and not just the education, then please consider Honilands as a priority. Our children have been nurtured as well as educated, and all of us will always have very fond memories of this amazing school!"

Ofsted say: "The very strong partnership reflects the school's aim of helping to make the local community more cohesive and successful."



# Clubs



Children can enjoy a wide variety of after school clubs. These may include:

- Multi Sports
- Craft
- Cooking
- Football
- Reading for pleasure
- Netball
- Baking
- Art Club
- Film Club
- Rugby
- MultiTraxx
- Athletics
- Newspaper Club

## Sport

As well as following the Physical Education programme of work as set out in the National Curriculum, there are many opportunities for your children to enjoy extracurricular sport and team games.



## Tina O'Dwyer says...

"My name is Tina O'Dwyer and I'm currently a member of staff at Honilands School. I have been for eight years. I've also been a pupil at this school along with my brother. This made it an easy decision for me to send my own three children here. My two sons have long moved on from the school, but my daughter still remains a pupil in Year 6."

### Transformed

"Over the years the school has progressed. I have seen it transformed from when I was a child. The school has been developed in size to cater for the extra classes of each year group. We now have over 600 pupils. We have three classes for each year group."

### Family structure

"After the development of the school, it was decided to introduce a family structure, which meant to divide the school into three families which are currently Cedar, Hazel and Willow. Our Headteacher had seen this work in other schools."

### Extra support for pupils

"The school has always offered extra support to pupils, more so now, than when I was a child. Last year, Daily Supported Reading (DSR) was introduced and it's been a great success. It's half an hour every day with small groups and trained staff, encouraging children to progress in their reading levels. I have done the DSR since it started, and I have loved every minute of it. It's been so lovely to watch the children flourish in their reading and confidence. I'm very proud to be a part of the programme."

### Honilands College

"In 2010 Honilands College was introduced and my daughter has enjoyed it so much since Year 3. She has done a variety of courses ranging from cooking, first aid, multi sports, Jazzy Jewellery and many more. Her favourite course has been Sweet Things, where she made a variety of different

sweets. At the end of each course, parents are invited to watch what their children have been doing over the weeks, and see them get awarded their certificates. It's very exciting and the children look forward to it. The college is run by staff at the school. The children are presented with a folder from Year 3 to 6 to keep all their certificates safe, and they get to keep it when they leave. It is nice to look back on."

### Parent College

"The school also runs a Parent College with a variety of courses; a crèche is provided for those parents who have children or babies to be looked after. It gives parents the opportunity to do free courses and learn new skills. I wish that Parent College had been available back when my children were babies."

### Recommend Honilands

"I would definitely recommend Honilands. It has a good nursery and Children's Centre. The school is well managed and maintained and caters for all backgrounds and cultures. The school's focus is to help every child succeed for their journey to secondary school, it certainly had a massive impact on my children's future education."

"All my children have enjoyed their time at Honilands, they were fun times, as well as learning lots and having good teachers. My son Kieren said that he would go back to the school any day, as long as it was with the same class he had from nursery to Year 6. He says, "I would love to do it all again, it was great". My daughter Natasha said, "I'm now ready for secondary school, thanks to the hard work of all the teachers. It's going to be a really sad day when I leave, I'll really miss it."

### End of an era

"For me, it will be an end of an era after my daughter leaves, but who knows, maybe my grandchildren will go to the school one day? The school holds many memories for my family I'm sure none of us will forget it."

Ofsted say: "The school uses its creative approach to the curriculum to interest and engage the pupils and develop enthusiasm in them for learning."



# Admissions and transition

Parents who are thinking of applying for a place at our nursery or school are invited to visit and look around at any time. In Enfield, children begin school during the academic year in which they become five. The academic year begins in September.

## Applications

Enfield Council deals with all new admissions to Honilands Primary School. There is a link on our school website that will take you directly to the correct page, but contact details for the School Admissions Team are:

Tel: 020 8379 1000  
Web: [www.enfield.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.enfield.gov.uk/admissions).

## Transition

When your child starts at Honilands we want to make their start as smooth as possible. No matter when they join us, we ensure they have a thorough induction process.

### Support

The new environment is introduced so the children can become familiar with it in a supportive way. This ensures they are not worrying about how they will find their new class, or where to go to the toilets etc. New staff/teachers are introduced by their familiar adults. Getting to know each other is a fundamental start to the transition process and its success.

## Involving parents

Establishing contact and relationships with parents can also be a key point. This can take the form of parent meetings, home visits and parent consultations. Letters home regarding the curriculum, school routines and how parents can help their children, also supports transition. Staff gather as much information about the children to ensure their needs are met as quickly as possible.

## Transitions happen across the school:

Home/Children's Centre to Nursery: home visit and play sessions and parent meetings.

Nursery to Reception: as above.

Reception to Year One: class visits and parent meetings.

Year 1 to 6: class visits, meet the teachers, parent meetings.

Year 6 to 7: secondary school teachers meet the children, Year 6 and 7 teachers meet, parents meetings, transition programmes for vulnerable children and taster days in chosen secondary schools.

# Getting involved



## Parent College courses

We are pleased to be able to provide parents with a range of courses from our Parent College. Free crèche is available, and sessions are tailored to your needs with friendly, experienced tutors. You can learn to crunch numbers in the 'Keeping Up with the Children' numeracy course, or become a maths wizard with the 'Maths Magician at Home' workshop. The prospectus is available in the autumn term.

To obtain more information of these free courses telephone 01992 701 012 or email: [mlopez@honilands.enfield.sch.uk](mailto:mlopez@honilands.enfield.sch.uk)

## Voluntary helpers

The school uses voluntary helpers to enhance the curriculum, to provide support for children and staff in a range of ways and to support out-of-school activities. Voluntary helpers may include parents, governors and other members of the local community. Voluntary helpers will be required to work within the school's health and safety policy and LA guidelines. All prospective voluntary helpers will receive a copy of the "voluntary guidance" which is available from the school office

## Governance

Honilands has a Governing Body that holds the school to account. Governors are made up from various groups; teachers, non-teaching staff, parents, people from the local community and representatives from the local authority. Together they meet every term and discuss raising academic standards, ensuring the school offers good value for money within a safe and secure environment. People who have been members of the governing body have found it interesting and very worthwhile.

## Do you want to be a Governor?

If you are interested in becoming a school governor, please contact the school office.



Ofsted say: "The pupils' good behaviour in classrooms and around the school makes for a harmonious atmosphere at all times."





## Pupils say:

"It's a big school but it feels like a small school!"

"I like it because there are lots of opportunities to learn different skills that I didn't know before."

## Parents say:

"Staff are amazing in Honilands. Been attending Honilands through 5 years nearly. Started when my daughter was 6 months old at the Children's Centre. I think teachers are amazing and staff are in Children's Centre and the main school."

"My child hasn't been at the school for long but from what I have seen and experienced, I am impressed so far."

"My children are looked after well and they are learning as much as they can. Staff at Honilands are always sensitive to the needs of both students and parents. Keep up the good and excellent work."

## Mrs Hunter says...

"I moved to Enfield six years ago and had to find a school for my children. Honilands was on my doorstep so it was ideal to get more information on how the school was doing. I spoke to my neighbours whose children had previously attended the school and that their children excelled at Honilands."

### Helpful staff

"I visited the school and felt at ease and was surrounded by friendly helpful staff."

### Happy and successful

"All three of my children now attend Honilands and they are happy in their school environment. My children have had access to many of the support services offered by the school and I am pleased to say they have been a great success."

### Place2Be

"Place2Be is a one-to-one support service for children who need emotional support to talk in a playful, comfortable environment. I feel privileged to have such a service available at Honilands, as it has benefited my children in many ways. My children have also received additional educational support in subjects that they may need more confidence in. These are early morning start sessions or after school support groups. With these additional support systems in place, my children have become more confident in their learning making school enjoyable."

"I am very happy with Honilands Primary School, that I became a student at Honilands Parent College."

### Parent College

"Honilands Parent College offers parents the opportunity to attend courses at the school

with crèche available, making it easy for any parent to attend. Some of the courses are educational and some are just for fun. Keeping up with mathematics and literacy helped me get a better understanding of the current methods used by the primary school.

"This improved my knowledge and confidence and gave me the ability to support my children with their homework."

### Accredited courses

"I have also done accredited courses that have a recognised certificate. These courses were Level 2 in maths and literacy, which were also free and gave me an updated certified certificate. I took these courses to help me get back into work, as I have raised my three children and I have been out of work for a number of years. I was in touch with the parent support adviser at the school, who offered me a great deal of support with job applications. He was very motivated and positive and made me believe I could do anything."

### Getting a job

"With the support of the Extended Schools Leader, I got a job and this has made me believe in myself and rebuilt my confidence after years of being out of work to be a full time mum. We are extremely lucky to have a passionate parent support advisor who is a great credit to the school."

"I am proud to say that my children and I attended Honilands Primary School. The school is improving year by year and I have seen the major improvements made in the six years I have lived here and I know that Honilands has a great future."

## How to find us



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