**About the school**

There has been an education facility in Horton-in-Ribblesdale since 1725, and the school is currently providing excellent education in our diverse community.

* The school has strong and positive relationships with parents and the governing body is fully engaged. Parents are actively involved, and volunteers regularly support the school.
* The school is also a member of the local cluster that meet regularly to share best practice and is developing links with the wider schools community. Relations with the local authority and diocese are good.

We would strongly encourage you to visit our website at <http://www.horton-in-ribblesdale.n-yorks.sch.uk/> to find out much more about us.

**Current Strengths**

The last two Ofsted inspections have rated the school as Outstanding and very highly achieving academically. The school provides wrap around care, academic school trips every term and swimming lessons for all pupils.

Pupils engage in a flexible and creative curriculum in a stimulating and challenging environment.

In addition, the school has set a balanced budget for 2016/17 with reserves carried forward.

Challenges and Opportunities.

* Maintenance and development of high quality of education - In the short term, there will be some staff recruitment and the new Headteacher will need to establish themselves quickly to reassure parents. The new Headteacher will need to maintain SATS results (currently amongst the best in North Yorkshire) and ensure Ofsted standards are maintained.
* Pupil numbers - Currently numbers in KS1 are low and this needs to be addressed. There is an unbalanced ratio of boys to girls. Attracting new pupils from the catchment area and beyond, particularly Early Years, will be a priority.
* Build relationships – with new parents, the community and the local cluster.
* Flexible timetabling for a diverse and imaginative curriculum – looking to the future, we would like to further develop and extend our Forest School, attract other schools to use our facilities, and build on musical and artistic achievements.

**About living and working in North Yorkshire**

North Yorkshire is England's largest county and one of the most rural. The area comprises the Yorkshire Dales and North Yorkshire Moors, three Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, the Pennines and a stunning coastline around Scarborough and Whitby. The area hosted the phenomenal Tour de France in 2014, and due to its success has created the Tour de Yorkshire with global recognition. There are ruined castles and abbeys, serene gardens, unique breweries, thrilling rides and industrial heritage. Something for everyone!

For outdoor enthusiasts North Yorkshire has plenty to offer. Climbing venues are in abundance, the Yorkshire Dales is the premier area for caving, and mountain biking. While the county is rightly known for its wide open spaces, it also incorporates attractive market towns including Northallerton, Skipton and Settle, the Spa town of Harrogate, as well as the ancient city of York, the most visited city outside of London. There are a wide range of shopping, leisure and cultural facilities as well as excellent schools, universities, road and rail links, there really is everything to offer you and your family as a place to work, live and enjoy.

**About Horton-in-Ribblesdale**

Horton-in-Ribblesdale is situated by the river Ribble in the Yorkshire Dales National Park, at the very heart of the 3 Peaks; namely Pen-y-ghent, Ingleborough and Whernside. It is a popular base for walkers, many of whom are completing the Yorkshire 3 Peaks challenge. Fell runners can complete this in under 3 hours, whilst most walkers aim for a time less than 12 hours. Being within the limestone area of the Yorkshire Dales, the village is also popular with cavers, pot-holers, cyclists and all those looking to enjoy the beautiful countryside.

Horton-in-Ribblesdale is approximately 12 minutes, by car, from the market town of Settle which has a wide range of shops and supermarkets, and the railway station offers a direct link to Leeds, Lancaster and beyond. It has a theatre, museum, restaurants, pubs and a thriving, weekly market.

Horton-in-Ribblesdale is on the famous Settle to Carlisle line. Steam trains are a regular feature in the summer months and make quite a spectacular image whilst crossing the nearby Ribblehead viaduct. The rail link means you can be in Leeds in a little over an hour, Manchester in two hours and 20 mins or London Kings Cross in approximately 4 hours.

Horton-in-Ribblesdale is a very hospitable village where the village Gala and the Show are but two of the many organised events.

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