

Walter Halls Primary and Early Years School



About Walter Halls

Walter Halls Primary and Early Years School is a thriving, diverse and inclusive, two form entry school based just outside Nottingham City Centre. Focused on ensuring that all our children are the best they can be, the school sits at the heart of a diverse community. The established staff team have driven change to ensure that our most recent OFSTED achieved an overall Good rating with the early years unit being recognised as having Outstanding Features.

Working in partnership with parents, with dedication and determination, the staff at the school have contributed towards an academic and wider [curriculum](#) which maximises the physical resources available and nurtures original thought amongst the pupils. The school sits on a large site and the grounds could be described as a secret parkland in the middle of the city. There are woodlands, playing fields, sports pitches, a roof terrace and playground areas, all of which contribute to learning and playing opportunities. Recent initiatives have included a robust PHSE strategy supported by Learning Leaders, the establishment of Read Write Inc and The White Rose Maths Scheme, investment in an original PE strategy and additional focus on Music and Science. The school has a commitment to music with an active choir and children learn to play and perform in musical groups. Groups from school attend the annual regional band camp in the peak district and we even boast Sheku Kanneh-Mason, the Royal Wedding Cellist as school Alumni. We are always looking for ways to expand this eclectic curriculum and the supportive governing body is open to new ideas.



There is a good range of staff from those at the beginning of their career to those who are more experienced, offering support to others in the team. The Head Teacher is supported by a highly experienced senior leadership team who bring with them invaluable insight into the specific challenges faced by such a diverse school. The school also employs a pastoral team with a dedicated therapist and a welfare officer, both of whom are invaluable in contributing to the wellbeing of the pupil body.

In 2017, Walter Halls took the positive decision not to become part of an academy but instead to join the Nottingham Schools' Trust. Challenged by a rapidly changing educational landscape together with a significant reduction in the capacity of the Local Authority education department, The Nottingham Schools Trust (NST) was launched on the 1st September 2017. The structure is designed to provide the capacity to lead, challenge and support school improvement on behalf of its member schools. This means that senior leaders within the school have retained autonomy over teaching and learning within the school.

Walter Halls is a supportive environment in which to work with a real family feel. We believe in the abilities of the children who attend and are excited about the future potential that new leadership will bring.