



Houghton Primary School

What are we trying to improve?

2008-9 was a great year at Houghton Primary School. We achieved the National Healthy Schools Award, received the Active Mark for commitment to sport for the second year running and were visited by OfSTED inspectors who graded our school GOOD and identified many outstanding features. We are very proud of our achievements and work hard to improve year on year.

Our School Development Plan 2009-10 has the following targets:

Provision

To refine and further develop our Enquiry-Based Curriculum, ensuring that there is continuity and progression in skill development

We are working to ensure that...

Learning is set in purposeful contexts which have meaning and relevance to our learners
We continue to make good use of assessment so that the needs of all groups are considered and met
There is systematic development of enquiry and thinking skills
Teachers enable children to become increasingly confident, responsible and independent in their learning

Leadership

To further develop distributed leadership and strengthen monitoring and evaluation skills

We are working with our leaders to...

Develop a deeper understanding of distributed leadership in which roles and responsibilities are clearly defined
Ensure that they are supported by more experienced leaders and have the time to carry out their role
Develop skills in monitoring provision across the school
They are able to apply their knowledge, skills and understanding

Community

To strengthen our engagement with the local community; build on a growing knowledge and understanding of diversity within the wider community and strengthen international and global awareness

We are working to...

Plan opportunities for active and purposeful engagement within local, national and international contexts within our enquiry-based curriculum
Review our approach to Religious Education and Cultural Education

Extended Schools

To review provision of wrap-around care; further develop the role of our Inclusion Worker and strengthen communication systems across teams

We are working to...

Ensure wrap-around child care is financially viable; continues to provide a good level of service and meets the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage provision for child care services
Further develop the role of our Inclusion Worker in order to provide a wider range of support options for parents and carers both within school and within the locality
Ensure that all teams are kept well informed about the needs of children and enable all staff to participate in referral procedures.