



PROSPECTUS



# Welcome to Harden Primary School

We are delighted that you are thinking of sending your child to Harden Primary School, and hope that this prospectus will answer some of your questions. Our expectation is that your child will have a wonderful time at the school, and we trust that our partnership with parents will be a significant part of this.

Working in partnership with you, we aim to make Harden Primary School a centre of excellence for our community and children. We will ensure that there will be many opportunities for you to share in the educational progress of your child and the staff are always pleased to make arrangements to discuss any aspect of your child's development. It is our priority that every child feels safe, happy, respected, cared for, and has a sense of belonging.

We aim to make each child's Primary school days exciting and rewarding so that they look forward to each new school day, and build a love of learning and discovery that will last all their lives.

Our foundation stage and key stage 1 seeks to nurture our children's curiosity and promote independent learning in a vibrant and engaging environment. We provide a strong foundation on which the children can build their skills, knowledge and understanding.

In key stage 2 we continue to provide a rich, broad and exciting curriculum that builds upon the progress made in the earlier years. We encourage the individual talents and skills of every child, providing support, challenge and celebration along the way.

If you would like to learn more about us, a visit to our school will help you appreciate the caring family atmosphere and exciting learning community that exists at Harden Primary School.



## Working in partnership with parents.

We work closely with parents as partners in their child's education. A number of occasions are organised during the school year for parents and teachers to exchange information about children's progress, and to provide opportunities to learn more about the life of the school.







## Ethos, Values and Aims

**Believing in your abilities...** Every child is important to us and we work hard to ensure that all children have a positive attitude towards learning. Through assemblies and a caring and encouraging climate we ensure that our children can achieve their potential and believe that they can reach for the stars!

**Achieving your goals...** All our children are valued members of our school and we encourage them to have goals and aspirations to work towards. Through good quality teaching, support and challenge we ensure that all children, by believing in their abilities, achieve their full potential.

**Succeeding beyond expectations...** Learning is a journey which we believe should be exciting and engaging with no end in sight. We provide a safe and caring environment essential for children to develop the necessary confidence to take risks and challenge themselves to achieve their goals and succeed beyond expectations.

### **We AIM to become an outstanding school by:**

- ★ Providing a happy, caring and positive environment which is safe and secure for all those learning and working in our school.
- ★ Creating an efficient, stimulating and challenging atmosphere in which to teach and learn.
- ★ Promoting the highest standards of work and behaviour.
- ★ Valuing all pupils equally to develop their confidence and self-esteem, and to encourage a sense of belonging within school and the wider community.
- ★ Providing a broad, balanced and relevant curriculum that inspires the pupils to think critically and become independent learners.
- ★ Promoting and maintaining good working relationships between all those involved in our school – staff, pupils, governors, parents and the community.



# Our School

Harden Primary School, part of Exceed Academies Trust, was founded in 1877 and part of the school is still housed in the original Victorian building. The school is at the centre of the village and is an important part of the community. The school hall and additional classrooms added in the 1960s, and recent extensions and modifications have enabled us to continue to improve our provision and facilities further.

Harden Primary School is a one form entry school and provides an excellent quality of education for children aged 4-11 years. The school has seven classrooms, one for each year group, and several additional workspaces and a library. Each class uses a range of technology, including interactive boards, laptops and iPads. The school offers a well-stocked library, extra-curricular activities and enrichments. The school has two large playgrounds that have a range of equipment and resources, as well as a sheltered classroom.

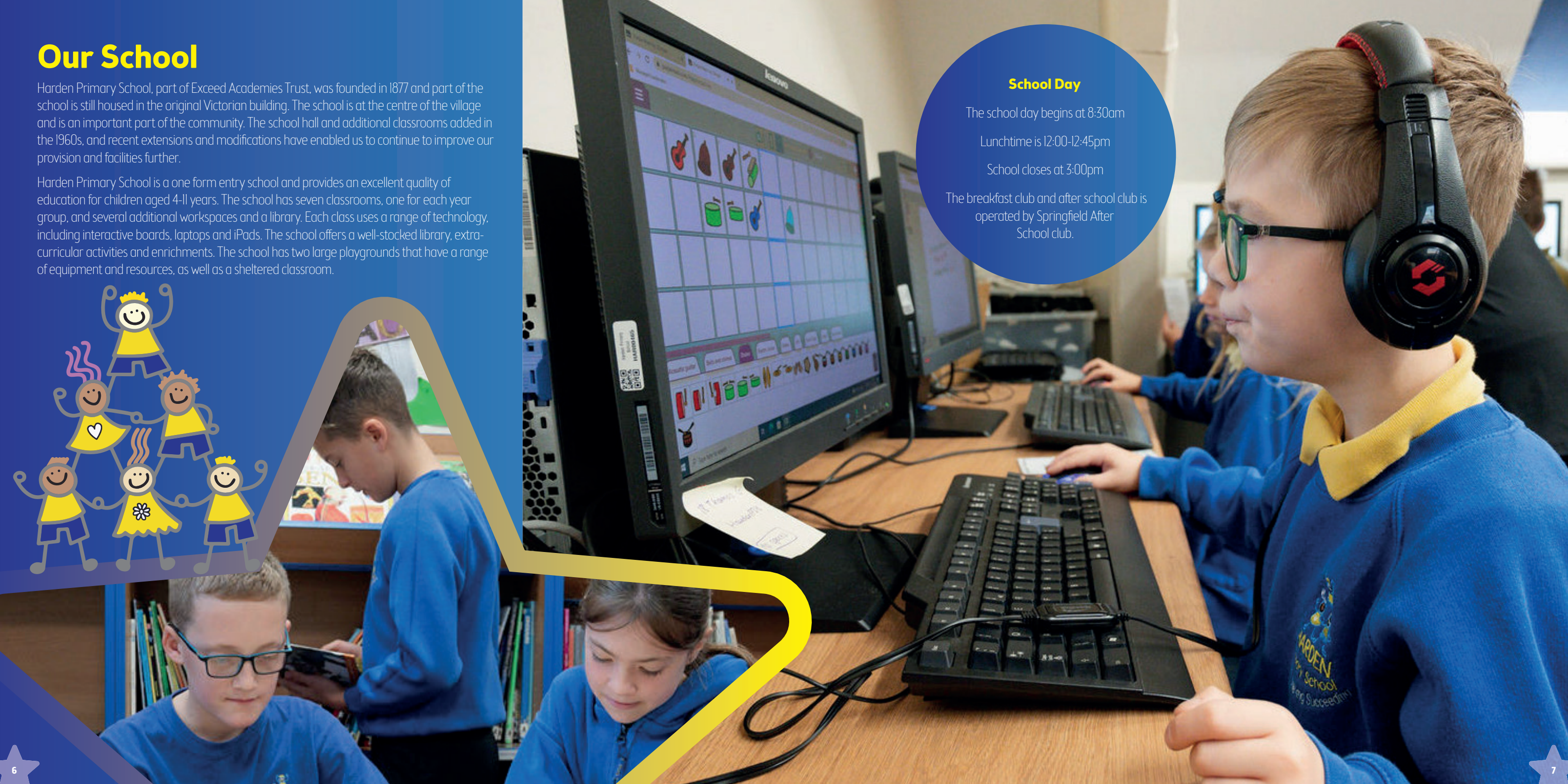
## School Day

The school day begins at 8:30am

Lunchtime is 12:00-12:45pm

School closes at 3:00pm

The breakfast club and after school club is operated by Springfield After School club.





## Positive Behaviour

The school has a positive approach to behaviour and discipline. We have consistent expectations of appropriate behaviour throughout all age ranges. A calm but stimulating atmosphere is required to enable all children to do their best work and reach their potential.

**At Harden Primary, all members of our school community strive to demonstrate our Six Ways to Shine:**

- ★ Always try your best and be the best you can be.
- ★ Take pride in all your work and never give up.
- ★ Approach tasks with a growth mindset so you can reach for the stars.
- ★ Believe in yourself and become an independent learner.
- ★ Respect other people's feelings by being polite and kind.
- ★ Be a good role model by putting others before yourself.

## Admission Procedures

Although Harden Primary School is an Academy, applications are submitted to Council of Bradford's Admissions team. Children are normally admitted full-time to the Reception class in the September of the school year in which they become 5. From time-to-time spaces do become available in other year groups however applications must still be submitted to the Admission team.

**The Governors have established the following criteria as the basis for admission:**

- ★ Children with siblings already in the school
- ★ Children living in the immediate area
- ★ Children from a wider area
- ★ Further information can be sought from the Admission Team.

Application forms for places into Reception class are sent to parents via pre-schools and nurseries, usually in November. The application pack will give full details of how to apply and the deadlines. The Admissions team are responsible for allocating the places, however, parents who are unsuccessful in gaining a place have the right to appeal to the Local Education Authority.

If you would like any assistance with the admission process or would like to visit the school, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.





# Transfer Arrangements

## Reception Transition

Before Reception class children start in September there are a number of opportunities for parents to meet with the Headteacher, the class teacher and other school staff. Your child will have the opportunity to join us for events such as Teddy Bear's Picnic, Stay & Play and to sample school lunch.

## Year 6 Transition

Transfer to secondary school is at the end of Year 6 (age 11) and is dependent on the admission policy of the receiving school. Children from Harden usually transfer to Parkside School, Bingley Grammar or Beckfoot School. Our pupils have also been successful in gaining places in Bradford Grammar, Skipton Girls, Ermysteads and North Halifax Grammar School.

## In-Term Transfers

In other stages in your child's education it may be necessary to transfer to a different school. This will usually take place at the end of a term to minimise disruption. In cases where a house move means a change of school, both schools will discuss appropriate start and finish dates with the parents. Pupils records will be passed on to your child's new school.

## Safety and Security

All parents need to feel reassured that their child is safe in school and we all need to share in that responsibility.

In order to keep your child safe, the school gates are locked at 8.35am. Anybody arriving after this time is asked to enter via the main entrance.

## Celebration Assembly

Parents & relatives are welcome to join us at our weekly Celebration Assemblies. Friday morning is a special time at Harden Primary when the whole school comes together to celebrate our children's achievements. School certificates are awarded to children who are Believing, Achieving, Succeeding and displaying good practices of our Ethos, Values & Aims. It is also a time when our children bring in their trophies, medals and certificates so we can join in celebrating their successes outside of school.

Special services to celebrate events such as Harvest, Christmas and Easter are held and everyone is welcome to attend.

# Parental Involvement

## Autumn Term

During the Autumn Term, all parents are invited to an evening curriculum meeting, at which the class teacher will present an overview of the curriculum for each year group and so that parents can find out what their children will be learning during the forthcoming year.

Parent consultation evenings are held in November and each parent is offered a time to speak to their child's class teacher about their progress and how parents can help at home. This is repeated again during the Spring Term.

Parents receive an Annual Report at the end of the summer term, which gives details of their child's progress and attainment: it also includes key points for further development.

## Each Term

Parents are invited to a class parent event that takes place in their child's working environment. This may be a stay and play session, class assembly, themed activities or a workshop run by the children.

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