



## Prince Avenue Academy and Nursery School Information

Prince Avenue Academy & Nursery is situated alongside the A127, known locally as Prince Avenue. Access is via Hornby Avenue, off the Rochford Road. The school was opened in 1952 and celebrated its 60<sup>th</sup> birthday in July, 2012. Originally the school site was divided between the Infants and Juniors. During the mid 1980's the two schools were amalgamated into a primary school. In 1994 the school applied for, and received Grant Maintained status. In 1996, the Nursery unit was opened. In April 2014, the school converted to Academy Status and is now part of South East Essex Academy Trust.

The school serves a catchment area on both sides of the Rochford Road. The allocation of places for pupils to Reception is determined by the Local Authority following receipt of the completed SAF (Single Application Form) by the due date.

The Nursery accommodates 52 children divided into two classes of 26 in a morning and afternoon session. This allows for 15 hours of funded provision per week. Children start in the Nursery the term following their third birthday.

We have two Reception classes. All children who turn five during the academic year will be admitted to a full-time Reception class in the Autumn term. Additionally, there are two classes of 30 in all Year Groups from 1 to 6. Prince Avenue also provides a well-attended breakfast club and after school care club.

Each class is taught by a teacher supported by learning support assistants. The school employs a pastoral care manager, learning mentor and learning play specialist who together with additional skilled staff form the Care Team, responsible for the personal development and welfare of the pupils.

In March 2017 Prince Avenue was rated as Good for overall effectiveness with Outstanding for Personal development, behaviour and welfare. The school also holds Enhanced Healthy School and Equality and Diversity School Champion status together with the Silver Sports Mark Quality Award.

The school is fortunate in having two halls (dining and gym/main hall). The main hall has a large stage, visitor's balcony and is available for use by the local community. We have an art room, well-equipped library, I.C.T. suite (Discovery Room), and additional PCs, and ipads, together with an interactive whiteboard in each class base, all of which are networked. The school is fortunate to have a large playground and two playing fields. The Nursery and Reception classes have their own outside areas.

**Prince Avenue is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people, and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.**

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