

Context Information - Academy

Rowena Academy is a Nursery and Infant Converter Academy (age range 3 - 7) situated in Conisbrough near Doncaster. Rowena became an Academy on November 1st 2011 within DELTA Academies Trust.

The Academy became a Teaching School in partnership with The Vale Primary Academy in September 2014 and has supported many other Academies and Schools in improving their practice.

The current number on roll is 314, with a Standard Admission Number of 80. There has been a significant rise in pupil numbers over the few years due to an increasing popularity in the community. The school serves its immediate community but does have some children who come from outside the catchment area as a result of parental choice. Many of these are children with Special Educational Needs or Disability who come to Rowena because of its outstanding provision for pupils with additional needs.

The Academy is now full in both Nursery (78 pupils) and Reception (80 pupils) and there are only a handful of spaces in Year One and Two. To meet the rise in pupil numbers an additional class was created for the start of September 2015. Key Stage One now comprises of three Year One and three Year Two classes.

Conisbrough is a former mining community which was hit hard by the pit closures in the 1980s. The majority of our pupils live in areas where there is deprivation characterised by high unemployment, an inadequate employment base, low average income levels, rundown housing estates and poor health. Rowena Academy is situated in an area of high social and economic disadvantage. According to the Index of Multiple Deprivation the Conisbrough ward was ranked at 3,085 out of 32,482 LSOAs in England, where 1 was the most deprived LSOA and 32,482 the least deprived.

The Raise Online data for 2016 shows that the Academy Percentage of Free School Meals at 33.3% is **above** the national average (26%).

The Academy has 13.3% of pupils on its list of Special Educational Needs.

The Academy currently has one pupil with a formal Statement of Special Educational Need or Disability or EHCP.

The Academy has largely White-British pupils with 1.4% from minority ethnic backgrounds.

The Academy has 1% of pupils with English as a Second Language.

In September 2013 the Academy was placed on the OFSTED list of 'Particularly Successful Schools and Colleges for 2012/2013' for the third time.

The Academy has achieved the following awards / accreditations:

- Primary Science Quality Mark (PSQM)
- British Council International School Award
- Leading Parent Partnership Award (LPPA)
- Basic Skills Award (1,2, 3 and 4)
- Active Mark
- Youth Sports Trust Silver Quality Mark for Physical Education
- CharterMark for Inclusion
- Eco-schools Bronze and Silver Award
- Artsmark Bronze, Silver and Gold Award
- Healthy Schools Award
- Financial Management Standard in Schools
- Roy Castle Gold Clean Air Award
- Smoke Free Award
- BECTA Committed to ICT Award
- BECTA Recognised for ICT Award
- Anti-Bullying Charter Mark.