



...at Farington Primary School, Leyland

Farington is a smaller than average primary school with 143 on roll. It is situated in an area of slight social disadvantage and the percentage of pupils eligible for free school meals is just above the national average.

The present headteacher, Joanne Ramsbottom, has been in post for nearly four years and is the current holder of the North West Headteacher of the Year Award.

Joanne has been working with Unipace to develop a creative curriculum over the last two years. Here's what she has to say about the impact it has had in her school...

"Our creative curriculum has made learning much more meaningful for the pupils. They're more enthusiastic and motivated. We've also seen a greater level of parental involvement through theme-based projects undertaken independently by many pupils at home. The teachers feel they have ownership of what is taught and say they are enjoying what they are teaching, based more on their own personal skills and interests.

Using Dimensions has allowed us to move our creative curriculum on further from a content-driven approach to a skills-based model, using transferable skills to prepare pupils for lifelong learning. I would wholeheartedly recommend Dimensions to any headteacher looking to shape their own curriculum. The consultancy and training for staff, alongside the excellent resources provided, has been money very well-spent!"

Ofsted Report (November 2007) comments on the curriculum

"Changes are planned to make the curriculum more responsive to the school's and pupils' individual needs. An example of this already having a positive impact is the recently developed approach used in Key Stages 1 and 2 where learning is linked across different subjects and is stimulated by one topic."



Farington is 'proud to be a Dimensions School'.