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"Your school is one of the best in the country and a wonderful place in which to play and learn!"

LOCATION

Oldway Primary School is in the centre of Paignton, close to the main shopping area and sea front. It is next to Oldway Gardens and is close to the Education Offices in Oldway Mansion. Oldway serves a mainly private residential area, although the children come from a wide variety of family backgrounds.

ACCOMMODATION

Oldway recently benefited from a £3million building project - in partnership with Surestart Paignton - and offers:

- Purpose built foundation unit and nursery
- New administration offices & meeting rooms
- 18 classrooms for KS1 & KS2
- Indoor swimming pool
- Specialist rooms for ICT, music & art
- Community rooms, additional ICT suite & crèche
- New staff training centre
- Large playing field, environmental area and play zones for each phase

ORGANISATION

Oldway has a planned admission level of 90 pupils per year. Currently the school has 700 pupils on roll organised into 3 classes per year for each of the 7 years of the primary school. The Nursery class provides for 52 children who attend part-time.

The school is organised into :

- * 7 Year Teams - 3 classes in each team [exception: Nursery] Each Year Team has a Year Leader
- * 4 Units - each Unit consisting of 2 Year Teams / 6 classes

Units are headed up by an Assistant Headteacher who oversees the work of that Unit, in the first instance, and who is first point of reference for the staff and pupils of the Unit. Teams meet regularly on a weekly basis to plan for and assess the children's learning.

Pupils, teachers and support staff work within single age year groups, with each class providing for pupils of ranging ability. Pupils are set according to ability for maths and guided reading in Key Stage 2. There is a very strong team/collegiate ethos in the school.

CURRICULUM

The curriculum of the school is perceived to be everything our pupils experience from the moment they enter school to the moment they leave and the influences they take beyond the school gate. It is the whole process by which the school affects personal growth and education. The Aims and Values of the school underpin all aspects of curriculum development and planning and have been devised following consultation with the staff, parents and governors. The school has effectively implemented the national strategies for literacy and numeracy. Exciting, creative schemes of work are in place for all subject areas of the National Curriculum and are reviewed annually. A range of policies and practices are in place to accommodate different teaching and learning styles as appropriate, to develop positive attitudes and values and to forge effective partnerships with parents and the local community. Personal, social and health education are recognised as a strength of the school. All policies and guidelines are developed by staff working under the leadership of Development Team Leaders and Unit Leaders before further consultation as appropriate. A strong emphasis is placed on ICT and the school holds the *ICT Mark* and *Healthy Schools Award*.

SPORT and the ARTS

Oldway strives for excellence and enjoyment in education and gives a strong emphasis to the humanities, physical education and the arts. Outstanding achievement in the arts and in physical education is recognised by the *Artsmark Gold Award* and the *Sports Activemark Award*.

RESOURCES

The level of resourcing is very good throughout the school. Staff are involved in an annual evaluation which assists in the prioritising of need and provision. Interactive whiteboards are in all classes. *All teachers are issued with laptops.*

OFSTED - OUTSTANDING - May 2006 & June 2009

Staff and pupils were praised in both Ofsted Inspections. The inspectors concluded that *"Oldway is an outstanding school. Oldway has a deservedly high reputation for academic, artistic and sporting achievement. The school provides an exceptional education for its pupils, is very well supported by parents and has outstanding community links. Excellent leadership and management are at the hub of the school's success. This is reflected in the outstanding teaching and learning that takes place". "Pupils behaviour is exemplary, they are polite and willingly take on responsibility"*

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

The **SEF** and **School Improvement Plan** provide a basis for the work within the school and staff, governors, pupils and parents contribute to its preparation and delivery. It is regarded as a working document through which the curriculum, buildings, personnel and budget issues are linked in a coherent framework. The professional development of staff is a highly placed priority within the day-to-day life of the school.

STAFFING

The team spirit amongst all staff in the school contributes an enormous amount to ensuring that pupils receive an excellent primary school education. The school has high expectations of both pupils and staff and has been used by the Local Authority, the Teacher Development Agency and the National College of School Leadership to promote good practice. In the past seven years a number of staff have gone on to promotion, eight to become Deputy Headteachers and three to Headship.

The present level of staffing includes:

Headteacher & Deputy Headteacher	24 Class Teachers	Administrative Assistants
Nursery Nurse	Special Needs Co-Coordinator	Teaching Assistants
Resource & Art Assistants	Pastoral Support Assistants	ICT Network Manager
Business Manager	Pastoral Services Manager	Mealtime Assistants
Caretaker and Cleaners	Swimming Instructor	Support for Statemented children

GOVERNORS

The Governing Body is supportive and well informed and has proved to be a valuable and important part of the school. It has been constituted in accordance with current regulations and has 6 Parent Governors, 4 Governors appointed by Torbay Council, 4 Community Governors and 5 Staff Governors.

SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

The school has an active Parents' Association that raises money and supports the school in a variety of ways.

LOCAL COMMUNITY

The school enjoys a good reputation in the local community and is **over-subscribed**. The school works in partnership with Surestart as part of **Paignton Children's Centre** with parent services being delivered on-site from dedicated community rooms, crèche and ICT suite.

TRAINING SCHOOL & CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Oldway is a **National Support School** and a **TDA Associate Training School**. Oldway works closely in partnership with Exeter University. Members of staff are actively involved in working with colleagues in other schools through:

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| * National Leader of Education | * Primary National Strategy |
| * Advanced Skilled Teachers | * Initial Teacher Training |
| * NQT training | * National ICT Register |
| * NCSL Leadership Programme | |

Further details from www.oldwayschool.co.uk

<http://schoolsfinder.direct.gov.uk/8802438/overview>

