

Context Information - Academy 2023

The Vale Primary Academy is part of Delta Academies Trust. The latest Ofsted inspection was in May 2013 when the school was judged as Outstanding.

It converted to become an academy school on 1 July 2012. When its predecessor school Knottingly Vale Junior and Infant School was last inspected by Ofsted it was judged to be outstanding. The academy is smaller than the averaged sized academy, catering for pupils from the Early Years Foundation Stage, through Key Stage 1 into Key Stage 2.

There are currently 252 pupils on roll, including 40 part time Nursery pupils. The school is situated on the boundary of Knottingley and Ferrybridge, three miles from Pontefract and four miles from Castleford.

The Vale Primary Academy has below-average proportion of pupils that are known to be eligible for pupils premium funding. (Pupil premium is additional funding provided by the government to support pupils known to be eligible for free school meals, those in local authority care and the children of service families).

Pupil Premium eligibility is currently 20.9% which is below the National average of 26.7%. The proportion of pupils who have Special Educational Needs is above average.

The school is located in Knottingley, in an area of deprivation 0.23 on the school deprivation measure which is just below the National Average of 0.24. Mobility is above National levels with a stability measure of 91.9% (National 85.9%). The vast majority of pupils are of White British ethnicity (96.5%) with 1.7% of pupils whose first language is not English