



Harris Primary Free School
Peckham



PROSPECTUS

A brand new primary school with happy children who enjoy learning.



Harris Primary Free School Peckham is opening to meet the huge demand for new, high quality, primary school places in Southwark. Local children will have priority for the 60 places available. These 60 pupils will be very lucky children. As the first and only pupils in the entire school, they will benefit from

a large amount of individual support and attention.

This school has been created around the wishes of local parents and we are delighted to be giving them what they want and need. Under Catharine Loxton's excellent leadership, I have no doubt that it will quickly establish itself as an outstanding local primary school for families in Southwark.

I very much hope you will consider Harris Primary Free School Peckham as the place to start your child's education and look forward to meeting you at our Open Events.

A handwritten signature in white ink that reads "Dan Moynihan." The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dr Dan Moynihan Ed.D, MA, B.Sc (Econ)
Chief Executive of the Harris Federation



Admissions & Open Events

Harris Primary Free School Peckham will start with just a Reception class and then grow by a year group at a time. There will be 60 places in each year. Priority will be given to local children.



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You can find out the dates of our open events by telephoning our school office or by visiting our website:
www.harrisfreeschoolpeckham.org.uk.

Introducing Children to a World of Learning

Preparing our pupils for academic success and happy lives now and in the future is our most important priority.

As a new school, we are hand-picking a team of outstanding teachers and support staff. We will engage pupils fully in the fun and adventure of learning. Our refurbished building will be smart and modern, with a lovely playground and excellent equipment and facilities.

Pupils will have access to an amazing variety of extracurricular clubs and activities. With a programme brimming with music, drama and sporting activities, every pupil will have the chance to find their special talents.

As a parent myself, I know that what parents want most for their children is to be able to enjoy all the fun, pleasure and excitement of childhood. From lessons in the classroom to break time in the playground to school outings, we will always endeavour to make sure your child is happy.

Harris Primary Free School Peckham has an exciting future and I look forward to welcoming you and your child to our school.

Catharine Loxton – Executive Principal



The Strongest Foundation for Learning


As children begin their education, we want to make their first school years as enjoyable as possible and develop in them a real enthusiasm for learning.

In the first few years, we will lay the foundations for a successful academic career which means developing the core skills of reading, writing and numeracy.

Reading will be taught through traditional phonics and there will be a reading hour every day. All pupils will be encouraged to read for pleasure and will be able to take home story books from our well-stocked library.

Teachers will combine the traditional with the modern to help pupils grasp the basics of mathematics. To embed numeracy skills, we will create many opportunities for pupils to put what they have been learning in the classroom into practice.

The curriculum will be well-rounded – with everything from science to the performing arts – so that our pupils get a full and varied education that they all enjoy.



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Looking to the Future

Our aim is to prepare pupils as fully as possible for their secondary education so that they are ready to hit the ground running when they change school at age 11.

This means teaching subjects such as history and geography as stand-alone subjects and having visiting Harris Secondary Academy teachers who are experts in subjects such as music, French and Spanish.

As a member of the Harris Federation, we will also have access to secondary school facilities such as science laboratories, music suites, extensive sports facilities and design and technology workshops.



One-to-one attention

Our teachers will be trained and resourced to make sure every child receives plenty of individual attention.

No pupil will be allowed to fall behind and we will take swift action whenever someone needs extra help or support – including through one-to-one coaching.

Parents will always be welcome to come into the school to discuss any element of their child's progress with their class teacher. Every evening, parents will be able to log on to their own private area of our website to see how their child has performed and behaved in that day's lessons.

“No pupil will be allowed to fall behind.”

Outside the Classroom

Our broad and balanced curriculum will be complemented by a fun and vibrant range of extracurricular clubs which will take place at lunch time, after-school and in the school holidays.

We will seek to discover and nurture special talents within each pupil. There will be something for everyone in our extracurricular programme which will be brimming with music clubs, dance clubs, drama clubs, writing clubs and sports activities.

Our school calendar will also be filled with fully-funded outings to a wide variety of attractions which relate to what pupils are learning in the classroom.

A Happy & Safe School

At Harris Primary Free School Peckham, we will:

- Create a friendly and structured environment to help pupils settle into school life as quickly as possible;
- Have teachers who take the time to get to know each pupil so we can keep track of their academic progress but, just as importantly, to make sure they have made good friends and are enjoying their time at school;
- Teach pupils the importance of traditional values – good manners and behaviour, enthusiasm, enjoyment of life and recognising right from wrong.

Good behaviour and smart appearance will be expected at all times and all playtimes will be supervised. Pupils will win points – and points mean prizes – for behaving sensibly in lessons, being helpful and kind, making an effort with their schoolwork and for good attendance and punctuality.



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Healthy Living

Our school lunches will be healthy and nutritious as well as tasty. Pupils may also bring in their own packed lunches if they prefer.

We will have a vegetable patch in our school garden, which pupils will help to look after, and everything that grows will be used as ingredients for our school lunches.

Breakfast Club & After-School Club

We will provide before and after school care to enable parents to go to work.

Children can be dropped at the Breakfast Club and picked up from the After-School Club. Both clubs will be well organised and fun.

A Bright, Smart & Modern Refurbished Building

The school is housed in a new purpose-built building which has been fully equipped with state-of-the-art facilities.

We also have a wonderful playground kitted out with play apparatus making playtime fun and enjoyable.



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Harris Federation

Our school is sponsored by the Harris Federation, a registered charity with over 20 years of experience in running schools.

The Federation runs 13 schools across London and we will be its 14th. The Federation has an exceptional track record in providing high quality schools. Of the seven Harris Academies to have been inspected by Ofsted, five have been rated as 'Outstanding' – a record that is unmatched.

The work of the Federation is made possible through the generous financial support of Lord Harris of Peckham and is brought to life by a team of excellent teachers and leaders.

Our independent Governing Body will, with the leadership of our school, be responsible for setting and monitoring our educational direction and the targets to be achieved over time. It will include representation from our teaching and non-teaching staff, parents and the local community. The Chair of the Governing Body will be appointed to the Board of the Harris Federation.



As an employer and a father I strongly believe that a good education is the best start in life that you can give a child. Harris Primary Free School Peckham, promotes hard work, curiosity of mind, integrity and ambition. It will work tirelessly, in partnership with the other Harris Academies, to ensure the greatest success for every child, regardless of their ability or aptitude.

I hope you will come along to one of our Open Events to see for yourself the difference the school will make.

Lord Harris of Peckham – Sponsor

The Harris Federation comprises the following Academies:





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