**Ben Rhydding Primary School**

**School Profile**

**Background**

This school is of smaller than average size compared with other primary schools. The proportion of pupils known to be eligible for free school meals is low. Most pupils are White British and few speak English as an additional language. The percentage of disabled pupils and those with special educational needs is below average. The school exceeds the current floor standards, in all areas, set by the government. The school is part of the Two Valleys Learning Collaborative (2VLC), this includes several local schools working together to support each other and help develop and share good practice.

A private childcare provider is located on the same site. It provides before-and-afterschool care. It receives a separate inspection and a separate inspection report.

Ben Rhydding Primary School is a one form entry school catering for children from Reception to Year 6. There are currently 216 children on roll. We are the only primary school serving the village of Ben Rhydding, found near to Ilkley in the Wharfe Valley.

Ben Rhydding is a friendly, warm and caring school with a vibrant and creative ethos. We are fortunate to have a hugely committed and dedicated staff team and PTA.

**Organisation/Curriculum**

Currently we operate with 7 classes supported by 11 support staff (Teaching Assistants and HLTAs).

Our curriculum is continually evolving and we plan a rich and challenge curriculum.

Results at both KS1 and KS2 are usually high when compared to similar schools. Our standards at the end of KS2 are always well above floor standards and attainment is above the national average. We are focused on quality outcomes and progress for all children.

**Our Community**

There is a strong tradition of community involvement in the village and, since opening, the school has tried hard to build on this tradition. We have a great deal of support from committed and interested parents. An active PTA organises Christmas and Summer Fairs and many social events for parents. The school also presents many performances for parents throughout the year – Harvest, Christmas, Easter, productions etc.

**Enrichment**

At Ben Rhydding there is a wide range of activities for children to participate in outside the classroom to enrich and enhance their educational experiences.

There are numerous opportunities for children to learn an instrument and to perform in the school choir.

The school’s sports provision is comprehensive and is supported by links to Ilkley Grammar School and a variety of external sports coaches. Events are organised throughout the year to raise the profile of PE, these include:

* Cross country
* Swimming
* Football
* Dodgeball
* Basketball
* Netball
* Cricket
* Athletics

As well as after-school clubs, children also have opportunities to take part in residential visits to Robinwood activity centre in North Yorkshire.

**After School**

The school currently sites a before and after school club on the grounds. The provider is Playstation which is very popular with both parents and children alike.

**Ofsted Judgements**

In March 2012, we were inspected by OFSTED, who judged us to be a **good school.** Highlights of the report include:

* Pupils’ behaviour is exemplary in lessons and around the school. Pupils enjoy school greatly as reflected in their consistently high rates of attendance. Pupils collaborate particularly well in lessons.
* Highly imaginative approaches to curriculum delivery engage pupils fully in their learning which is full of purpose and fun.
* Teachers plan the curriculum carefully and with close regard to turning pupils into ‘life-long learners’.