

DELAPRE PRIMARY SCHOOL

BACKGROUND

Delapre is a three-form entry primary school situated in Far Cotton, Northampton. The school officially opened in 2003 with just over 20 pupils on roll, having previously been Delapre Middle School, and has grown “from the bottom up”. Our maximum number on roll now stands at 630. Some of the senior staff and governors still hail from the middle school.

The school has an excellent record of supporting the professional development and well-being of all staff.

Delapre was built in 1935 and was refurbished to incorporate the extra rooms required for a three-form entry school. It is a traditional site with a traditional methodology that embraces, wherever possible, the latest advances in teaching, whether technological or otherwise. There is an interactive whiteboard or flat screen television in each room.

The school ethos lies firmly in a mix of discipline and humour. Quite simply a child of *any* age will be told off if they are naughty. However, we also try to ensure that each child is then allowed time to “make up” before they go home. This is vital and is often the reason for a telling off being postponed to the next day. We do not send children home feeling anxious to come to school the next day; the child and the family would suffer.

We have a mix of senior and new, younger members of staff. Despite having our share of difficult children, no teacher experiences problems with discipline. The staffroom humour is healthy and vitally so.

The school is well resourced and has a gymnasium as well as a fully equipped IT suite, along with Surface Pros and iPads.

We pride ourselves on a welcoming and friendly atmosphere that supports an ethos of traditional education. The parents come to us expecting firm discipline mixed with love and humour. It is a fine balance, but well worth the effort.