

EAPRIL School visits: explore local education in Northern-Ireland!

Package 2

1. **Glengormley Integrated Primary School**



With our dedicated, supportive and talented staff at Glengormley IPS, we strive to ensure that the time children spend at primary school is happy, memorable and rewarding. Our experienced teachers deliver a broad, balanced and creative curriculum. They aim to nurture the individual talents and abilities of each child and provide a holistic education that prepares them for tomorrow's world and their future in it. As a trailblazing integrated primary school in the Newtownabbey area, we are an all-inclusive school that opens our arms to the entire community and celebrates individuality and diversity.

At Glengormley IPS, it is our belief that education should lead change and that the future for our children and our community is brighter if children live and work together in an atmosphere of reconciliation and trust. Differences are respected, diversity is a resource and our mutual cultural heritage is celebrated.

We value every child and recognise the importance of clear trust and communication between home and school. This vital communication, as well as being mutually beneficial, will help our children develop into young people who are secure, happy, socially well-adjusted, proud of their achievements and who can contribute positively to the rapidly changing world in which we live.

Our school has grown rapidly over the last decade since transformation to integrated status and the enrolment currently stands at approximately 300 children from P1-P7 and a further 48 children in our on-site Pre-School.

Our whole school wraparound care services have been very attractive to families in our community. We offer support to children from Breakfast Club at 7.40am through to After-School Club ending at 6pm.



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2. Integrated College Glengormley



In April 2018, Principal Ricky Massey arrived to Glengormley High School for his first principalship position. The school had an approved enrolment of 1250 pupils, but in fact had only 650 pupils enrolled. His leadership team immediately started on a journey of school improvement to amend every aspect of school.

Within a year, the Principal sold 'integrated education' to his Board of Governors as the right direction for the school. The Board of Governors supported this and with the help of the Northern Ireland Council for Integrated Education and the Integrated Education Fund, they sought to gain public and political approval to change the schools legal status from Controlled to Controlled Integrated.

Community and political support for this change was very strong and in September 2022, the school transformed to integrated status and opened with a new name - Integrated College Glengormley.

Since September 2018, whole School enrolment has increased from 650 pupils to just under 1100 pupils in September 2023, and enrolment into Year 8 has increased from 80 children to 230 children.

Such vast growth has been an amazing experience, but it has added stresses - not least the recruitment of highly passionate teaching staff. In September 2023, Integrated College have an additional 21 new teaching staff and 15 additional teaching assistants, all of which will need trained and supported in working within the culture that the school has sought to establish. Our aim is to be a community school for our whole community.