



# Pearl Hyde Primary School

IT's Personal



**Pearl Hyde Community Primary School is a co-educational school with approximately 250 pupils, aged 4-11 which focuses on the concept of lifelong learning and the belief that children and adults learn best in a variety of different ways.**

In the summer of 2006, Pearl Hyde adopted the Viglen Learning Platform from It's Learning to assist them to raise standards by enabling children to engage with learning activities in ways which they find stimulating and rewarding.

As Brendan Doherty, headteacher, says:  
"We are a school which has developed a sharper focus on learning rather than teaching. We have high expectations of all children and place a growing emphasis on equipping children with the skills to become successful lifelong learners, able to face the challenges of the 21st century with confidence.

"Over recent years, we have begun to reshape the curriculum and the ways in which children engage with it. ICT has played an increasingly important role in this respect because it has enabled us to connect learning activities in school with those that take place beyond the school building and outside the school day.

"The use of the Viglen It's learning platform has had a significant impact in this respect and has helped expand our vision of how we can promote learning and

engage with children and their parents to raise standards still further."

Over the last four years, Pearl Hyde has seen a rising trend in its Standard Attainment Test results which have included a sharp increase last year, and Mr Doherty credits It's Learning with being a key part of an overall educational programme that has lifted not only its SAT's scores but the feeling of connectedness in the Pearl Hyde community.

"My single favourite aspect of the it's learning platform from Viglen is that it has enabled us to truly connect the classroom to the home and the outside world, connecting children, parents, and teachers in meaningful ways that were simply not possible before."

Based on its early notable success, Viglen and Pearl Hyde will partner in 2007 to implement the learning platform in collaboration with a partner school in Jerusalem - see us at the BETT show to find out more!

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