Barnes Primary School - General Information

Barnes Primary School is a happy, highly successful two form entry community school with a large, attached nursery. It is situated in an attractive area, close to Richmond Park and is easily accessible by road, rail or bus. The buildings offer outstanding accommodation. Classrooms are bright and well furnished. There are two spacious halls, a music room, an art studio, a library, additional shared learning areas, a computer suite, intervention rooms and training rooms. We also have a forest school environment that enables more outdoor learning for our youngest pupils. The school is very well resourced. All classes have a touch screen and a visualiser. Teachers (and many support staff) have a laptop and an iPad. In addition, there is a wide and ever growing selection of high quality learning resources. Our playgrounds have received over £120k investment over the past five years.

There are 420 pupils on the main school roll (Reception to Year 6), plus 60 nursery pupils, in both full-time and part-time places. The school is very popular with parents. This is reflected in the extremely high number of applications for a place in one of our reception classes (320 applications for 60 places for September 2022). Findings from the regular questionnaires sent to all parents are consistently extremely positive.

In total, 23% of pupils are from minority ethnic backgrounds with 23 different first languages spoken across the pupil community. 10% of our cohort have special educational needs and disabilities, with 19 pupils having an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP). We are fully committed to inclusion and serving the needs of all members of our local community, recognising the positive benefits for all our children of learning how to live in a diverse environment, respecting and appreciating the needs of others, some of whom are different to themselves.

Our Headteacher has been in post since September 2019, having been Deputy Head for a significant period prior to that. She leads a dynamic team of highly talented and dedicated professionals who work very effectively in partnership together to maintain the very high standards that have consistently been reached and ensure that Barnes Primary School continues to be the most successful of organisations. One of our school maxims is 'Expect More': everyone at our school has the highest expectations – both of themselves and others. Our school is an ideal place for professionals to learn as we offer a highly evaluated, multi-layered, continuing professional development programme to all staff members.

One of the strengths of the school is the very good behaviour of our pupils and the excellent relationships that exist throughout our community. As a result, it is a calm, secure environment where purposeful learning occurs. Teachers can focus their attention on pupils' learning and do not have to constantly deal with behaviour issues.

The school received an outstanding inspection report when Ofsted last visited in June 2008: *'Barnes Primary School provides an outstanding education for all of its pupils. Parents are exceptionally pleased with the school.'* We believe that we are much better school now than we were then. Academic standards are very high.

Our curriculum is broad, vibrant and dynamic. A number of exciting theme events are held every year, such as our Arts Week, our Solve a Problem Week (Design and Technology) and our On Camera film making initiative. These inspire the children and result in highly creative outcomes. Everyone on the staff is committed to achieving high academic standards through offering a rich, varied and exciting curriculum. Teachers continue to promote music, drama, the arts, healthy living and participation in a wide range of different sports. We also continue to make effective use of the many historical and cultural attractions London offers. Consequently, pupils at Barnes learn outdoors; enjoy very good music provision; regularly take part in dramatic productions; play lots of sport; participate in a wide range of after school activities and go on many trips to places of interest. We want all of this to be enjoyable and foster successful and exciting learning, love and laughter.