



**ST BARNABAS AND ST PHILIP'S  
CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL**



**CANDIDATE INFORMATION PACK**

*"Friendship, Trust, Peace"*



# OUR SCHOOL

At St Barnabas and St Philip's our primary aim is to help our pupils gain confidence, knowledge and skills so that they can take their place in society as well - balanced young people. Central to this is the distinctly Christian ethos and inclusive environment of our school that welcomes families and staff of all faiths and of none.



We are inspired by the conviction that each person is unique in Christ's love and yet that together we form one united school community (see Ephesians 4 v 16), and have recently expressed our school vision as :

***“One body with many parts,***

This vision highlights the value we give to our school's wide cultural and social diversity and affirms our belief that by allowing each pupil, parent and teacher to share their talents and gifts, hopes and passions, we can best grow together and prepare our pupils for life-long learning.

Our vision is underpinned by the core values of **friendship**, **trust** and **peace**. These values orientate the way we do things in the school and find their source and strength in God's love for us.

*‘Church of England schools offer a community where everyone is a person known and loved by God, supported to know their intrinsic value.’*

**The Most Reverend Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury**

As a Church of England Primary School we have a unique opportunity to work with parents and carers to instil character and resilience through our learning and spiritual guidance, so that our children are ready to make their way in the world as robust, compassionate and confident individuals.

# THE CURRICULUM

St Barnabas and St Philip's strives to provide ambitious learning opportunities for our pupils, promoting achievement in every area and nurturing social, emotional and spiritual well-being. Our view is that it is essential that we equip our children with the knowledge and cultural capital they need to succeed in life.

In our curriculum the school has an important focus on developing early reading skills through the Phonics programme *"Read, Write, Inc"* and whilst this has only recently been embedded, significant support is being invested in the development of this area. Reading is further developed up the school through the programme *"Destination Reader"*. In Maths, the structured scheme *"Power Maths"* is part of the framework of teaching Mathematics in the school and begins in Reception.

We are also fortunate to be able to offer a strong sports provision, as a part of Physical Education lessons as well as through inter/intra-borough sports competitions. In Autumn 2021 we achieved the **Gold School Games Mark** and are already working towards achieving the Platinum award offering a broader experience of a range of sports and activities to all pupils.



## CURRICULUM IMPROVEMENT

Whilst we have been developing our curriculum in response to the pandemic and the needs of pupils, our recent Ofsted report recognised that we have much more to do to ensure that this is properly sequenced and provides challenges for all pupils. To this end, Governors have appointed an experienced external school improvement team to work with school leaders in creating and implementing an action plan to address the improvement points highlighted in the report.

The Governors are looking for our new Headteacher to have significant input into the implementation of these recommendations and the future planning of our curriculum. The Headteacher will have the chance to be truly innovative and plan a curriculum that delivers the best outcomes for pupils whilst engaging and enthusing learners of all ability levels.

# OUR COMMUNITY

## WORSHIP

As a Church of England School we believe in living our Christian Values throughout the school day, including through prayer and acts of worship. Pupils at our school are inspired to set their sights high and strive for excellence in every element of their school life. Our school enjoys strong ties with both St Barnabas and St Philip's parishes. School services are held in both churches, in addition to active collaboration in regular school collective worship.

## PARENTS, FRIENDS & STAFF ASSOCIATION

Our school is proud of its strong links with the local community of both parents and carers as well as our local parishes. Our widely supported PFSA organises a number of events throughout the year which support the school through both fundraising and strengthening the community ethos of our school.



## BEYOND THE CURRICULUM

In order to support our pupils in their pastoral development the school also offers before and after-school clubs. The Breakfast Cub offers pupils an opportunity to participate in a daily activity as well in order to prepare for the school day. At The Learning Centre after school, pupils are supported with their reading and home learning. A variety of after-school clubs are also offered to pupils throughout the week including; percussion, ballet, music, choir, sports and languages.







## OUR SCHOOL | KEY STATISTICS

**10**

TEACHING STAFF

**193**

PUPILS ON ROLL

**10**

SUPPORT STAFF

**3%**

EHCP's

**10%**

SEN SUPPORT

**42%**

EAL

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