



BECKFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Welcome to Beckford Primary School, I am delighted that you are interested in joining our school. Beckford is a school where children and families feel welcomed and that they belong.

At Beckford our motto is ***Together, we achieve.*** The children at Beckford exemplify our school motto; they show time and again that they care for and support each other; the children at our school are a true representation of our local community. They originate from many different countries, speak a large variety of languages and all learn in their own way. This diversity is a major strength of our school.

At Beckford we aim to ensure that we work with parents to give every child at the school the very best start to their education as well as supporting them to become responsible citizens in a rapidly changing and challenging world.

I hope this prospectus gives you a flavour of Beckford and how we strive to put our school values and aims into action. I would encourage you to find out more either by looking at our website (www.beckford.camden.sch.uk) or by joining us on one of our half termly guided tours of the school.

Samantha Smith MA
Headteacher





“ The school is a harmonious community. There is a culture of celebrating achievement and rewarding effort. ”

OFSTED

“ The excellent teaching at Beckford has given my daughter the confidence she shows today. ”

Parent

We celebrate every child's social and academic achievements

At Beckford we believe that every child deserves the best possible education. Learning is alive and buzzing around the school throughout the day.

Our talented staff generate a wealth of learning opportunities through our topic based curriculum. Our children develop knowledge and learning skills both at school and through a wide range of trips, visits and experiences beyond the classroom.

“ My learning is always improving and my teacher is a caring, helpful teacher. ”
Year 6 Pupil

Our children have access to excellent provision in music and sports through specialist teachers. Music and creativity are the heart and soul of the school. The school is often filled with the sound of singing or music with two school choirs, access to individual instrumentation lessons and weekly singing lessons for all children. There are also many opportunities throughout the school year for the children to perform for their families and friends.

Our curriculum includes a robust and reliable programme for basic skills in English, Maths and Science. We have very rigorous assessment systems to keep track of each child's progress throughout the year. A range of support and intervention programmes are provided so that our children are always progressing at their optimum level.





“ Time is given for pupils to develop creative ideas, particularly in music, art and creative design. ”
OFSTED

“ The children were great, and so alert. The range of things to do at the school was terrific. ”

Former pupil after visiting the school

We prepare children to make successful life choices



At Beckford we understand that we are not just educating the children of today, but the citizens of tomorrow. We encourage children to become thoughtful, caring individuals, with a balanced awareness of social, environmental and global issues. We seek to develop children's independence and awareness of others from the time they start school at the age of three or four.

Our links with schools and organisations in the UK and abroad helps to bring the curriculum to life and increase the children's understanding of different cultures and lifestyles. French is taught from the age of seven. Residential trips in Year 5 and Year 6 provide opportunities for the children to challenge their physical skills make new friends and become more independent.

Children at Beckford have a high level of impact and influence on the atmosphere of the school and are involved in decision making. They participate in the School Council, become Sports Leaders, Playground Friends and Peer Mediators and take on responsibility as School Prefects. The children initiate and run events at the school and consult annually with the Head Teacher on school improvement.

“Pupils benefit from a rich programme of activities, for example clubs, residential trips and visits.”
OFSTED



“ My school is a rating of 5 stars because we do fun workshops and fun activities. ”

Year 2 pupil



“ Imaginative ideas are explored within well-chosen topics. ”
OFSTED

“ I like lunchtime because the school councillors made it more fun. ”
Year 3 pupil



We ensure that our teaching and learning are of the highest quality

We feel that in order to provide the world class education that our children deserve we must have world class teachers and support staff. All of our staff are encouraged to develop their skills and seek training in order to help all children achieve to their full potential. We are fortunate in that we have a stable staff, with a significant number who are members of the local community.

We have an outstanding team of Governors who are our greatest supporters and ensure that the school maintains a strong strategic direction.

At Beckford we always strive to provide the best education we can for the children at the school through a clear vision. This is implemented through a school development plan focused on improving learning and teaching.

“Your strong leadership and drive for continuous improvement have ensured that pupils make good progress and achieve well.”

OFSTED






“ We couldn't be happier with the quality of education and high level of care that our two children are receiving. Both love going to school! We feel that Beckford instils a huge amount of confidence in children. ”

Parent quote



“ What I like most about my school are the teachers because they are very passionate about their job. ”

Year 5 pupil

A photograph of two young boys in school uniforms. The boy in the foreground is a Black child with short, curly hair, wearing a teal polo shirt. He is looking down at a small, fluffy yellow chick being held by an adult's hands. The boy in the background is a white child with short blonde hair, also looking at the chick. The background is slightly blurred, showing what appears to be a school hallway or classroom.

“ You ensure that pupils who do not make sufficient progress are provided with timely and effective support. In this way, using your phrase, ‘no child is left behind.’ ”

OFSTED

“ Our school is fun and you can always find a friend even if you are new. ”

Year 3 pupil

We provide a stimulating and secure environment where everyone is valued

At Beckford we have an enduring belief that our school is for children. It is a place where they can feel safe and secure and know that anything is possible for them.

We have specialist teachers and highly trained teaching assistants who work alongside class teachers to support children who have additional educational or language needs. As a consequence children with special educational needs or English as an additional language make very good progress and thrive emotionally.

“ A big thank you to all for the love, care and support you have shown my son for the past 8 years. I have seen him grow from a baby to a young man and a great deal of it has to do with your valuable work. ”
Year 6 parent

We are housed in a beautiful three storey Victorian building. Our site team ensure that the school is well maintained, attractive and secure. We continually seek to make the environment more stimulating and engaging for the children.

We are lucky to have substantial playground space. Every day, playtime is full of children having fun and staying fit. The children can choose from a wide choice of activities at lunchtime including sports and games with our professional sports coaches. We are proud to hold both the Active mark and Healthy School status. The children are actively involved in improving the playtime experience, as Playground Friends, as Sports Leaders and in planning improvements to the playground.



We create strong and lasting relationships with children, families and the local communities



“ There are planned opportunities for pupils to reflect on the issues raised by living in a multicultural, multi-faith community. ”
OFSTED



At Beckford we are proud to be the hub of our diverse community. We are a true community school and throughout the year there are a number of opportunities to celebrate our diversity and achievements. These events help to bring parents from all cultures together and strengthen our school community. Our Breakfast Club and after school activities offer a wide range of sporting, creative and learning opportunities.

We recognise parents as the first educators of all children. We know that if parents and teachers communicate well and share their expertise and knowledge, children will always benefit. As such we ensure that we work in partnership with parents visiting the home environment before a child starts at Beckford, offering parent workshops and events throughout the year and communicating regularly about the children's achievement and progress. We have an active Parent Staff Association which organises many enjoyable social and fund-raising events.

We are delighted that the children at Beckford tell us how much they enjoy school. Many of our former pupils come back to visit once they have left. They know that even after they have left us and moved on Beckford will always be their school.



“ I was very taken by the work of the students and teachers at Beckford. It's a school that would be wonderful for my son as there are many different approaches to working with the students that allow them to explore the world using their various learning styles. ”

Former pupil visiting from the USA



“ I am very pleased with the school. They seem to genuinely care. ”

Parent

We treat each other as we want to be treated

At Beckford each child is seen as a unique individual within our highly diverse and fully inclusive school culture. The culture of respect for the individual is apparent in the interactions between children, staff and parents.

We have very clear expectations for behaviour at Beckford. We have six Golden Rules that guide the children's behaviour and help them develop good moral values. Our pupils behave in a calm and reasonable manner, are polite and respectful to all in the school community, sort out any disagreements by talking things through and develop a firm commitment and a positive attitude to their work.



“ This is the best school I have visited. It has a great atmosphere. You can feel it as soon as you arrive. **”**

Prospective parent

“ Pupils told me that they always feel safe at school. **”**

OFSTED



Starting at Beckford

Admission

Beckford is a popular two form entry school and there are waiting lists in many year groups. London Borough of Camden manages admission to Reception. Application to Nursery and all "in-year" admissions can be made directly to the school.

We use Camden's admissions policy. More information about admissions is available from the school office or you can contact Camden Admissions on 0207 974 1525

Starting School

When your child starts school at Beckford you will be asked to provide us with information about your child's health as well as providing emergency contact information. You will also be asked to sign the home-school agreement which explains school and parent roles and responsibilities in supporting our children. Families of Nursery and Reception children will be visited at home prior to children starting school.

Uniform

All children are expected to wear the Beckford School uniform which is available from the school office. We also expect children to buy a book bag for school.

Attendance & punctuality

The Beckford School day begins at 8:50am and finishes at 3:30pm. For children to progress it is essential that they attend school on time, every day.

Please do visit our website for lots more information about our school
www.beckford.camden.sch.uk

To arrange a visit to Beckford contact us on 0207 435 8646

“ I would describe my school as gentle, kind, honest, helpful and most of all listening. ”

Year 2 pupil





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