

Our Philosophy of Learning and Teaching

At Beddington Infants' school we educate the whole child through an individualised approach by creating a safe, happy, nurturing and challenging provision in which your child will flourish.



Our provision is inspired by the Italian Reggio Emilia approach:

- children are respected as individuals with something valuable to say
- children have input into the direction of their learning;
- children are able to learn through experiences of touching, moving, listening, and observing;
- children have a relationship with other children and with material items in the world that they are encouraged to explore;
- children are given a variety of opportunities to express themselves.

We achieve this through

- a strong focus on high academic achievement in line with the National Curriculum for Early Years and Key Stage One
- learning opportunities organised around immediate verbal feedback
- meaningful opportunities to use and apply new learning and skills
- a buzzing, open learning environment
- regular opportunities for families to join us to learn with their children
- opportunities for children to be fully immersed in their learning
- opportunities for children to think and make decisions for themselves
- offering a broad range of daily indoor and outdoor learning experiences allowing each child to blossom as an individual
- scaffolding new learning and experiences to develop confidence enabling children to challenge themselves
- continuous opportunities to interact with and develop a respect for the environment and the community.

Information about Beddington Infants' School

Beddington Infants' School is a happy, lively school with a strong team of committed staff. Some members of staff have been in the school for a while, others are recently appointed. The children are confident and friendly and come from a variety of backgrounds. All of them live locally. No class has more than 30 children and the teaching staff are well supported by teaching assistants and learning support assistants. We make use of a wide range of other professionals including health, the learning support team and educational psychologists. We welcome teaching, NVQ, administration and work experience students.

The school was re-built in 1973 as a single story, open plan building consisting of 6 classes, a central resource area, and ICT suite and a large hall. We have a purpose built Reception block with 3 classrooms and Nursery on site. In the playground, as well as a tarmac area, we have a climbing frame, a trim trail, a sizeable piece of grass, a wildlife area, a vegetable garden and a quiet area guarded by a dragon. When the children leave Beddington Infants' School almost all of them transfer to Holy Trinity Junior School which is separated from us by a large playing field which we share. We have a strong and friendly relationship with Holy Trinity Junior School with whom we are linked by custom and practice - they are a church school and we are not.

The school was inspected by Ofsted in April '18 when it received a good report. We have been awarded Healthy School status, the Active Mark and we have just been awarded the Green Flag (eco award) for the sixth time. Although we are keen for the children to do well, we value social and emotional development as much as academic progress.

Parents are very supportive of the school and there is a thriving Parent Teacher Association. Visitors and parents are made welcome in the school and we have many parent/adult volunteers working in classrooms on a regular basis.

The Governors are committed and involved with the life of the school at many levels. They visit the school regularly and support us in a wide variety of ways to ensure that the school is the best it can be.

Beddington Infants' School is a founding member of The Sutton Education Trust – a group of 7 local schools who have formed a strong union to improve outcomes for children, families, staff and governors. Although in its infancy as a group of schools, being a member of the S.E.T. offers many and varied opportunities for all stakeholders, including cross school working. The

successful candidate will be employed by Beddington Infants' School, not the Sutton Education Trust.

The successful candidate will be well supported by our senior leadership team and a cohesive body of staff.

Please find more information on our school website. We welcome visits to the school. Please contact our school office on 020 8647 7813 or office@beddingtoninfants.org.uk. We look forward to meeting you.