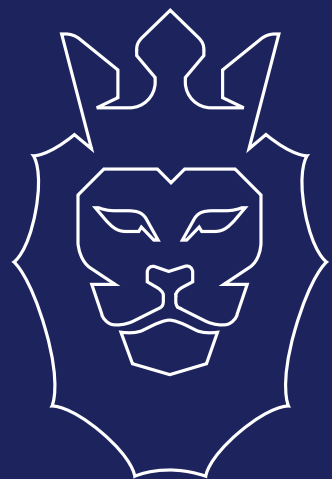




British Primary School
of Wilanow
Prospectus

The Walk of the Lion



MISSION

To serve Warsaw's international community by delivering a world-class, values-based education centred on the best of British Education.

VISION

BSW provides a holistic educational experience founded on the enjoyment of learning, self-discipline and challenge.

VALUES

Values are at the core of everything we do, and are expressed through our code of conduct, the Walk of the Lion.

COURAGE



NOBILITY



RESPECT



COOPERATION



CONSIDERATION



HOUSE SYSTEM

BSW pupils become members of a house that provides them with the opportunity for positive competition and to form relationships with teachers and pupils outside of their year group. The House System helps new pupils and staff adapt to the culture of BSW. It encourages younger children to develop maturity and older children to develop responsibility and empathy.

Our Welcome

We believe that all children have a desire to be successful and that they respond positively when this is recognised. We are passionate about offering children an exciting, stimulating and rich curriculum, based on real reasons for learning. We realise how important it is to recognise the achievements of young people in as many different ways as possible. We place value on rewarding students who make a positive contribution to school life.

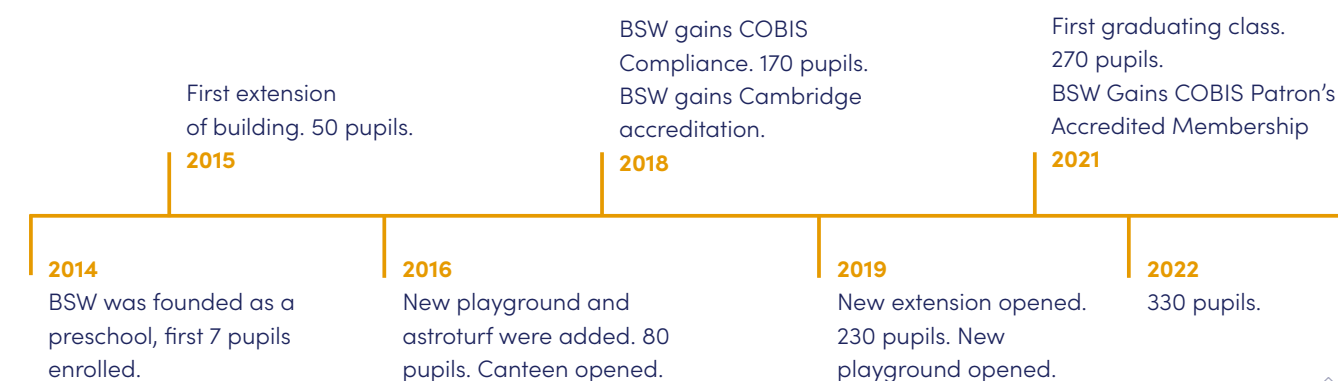
BSW serves the international community of Warsaw where all are welcome and where our values shine through. Come walk the walk of the Lion with us.

Yours faithfully,

Tom McGrath
Principal



Tom McGrath has over 20 years' experience in international education with successful headships in Poland, Portugal and the Caribbean. A graduate of University of Limerick and Trinity College Dublin, he has also completed advanced studies in Applied Linguistics, International Education and International Relations. He joined BSW in 2017.



The BSW Experience

We are passionate about providing a stimulating environment that actively engages students and makes learning enjoyable and memorable.

INTERNATIONAL STAFF

We recruit teachers directly from the United Kingdom or from British International Schools.

AN ENGLISH ENVIRONMENT

BSW promotes the use of English in all lessons and interactions in school so that our learners are immersed in a supportive, natural English language learning environment.

STUDENT DIVERSITY

BSW celebrates the many nationalities and cultures that make up its student body. There are over 35 countries represented in the school population.

SMALL CLASS SIZES

We have clear class sizes across our Early Years and Primary School. This ensures individual attention and we know our pupils very well.



SUPPORT

In addition to an international class teacher each classroom has a teaching assistant up to Year 4. In Years 5 & 6 the teaching assistant is available for 50% of the school day to support the teacher's work. This provides for an excellent quality of support and challenge. The school also has an extensive SEN Department to assist pupils needing specific support.



OUTDOOR EDUCATION

BSW endeavours to provide all pupils with opportunities to learn in the natural environment. Through PE, games, field trips and excursions, the qualities and skills of observation, reflection and the 'courage to fail' are embedded.



CARE & WELLBEING

The Walk of the Lion informs all we do at BSW. We have high expectations of our pupils in terms of courtesy, respect and behaviour and we instil these values inside and outside the classroom. We believe our care of pupils is exemplary. We pride ourselves in creating an environment where happy pupils and happy teachers achieve their best.



UNIFORM

Our pupils are our ambassadors, presenting the highest possible standards of behaviour and appearance. They look smart and elegant in our school uniform.



Our School

With its resources and ambition, BSW is creating a world class international primary school in Warsaw.



ENRICHMENT

BSW offers opportunities for our pupils to try new activities, cultivate new interests and develop skills and aptitudes which will help with their personal and academic development. We also introduce pupils to a range of charity initiatives.



TECHNOLOGY & FACILITIES

The classrooms are all equipped with multimedia screens, class computers, modern furnishings and most are air conditioned with air cleaners in all rooms. The school is fully wired for wi-fi with a dedicated optic fibre line.



CANTEEN

Healthy eating is a key part of the BSW experience. All meals and snacks are prepared on site by our professional chef and his catering staff with an emphasis on seasonal produce and a balanced diet.



TRANSPORT

BSW operates two 22-seater minibuses, offering a morning and afternoon bus service within a 6 km radius of the school. The buses also support our outdoor education initiatives, sports events and local excursions.



FOREST SCHOOL

Across the school year all pupils have the opportunity to complete a Forest school experience. This involves spending a number of hours with our Forest School staff in a local forest, learning life skills, exploring nature and working in teams.

SCHOOL DAY

The school opens at 7.30am for breakfast. For pupils not availing of breakfast entry is from 8am. Across the school day there are 7 lessons with significant time for meals and outdoor play. All pupils finish the formal school day at 3.30pm.

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

The school has ample grounds with two playgrounds, an astro turf playing area, a football field and there are ambitious plans for further sports facilities, both indoor and outdoor. Pupils are encouraged to assist in the school gardens, to grow their own food and learn about caring for plants.

SECURITY

BSW takes the security of its pupils very seriously. It has a CCTV system and lock-down technology at its entrance. The school has strict procedures for entry.

ACCREDITATIONS

BSW gained Cambridge Assessment International Education Accreditation in 2018 and can offer all Cambridge Primary Curriculum programmes and assessment. In 2018 BSW gained COBIS Compliance and since 2021 BSW is a COBIS Patron's Accredited Member. BSW is regulated and approved by the Polish Local Educational Authorities (Kuratorium) and has significant exemptions from the Polish Educational law. From Year 2 upwards Polish diplomas (świadectwo) are issued.



Our Journey



Preschool (BNW)

AGES 3-5
NURSERY, RECEPTION, YEAR 1

Our youngest lions are encouraged to develop their own individual learning skills in safe, stimulating and child-centred surroundings. BNW enjoys access to outdoor learning spaces and age-appropriate playgrounds. In Nursery & Reception pupils follow the English guided play-based approach, where teachers' detailed ongoing observation provides the main input for assessment of progress and attainment. The transition to Year 1 sees the style of learning develop naturally: whilst the excitement of discovery is undiminished, learning becomes deeper and more focused.



Lower Primary

AGES 6-8
YEARS 2-4

In Lower Primary, the Class Teacher oversees much of the curriculum and provides pastoral care, which at BSW is exemplary. Specialist teachers generally lead Gymnastics, Ballet, Music, and Physical Education. We use the National Curriculum for England as our foundation and build out through topic based enquiry and rich and exciting project work. We encourage every child, right from the start, to develop a passion for learning through deliberate enquiry, critical thinking and creativity. We place a strong emphasis on motivation as a characteristic of the successful independent learner.



Middle Primary

AGES 9-10
YEARS 5 & 6

Our emphasis is on high academic standards coupled with an extensive and varied programme of enrichment activities. We observe here rigorous, imaginative and creative teaching, and focused, independent, and dynamic learning. The curriculum is based on the National Curriculum for England, includes relevant focus on local culture and history, and is enhanced by exciting elements of topic based enquiry.



Upper Primary

AGES 11-13
YEARS 7-9

Here we focus on academic achievement, looking to inspire curiosity, creativity and compassion as we do so. The emphasis of the curriculum in these years is to ensure that pupils with a diverse range of educational backgrounds and abilities are given an equal chance to sample the full range of subjects prior to taking options in future studies. All subjects are delivered by subject specialists.



Our Community



Graduation Ceremony June 2021

I thought it was important for my children to achieve high grades. But through education at BSW, children have learned to do their best in the process, think creatively, collaborate with friends, and achieve their best performance. My children have expanded their potential at BSW and I believe this will have a positive impact on their future. My children always miss BSW and will cherish the good memories with their friends and teachers for the rest of their lives.

THE EUM FAMILY, KOREA

This school had an outstanding level of education, and what is the most influential, teachers knew how to approach our daughter. All of the events organised by students prepared them for life in high school, where you have to be responsible for yourself.

THE OLCZAK FAMILY, POLAND

BSW provides a holistic education and the care and welfare of the students is paramount. It provides a secure, safe environment for the students to flourish and develop both socially and academically.

COBIS COMPLIANCE VISIT 2022

The most memorable thing about being a teacher at BSW is the sense of community. The size of the school allows for familiarity between year groups, teachers and parents. It is a pleasure to come to work each day and be greeted by smiling, happy, confident children who aren't afraid to express their individuality.

ESTELLE BURDER, TEACHER (2017-2021)

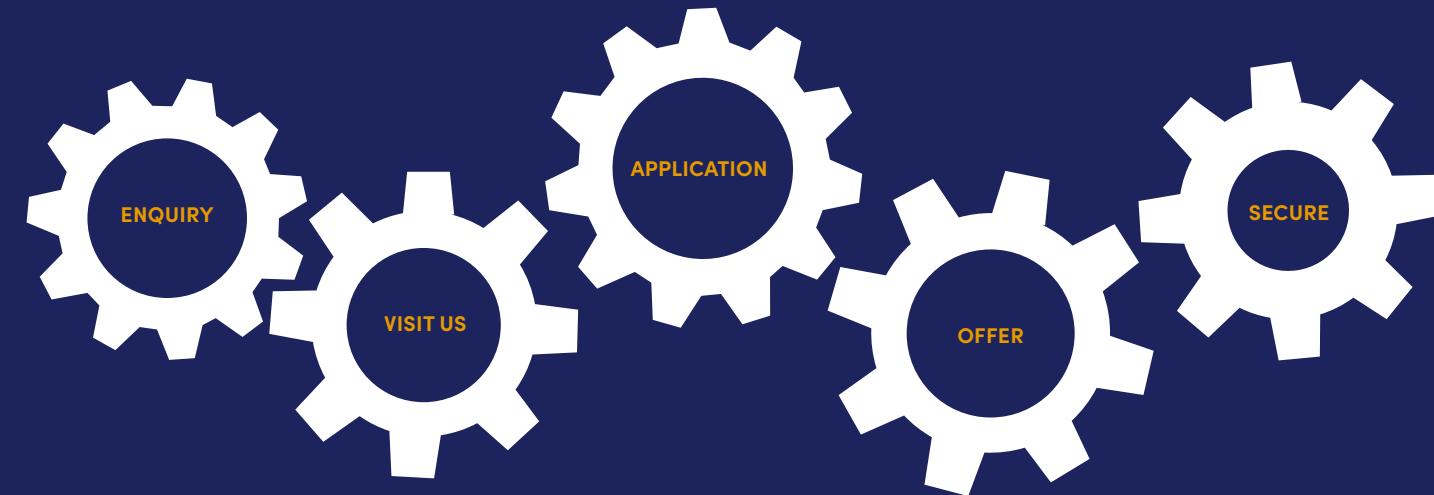
We were looking for a school that provided life values, high quality education and an international community. BSW was much more than that. The school exceeded our expectations and best of all: our four kids were very happy there.

THE BERBERT FAMILY, BRAZIL



Admissions

To book a visit to our School, an online meeting or for further information about how to apply, please visit our website and submit an enquiry. You can also email admissions@bswilanow.org or call + 48 603 422 922



STEP 1 – ENQUIRY

There are several ways to contact our Admissions office. You can make your enquiry through our web enquiry form online, email our Admissions Officer directly, or telephone the school. You will be asked a few questions to help our team provide a personalised response to your enquiry.

STEP 2 – VISIT US

Enjoy a visit to our school campus, or set up a meeting online, and have all your questions answered by our staff. You will meet the Admissions Officer, as well as a member of Senior Management and other Educational staff.

STEP 3 – APPLICATION

Completing the application is done electronically with our web application form. You will need to complete a full application form and upload the required documents to support the application. This includes evidence of previous education. In some situations we may request further information or a Trial & Assessment Day in our school.

STEP 4 – OFFER

The offer of a place is determined by several criteria, including your family's application form, previous school reports and year-group availability. The successful applicant will receive our offer letter. There is a 7 day period for you to accept our offer. You will be required to confirm your decision by email and by returning the school agreement signed by both parents.

STEP 5 – SECURE

The placement is secure when all admissions paperwork is complete and payment of the required fees has been received.

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

- An interview/meeting at school or online
- Submission of evidence of learning and behaviour from previous school
- Having been given the appropriate assessment for their age
- Completion of the medical information form and evidence of vaccinations
- Proof of Identity
- Payment of appropriate fees.



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