



Belleville
Primary School



Welcome to Belleville Primary School

School Tours



Quality First Education Trust

Welcome

Welcome to Belleville Primary School and thank you for your interest in our school.

Belleville School is a large, vibrant and inclusive school with two sites, Webb's Road and Meteor Street. In March 2022, we retained our **Ofsted 'Outstanding'** judgement which we have held since 2007, and we continue to provide an outstanding provision for the children and families on either side of Clapham Common. At the time of writing, we are the only Wandsworth primary school to have retained our 'Outstanding' grade under the current Ofsted inspection framework, and we are proud of our school and of this achievement.

Belleville has a reputation for leading the way in educational development and a relentless drive for improvement, excellence and equality, delivering a quality first education to all the children in our care. We are part of the **Quality First Education (Q1E) Trust**, a multi-academy primary Trust of four schools which was established by Belleville, and our teachers across the Q1E Trust work together to undertake training, develop the curriculum and plan lessons. Our mantra is to do **'whatever it takes'** to help every child succeed.

Children are happy and successful at Belleville and **achieve well beyond the national average**. About a third of our Year 6 leavers transfer to Ark Bolingbroke Academy (we are the largest feeder school) and a third to other state secondary schools, including into the selective stream at Graveney based on high test scores in the Wandsworth Test. The final third take up places at independent schools including Alleyn's, Dulwich College, Emanuel, James Allen's Girls' School, Putney High GDST, Streatham and Clapham High GDST, Trinity and Whitgift. We also have a number of children that receive offers for scholarships.



We offer **wrap-around care** with a breakfast club (7:30am to 9:00am) and an after-school club (3:15pm to 6:30pm) on both our sites, extra-curricular clubs with over 50 options, a programme of visiting speakers and external trips including residential trips in Years 5 and 6, and sporting competitions and festivals with other local schools. We have an established Year 4 music programme in partnership with Wandsworth Music where every child is offered the opportunity to learn an orchestral instrument and play in a musical ensemble.

The relationship between home and school is important and Belleville welcomes parent/carer support in improving the provision for our children. For those who wish to, there are opportunities to get involved with learning, trips and projects and we offer parent meetings, workshops, and resources to support your child's learning. We are also fortunate to have a very active Parent Teacher Association (PTA) and a committed Local Governing Body as part of the Belleville community.

We welcome children from throughout the local community and are ready and experienced to help your child settle in quickly, whether they join us in Nursery, Reception, or in Years 1 to 6 if there are places available.

We understand that choosing which school to send your child to is a difficult decision and are happy to answer any questions that you may have. We offer a regular programme of small group tours so you can see the school in action. Please contact the School Office on enquiries@belleville.q1e.org.uk and they will be happy to help.

We very much look forward to welcoming you and your child to Belleville Primary School.

John Budden
Executive Headteacher

Mary-Lyne Latour
Headteacher



Our values

Belleville's values (for children and staff) are represented by the word **CARE**:

Considerate: being caring, polite and fair; understanding and encouraging others;

Articulate: listening, communicating well and expressing ourselves;

Responsible: taking responsibility for ourselves and others, valuing leadership and teamwork;

Effort: the importance of participation, perseverance and resilience.

Our aim is that all children...

...are safe. Our environment is carefully considered with safety first. We place great importance on how safe the children feel in their relationships with school and our teachers. We are a "telling school" – children are encouraged to talk to an adult if they have any worries.

Ofsted say: Staff have been thoroughly trained to understand their role in keeping pupils safe. They refer any concerns they have promptly. Pupils feel safe and know how to stay safe.

...are excellent learners. From the very beginning, we encourage children to develop independence, and to learn how to listen and work with others. We talk about 'Excellent Learners' throughout the school, using child-friendly language to develop good attitudes to learning – including learning from mistakes, helping others and not giving up.



Ofsted say: Pupils engage positively with their learning and show maturity when working alone or with others. They are confident to ask for help and to help others who may need it.

...have excellent social and emotional skills.

Working with others brings challenges, especially for the youngest children. We focus on helping children develop the skills they need to build and maintain friendships, to recognise and manage their emotions, and to understand and manage change.

Ofsted say: Pupils' personal development is carefully considered. The curriculum identifies opportunities for pupils to engage in dialogue and debate. Pupils eagerly take on additional responsibilities.

... achieve and succeed. Children thrive at Belleville. We follow children's interests to engage them in learning, balancing this with exposing them to new, exciting, hands-on experiences.

Behaviour

We have very high standards of behaviour, which are achieved through high expectations and a calm, learning-focused atmosphere. We consistently encourage children to reflect on whether they are 'making the right choice'. We have a consistent behaviour system throughout the school and House system with awards for good behaviour.

House System

The aim of the House system is to foster and encourage excellent behaviour in line with our CARE and Excellent Learner values. It also encourages a healthy sense of competition and develops children's responsibilities, leadership and collaborative skills.



Ofsted say: Pupils' excellent behaviour extends beyond the classroom. Pupils show respect and kindness towards others. They behave maturely in their classrooms and around the school.

Our Curriculum

Belleville offers a carefully structured, broad and balanced curriculum throughout the school. We keep an appropriate focus on the core subjects of English and Maths, whilst also ensuring that all children benefit from a rich and diverse range of topics.

We follow the National Curriculum for all core and foundation subjects, but we extend children's learning far beyond its requirements. Our 'LEARN' approach puts Learners at the heart of an Engaging, Ambitious, Relevant and Nurturing curriculum. We want children to experience a rich, rewarding education where they achieve and succeed every day.

Extra support is provided for less and more able children, and children whose first language is not English. Constant assessment takes place to make sure that work is pitched at the right level.



Ofsted say: Leaders have planned a highly ambitious curriculum. The curriculum in all subjects matches and regularly exceeds what is expected nationally. Pupils are very well prepared for the next stages of their education.

Core subjects

We teach English and Maths in every class, every day, with additional dedicated reading time. We teach Science for two hours every week.

A focus on high-quality, engaging literature is at the root of reading and writing at Belleville. The structure of our curriculum, and our carefully chosen variety of core books, ensure that children have an excellent reading diet and support the development of excellent writing.

We have a highly structured Maths curriculum. We use the Maths – No Problem! scheme, rooted in the high-performing Singaporean 'mastery' approach. We always use real resources to solve real problems, making learning engaging and relevant.

Science at Belleville takes an enquiry approach, to develop scientific thinking. We focus on hands-on exploration and discovery, with an emphasis on the precise use of scientific vocabulary. Exciting, contemporary science projects are planned for in all year groups allowing children to explore engaging, relevant themes and questions.

Ofsted say: Reading is a high priority. Staff have been well trained to teach reading and do so with precision. This ensures that pupils read with fluency and accuracy. In mathematics, pupils apply knowledge effectively when completing calculations involving fractions, decimals, and percentages. In science, pupils understand and explain how they work the way scientists do.

Foundation subjects

Wider subjects (such as history, geography and religious education) cover a broad spectrum of local, national and worldwide topics, within and beyond the National Curriculum. We develop knowledge and understanding alongside skills of enquiry and interpretation. We engage children in global issues, such as climate change, pollution and pandemics. Our curriculum has been developed with subject specialists, drawing on subject associations and much research.

We build in exciting first-hand experiences wherever we can - exploring artefacts, talking to residents, and making the most of being in London! We arrange trips to world-class institutions such as The Museum of London, The Black Cultural Archives, Royal Parks and Historic Royal Palaces.

Specialist subjects

We have specialist teachers for music, art, PE, gymnastics, swimming, French and computing. We ensure a vibrant, progressive and ambitious curriculum for all subjects.

Our Results

Our pupil attainment is significantly above national norms in all core subjects, at all key assessment stages. Our Year 6, Key Stage 2 SATs results for 2022/23 academic year are given below.

Ofsted say: Pupils develop detailed knowledge and understanding over time. They apply this in a range of interesting projects, producing work of a very high standard. Pupils speak with enthusiasm about the rich curriculum they learn.



Ofsted say: Pupils are safe and thrive at Belleville. They are very well prepared for the next stages of their education. This is because staff consistently exemplify the school's motto of having a 'relentless drive for improvement, excellence and equality'.

	Measure (%)	National Average 2023	Belleville 2023
Reading, Writing & Maths Combined	At expected and above	59	77
	Greater Depth	8	34
Reading Test	At expected and above	73	86
	Greater Depth	29	54
Writing Assessment	At expected and above	71	86
	Greater Depth	13	41
Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling Test	At expected and above	72	85
	Greater Depth	28	54
Mathematics Test	At expected and above	73	84
	Greater Depth	24	49
Science Assessment	At expected and above	80	92



Applying for a place at Belleville

Nursery

Children start Nursery in the September of the academic year in which they will turn four. Our Nursery is a nurturing, self-contained space at the Webb's Road site. There is no nursery provision at Meteor Street. Nursery applications are made directly to the school and you can download the Belleville Nursery [application form](#) on our website. We offer 26 morning places and 26 afternoon places. You can submit a preference for mornings or afternoons, but this is not guaranteed. The allocation to either session is based on our admissions criteria. The nursery is staffed by two teachers (who job share) and two dedicated teaching assistants.

Reception

Children normally start Reception in the September of the academic year in which they will turn five. Belleville Reception offers 150 places across five classes. Each class has its own teacher, plus a dedicated full-time Nursery Nurse or Teaching Assistant. Reception classes have different lunchtimes and playtimes to the rest of the school, and each Reception class has its own dedicated outside area for learning.

If your child was born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020, you can apply to start in Reception in September 2024. Applications are made online, via Wandsworth Borough Council. To find out how to apply, please visit: www.wandsworth.gov.uk/apply-for-a-primary-school-place. Your application form must be received by **Monday 15 January 2024**. You will be notified of your primary school place by Wandsworth Council on Tuesday 16 April 2024.

Reception applications are prioritised as follows:

- Children with a Statement of Special Educational Needs or an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP) which names the school will be offered a place. Remaining places will then be allocated in the following order of priority:
- Looked-After children
- Children with an exceptional medical or social need
- Children with a sibling at the school on the date of admission
- Children of staff at the school
- Children in order of straight-line distance from home to school, as measured from our Webb's Road site.

For more information, please see the full Admissions Policy on our website at <https://www.belleville-school.org.uk/our-school/policies/>

Once you are offered a place, you can submit a preference for Webb's Road or Meteor Street, but this is not guaranteed. The allocation to either site is based on the admissions criteria.

Joining us after the start of the school year

We welcome enquiries from parents and carers who are considering moving their children to Belleville after the start of the Reception year. We do have some places in higher year groups where families have moved out of the area. Our friendly office team can provide individual advice about vacancies and waiting lists for Reception to Year 6.

Contact us

If you need any help with your application, would like to arrange a tour, or have any questions at all, please contact the Belleville School Office on **020 7228 6727** or email enquiries@belleville.q1e.org.uk

