



## Beckingham Primary School

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"Ensuring every child succeeds and THRIVES becoming a life-long learner, prepared for the world of tomorrow"

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Dear Parents/Carers,

### A year in review

I cannot believe that another year has almost ended at Beckingham, in what has now become my final year here. As always, we have provided the highest quality of provision and care for your children and, like last year, I wanted to report on some of these areas as we go on to ask for your feedback once more.

### Some upcoming improvements

**Old School Building:** Over the last 3-years, starting the process over the summer of 2021 with Notts. CC, I have been working with the County Council and Arc Partnership to acquire the funding needed to renovate the Old School House. We have been successful in this and they plan to begin the work over the autumn term. Initially, the budget was set to £450,000 to renovate the space, however they now plan to spread the work over two financial years, which will result in the spend potentially doubling. This will be a phenomenal development for our popular school and will create real scope to create more useful space within the school. They will begin examining the roof and floor over the summer, in preparation to commence the work. I am so very proud to have achieved this and know it will make a real impact on the future of the school.

**Fencing:** Over the summer holidays, having been granted permission from The Beckingham Institute, we will be installing a large, green fence between the split sites in place of the wooden, slatted fence. This will make movement between the two sites much easier for the staff and children.

### Safeguarding & well-being of the children

As a school, we continue to ensure that all pupils at Beckingham feel safe, as pupils who feel safe make happy learners. In the Spring Term, I met with the children and discussed the OFSTED pupil questionnaire which they completed independently using a Microsoft form. The children were able to articulate that as a school we teach them how to be safe, both in and outside of school through a number of areas. Some of these included:

- Water safety training – through swimming lessons and external visitors;
- Through our robust PSHE and RSE curriculum – Jigsaw – which educates the pupils around healthy relationships and choices;
- Bikeability and road safety training workshops/training with VIA;
- Develop resilience through residential;
- Employing a qualified counsellor to support on working with specific pupils on a weekly basis;
- Firework safety visits from the Fire Service;
- Visits from the police to talk about e-safety, knife crime and anti-social behaviour;
- Science lessons, which teach how to live a healthy lifestyle; and,
- Regular fire drills to know how to react whenever there was a fire.

It is unsurprising, given the feedback that once again the statistics from the questionnaire were high in these areas, with the following result:

- **100%** of pupils **felt safe** at Beckingham;
- **100%** of pupils felt there was an **adult with whom they could talk** to if they were worried;
- **100%** of the pupils stated that **teachers listen** to what they have to say in lessons;

- **98%** of pupils said they **enjoyed learning** at this school;
- **100%** of pupils explained we encourage them to **look after their physical, emotional and mental health**;
- **100%** of pupils explained that they are **encouraged to respect people from other backgrounds** and treat everyone equally; and,
- **100%** of pupils would consider **recommending the school** to a friend!

### Behaviour and bullying

At Beckingham, we approach cases of inappropriate behaviour and bullying very seriously. As a school, we take a positive approach to behaviour management and make attempts to celebrate the successes of pupils for their good behaviour choices and swiftly deal with any incidents of pupil dispute. We aspire to ensure that we utilise the strong working relationships with you as parents when lapses of poor behaviour occur. The questionnaire again acknowledged this positive work:

- **68%** of pupils answered that **bullying does not happen** at Beckingham;
- **23%** of pupils stated that **when instances occur teachers are really good at resolving it**;
- **6%** of children stated that **when it happens teachers are good at resolving it**; and,
- This means that **96%** either felt **bullying was not a problem** and that it was dealt with well.

### Clubs and Activities

We continue to offer a range of wider curriculum opportunities for our children, as well as delivering the full range of subjects set out in the National Curriculum, and this year has been no exception. Some of these have included:

- A continued offer of a wraparound care provision for all children, often having a particular focus including crafting, cooking and gardening;
- A number of sports clubs, including football on a Tuesday and multi-sports on a Wednesday;
- A competitive football league for pupils, through the Schools FA Cup;
- Specialist teaching through links with Gainsborough Trinity, School's swimming, Retford Gymnastics and the music service (Ukulele and Violin lessons for KS2 pupils);
- The Year 5 and 6 residential to PGL;
- The Year 3 and 4 residential to Edwinstowe;
- Maths and STEM opportunities with QEHS;
- Visiting QEHS to review the contents of our library to support the UKS2 pupils with a greater range of high-quality texts;
- Educational visits (Pantomime, Austerfield Study Centre, National Holocaust Centre, Retford and Gainsborough Museums etc.);
- A weekly Year 3 and 4 reading club, to promote reading for pleasure;
- Before school booster sessions for Year Six, 3 x mornings a week since January, in Maths, Reading and Grammar;
- Participation in a local schools' swimming gala and the Rotary Swim-a-thon;
- A school choir and Young Voices; and,
- Other after school events such 'Onesie Upon a time...' and discos.

### Communication and parental engagement

At Beckingham, we continue to value the support you offer your children and how you relish the opportunities to create memories with them. This year we have continued these opportunities, offering a wide spectrum of occasions for you to come into school to support your children and to find out more about your children's learning. Some of these have included:

- Parent workshops for RSE, SATs, EYFS and Phonics;
- Stay and play opportunities for parents to attend in FS2 with their children to engage in pupil learning;
- Christmas and Easter craft events;

- Christingle and Harvest Festival at All Saint's Church;
- The Christmas and up-coming Summer Fayre;
- Parent's evenings and half-termly progress reports;
- An open door policy from staff through facilitating regular meetings with parents for pupils to discuss concerns and achievement, as well as regular meetings for children with SEND needs;
- Mother's and Father's Day lunches;
- The Sport's Day picnic; and,
- Updates via letter, Dojo, Facebook or text message.

As I depart, the team and I have already timetabled many of the events you are familiar with. Needless to say, I am certain under a new Headteacher there might be further opportunities for you to make suggestions regarding the schools onward journey.

### **Parent View – Scan the QR code attached**

Typically, I have often issued a paper 'Parent View' questionnaire for you all to complete, however this year, as we await OFSTED, please do take the time to complete the OFSTED parent questionnaire, and should you have any suggestions for further development and improvement, please do contact myself via the school office using [office@beckingham.notts.sch.uk](mailto:office@beckingham.notts.sch.uk).

Thank you again for your continued support and have a wonderful summer break.

Yours faithfully,



Mr. P. Phillips  
Head teacher



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