



Bedford Primary School Prospectus

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Welcome to Bedford Primary School — a Southport Learning Trust school

Welcome to Bedford Primary School, a member of the Southport Learning Trust family of schools.

As a strong Trust we have a vision to improve the life chances of all the children we serve through collaboration as a group of ambitious schools that are all based within the locality of Sefton.

'Team Bedford' epitomises our vision, going the extra mile to provide an ambitious and enriched curriculum enhanced by dedicated pastoral support for all pupils.

Celebrating the talents and abilities of all pupils is core to our purpose and at Bedford this is a daily occurrence as you will see in the 'Bedford Bugle'

newsletter and on the school's social media. Bedford Primary School prides itself on being at the heart of and connected with its community which is central to our mission as a Trust. Bedford Primary is an inspiring learning environment, and I would encourage any parents and carers of prospective pupils to visit the school and see it in action.



Ian Raikes

CEO - Southport Learning Trust



Message from the Headteacher



At Bedford Primary School we believe that every child is unique and that every child matters. This sentiment is at the heart of everything we do for the children who are part of our school community. We continuously work hard to ensure that our school remains a special place where children feel happy, safe and loved.

We are committed to breaking down barriers and providing equal opportunities for everyone. We know that inclusivity and appreciating and celebrating diversity is essential to ensure every child in our school thrives and achieves their best outcomes.

The staff at Bedford Primary are dedicated, hard working and united in our aim to bring out the best in all of our children. By setting high standards, expectations and challenging goals, we grow aspirations and build self-belief and confidence in the children within our care. We also nurture creativity, resilience and a drive to excel and achieve.

We believe that working in partnership with our families is essential to the success of each child and the whole school community. We work hard to create and foster strong relationships with our families and know that a collaborative approach benefits everyone, especially our children.

Bedford Primary is situated at the heart of a vibrant and diverse local community. We are proud of the connections and relationships we have with other organisations, businesses and members of the community, and regularly work together with them to create opportunities and experiences for our children.

I very much look forward to welcoming you to our school.

Mrs Ruth Braithwaite
Headteacher – Bedford Primary School



“Pupils feel safe and happy in school. They clearly enjoy being part of ‘Team Bedford’. They get on well with their teachers and enjoy spending time with their friends.”

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An inspiring and engaging curriculum for all

At Bedford Primary School we recognise that the curriculum we deliver is the toolkit we send our children out into the world with. It reflects our context, core values and the kind of citizens we want them to be. We have to be ambitious for our children and prepare them for a rapidly changing digital world.

Our Bedford curriculum is constantly evolving and is planned around the distinctive needs of our children. It is built upon the following key principles:

- **Reflecting our unique local context and our city rich in culture**
- **Meeting the needs of, and being ambitious for, our Team Bedford pupils**
- **Building cultural capital and broadening the horizons of our pupils**
- **Exposing our children to a range of high-quality texts, including an array of poetry and wider reading opportunities**

The use of technology and hands-on practical experiences is also carefully woven into our curriculum to enhance teaching and learning.

We ensure that there is equality of opportunity for every child in our care. We promote curiosity, speaking and listening, the asking of questions and the ability to clearly articulate the learning that is taking place.

We provide a fully inclusive, broad and balanced curriculum that allows all pupils to develop the skills needed to feel empowered in all lessons.

Our highly-experienced staff are knowledgeable about the curriculum content they deliver and are passionate about sharing it with our children. Pupils make links to prior learning and understand how each part of the carefully planned curriculum journey for each subject is connected. We strive to make every lesson relevant, interesting and engaging for our children and employ methods that work for them. We believe this is the key to successful learning and produces enthusiastic, motivated and engaged learners.

"Leaders have put in place a broad and engaging curriculum which is well developed and embedded in most subjects and is ambitious for all pupils, including those with SEND."

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Caring and nurturing pastoral support

At Bedford Primary School inclusion, diversity and understanding are the foundations of our approach to supporting our children and their families. We strive to ensure that all children feel safe, secure and valued as individuals and as members of 'Team Bedford'. Each of these elements is vital in ensuring that children feel able and ready to engage with teaching and learning.

We have a dedicated Pastoral Team who work closely with senior leaders to play a fundamental role in helping all of our children to achieve their true potential. Our experienced pastoral staff are committed to offering advice, support and guidance.

Every member of our school community is guaranteed a warm welcome and a listening ear.

In addition, the team works closely with a wealth of valuable support services within the local community and can signpost families to appropriate support where and when it is necessary.

For children who may have a special educational need, we also offer a range of support, pathways, additional resources and/or provision beyond that of the classroom.

Our school SEND Co-ordinator is highly experienced in supporting students who have specific learning needs and will work closely with families to

support their child's journey every step of the way as they progress through school.

Bedford Primary is proud to have a diverse school population and we embrace and celebrate the different cultures and wide range of nationalities that make our school a community.

We also recognise and value the cultural, linguistic and educational experiences that our children who have English as an additional language bring to our school. Bedford Primary is credited as a School of Sanctuary and actively promotes the principles that underpin this recognition.



"Pupils learn about and celebrate the diversity within their school and community. They develop a keen sense of fairness and social awareness."

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“Leaders are keen to broaden pupils’ cultural experience through interesting trips and a good range of out-of-school activities.”

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Enhancing learning

To support their personal development, foster their interests and grow aspirations, the children at Bedford Primary School enjoy a wide range of learning experiences outside of the classroom and beyond the school day.

Throughout the academic year, our after-school programme aims to offer something to capture the interests of all pupils, whether this be within sporting, musical or other creative endeavours.

We take the time to identify the interests and passions of our children and develop provision with this in mind. After-school activities are an integral and positive part of school life here at Bedford and they give our children another opportunity to shine.

We also recognise that opportunities to learn beyond the classroom can play a key role in broadening the horizons and developing the cultural capital of our children. With this in mind, we work closely with a number of community partners to ensure that our offer remains rich and varied.



“There are plenty of activities to develop pupils’ interests and talents beyond the school day. Pupils like being part of school sports teams or singing in the choir. They are enthusiastic about looking after the environment and enjoy taking part in projects in the local community.”



Building blocks for the future

At Bedford Primary School we are passionate about building aspirations, and take time to instil in our children a firm belief that they can achieve their dreams and fulfil their ambitions.

A strong partnership with our local secondary schools provides our children with an insight into learning beyond the primary school setting and paves the way for future opportunities. We regularly partake in a variety of different activities including science and computing workshops, sporting or mathematical competitions, art shows and drama performances.

Strong partnerships also ensure a smooth transition from Bedford Primary to the secondary schools chosen by our children and their families for the next stage of their educational journey. We realise the enormity of this transition and the impact it has on our children. We recognise the importance of effective support and communication at this key point to ensure that children progress to the setting that is right for them.

If you would like to visit Bedford Primary we would be delighted to welcome you to our school. To arrange an appointment please contact the School Office on 0151 922 1467 or email admin@bedfordps.co.uk.



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**"Bedford Primary is a really friendly school.
I like the lessons and I learn lots."**

Elsie-May Year 3

**"At Bedford Primary I can talk to my friends
or teachers if I need help. I feel safe in school."**

Poppy Year 5