



**Beccles**
Primary Academy

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Inspiring Minds, Expanding Horizons



FOREWORD: MRS HEATHER THORNE, HEADTEACHER, SAYS:

I am very proud to welcome you to our wonderful school.

Extensive grounds

We are a vibrant school hidden away on the north side of Beccles with extensive grounds, busy classrooms and happy children.

Making the most of every opportunity

Our children are the focus of our work, and we believe in the individual talents of each and every one of them. No one knows what amazing things our children could go on to achieve in later life and it is our job to provide them with the skills to make the most of every opportunity put before them.

Passionate about learning

We are passionate about nurturing a lifelong love of learning in our children. Our Mission Statement 'Inspiring Minds, Expanding Horizons' is at the heart of everything we do.

Approachable and supportive

At Beccles Primary Academy we like to think of our school community as one big family. You will find all our staff to be approachable, willing to help and supportive in any way they can as we all have the same goal; *to ensure our children have the best possible start in life.*

Inclusive

We embrace individuality and seek to make every child's educational journey a positive and inspirational experience. Our inclusive classrooms support children of all abilities and tailor our curriculum to meet their needs.

Modern school

We are part of the REACh2 Academy Trust which promotes strong cultural, social values and an innovative, up-to-date curriculum for its schools.

Our Vision

We encourage you to come and see for yourself what an amazing school we are!

"You have brains in your head,

You have feet in your shoes,

You can steer yourself

any direction you choose" – Dr Seuss

Get in touch

If you wish to hear more about what we can offer your child, please contact us for more information or an appointment to meet me. Telephone on 01502 713281 or email: office@becclesacademy.org



SCHOOL DAY: SETTLING IN

School hours

Soft Start 8.30am-8.50am

Breakfast club

Our breakfast club runs from 7.30am each day. Children are fully supervised and have a choice of cereals, toast and a drink of water, juice or milk. After breakfast, they can take part in a variety of games and activities before the start of the school day.

Uniform

We believe that it is important for children to come to school in uniform and to look smart, and we ask for parents to support us in this matter. Our uniform consists of:

- Red sweatshirt or cardigan.
- Black or grey trousers or skirt.
- White polo shirt.
- Black shoes.
- Year 6 pupils also wear a tie.

Food in school

The lunch provided in our school consists of a hot two-course meal, offering a choice of main courses, vegetables, salads and desserts. A cold lunchbox option is also available. The menu for the week to come is displayed in the noticeboard as you come into school. The menus are designed to be tempting and healthy and offer choice for vegetarians with some special diets available.

Free school meals

Whilst all children in Reception Class, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to receive a free school meal under the Universal Free School Meal entitlement, parents/carers are strongly encouraged to also complete a free school meal application form as each child eligible for a Free School Meal based upon parent/carer income attracts a "Pupil Premium" for the school which is provided by Central Government and equates to a cash amount for your child's School. This is then used to support children's education through the provision of additional teachers, Learning Support Assistants and resources.



CREATIVE CURRICULUM: A FIRM FOUNDATION FOR LEARNING

Our curriculum is more than the timetabling of lessons. It is embedded in the day-to-day life of our school, from assemblies to play time, educational visits to school productions. We aim for our curriculum to be vibrant and exciting, bringing learning to life through a real context.

Priority on progress

We strive to be the very best we can be for our children and the community of which we are part. While we will always prioritise our children's academic outcomes and progress, we believe that we offer more than just academic focus. We want our children to be ready for all of life's challenges and to be able to grasp every opportunity that comes their way; we believe that this can only come about by enabling a curriculum that focuses on building a range of key skills as well as deep knowledge and personal development. Our curriculum is shaped by four key :

1. We are safe.
2. We are healthy.
3. We are learning.
4. We are prepared.

Safety first

We believe that we need to weave each of the four through every minute of every day if we are to meet our vision and ensure that all of our children are ready for the next stage in their development when they leave Beccles Primary Academy. At the very heart of what we do is to ensure that children feel safe. When we achieve this, we know that children will be confident to take responsibility for their physical and mental health and learn effectively.

The biggest part of our curriculum is focused on the core academic elements of learning through our delivery of the National Curriculum. In addition, our 'We are prepared' framework provides opportunities to develop and apply knowledge and skills outside the National Curriculum.

Thrive

We are a Thrive school. Thrive is an approach to support and encourage the development of confident, curious, creative and capable children and young people who are open to learning and better equipped to deal with life's ups and downs.

ENRICHED CURRICULUM

Life is an adventure

We want our children to have experiences beyond the ordinary, to push what they believe they could do, develop skills and attitudes to benefit their lives for many years to come.

11 before 11

Each child's life is an adventure. If your children start school with us in Early Years and stay with us until the end of Year 6, they will benefit from our REACh2 initiative of 11 before 11 promises, which are:

- Seed To Supper.
- 10 Good Deeds.
- Flashmob Dance.
- Hiking Heroes.
- Sleeping Under The Stars.
- Ride a Large Animal.
- Cross a Border.
- Messing About On The Water.
- Shake it Up Shakespeare.
- Make or Break a REACh2 Record.
- Create Something Amazing.

Music

Our Music provision includes specialised teaching for the curriculum as well as opportunities to partake in singing lessons as well as Rocksteady Music School, which gives children the chance to try out a range of instruments and find out which suits them best.

Sport and P.E.

Our P.E. is provided by a specialised instructor. We team up with local schools for tournaments (football, rounders etc) and with our REACh2 Local cluster of schools for sporting events such as Olympics & Paralympics Festivals. We offer a wide range of extra-curricular sports clubs including basketball, gymnastics, athletics, dodgeball and football.

ADMISSIONS AND GETTING INVOLVED

ADMISSIONS

By law children must start statutory education full time from the beginning of the term following their fifth birthday. Beccles Primary Academy is a non-selective school which is open to any child. Application for a place at Beccles Primary Academy should be made through the School Admissions Team at Suffolk County Council:

- Email: admissions@suffolk.gov.uk
- Telephone: 0345 600 098
- Address: The Admissions Team, Endeavour House, 8 Russell Road, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP1 2BX
- Website: www.suffolk.co.uk

Otherwise, you may contact the school office directly to enquire about making an application for a place at our school. Email: office@becclesacademy.org

In Year Applications

If you are looking for a place in another year group, please contact the school in the first instance and ask for an appointment to look round. The school office will then provide you with further details on how to apply.

GETTING INVOLVED

Helping Hands at Beccles Primary Academy

Our PTA is called Helping Hands and is formed of volunteers who arrange many events to raise funds for the school. Everyone is welcome to join and give as much or as little time as they can. The money raised makes a big difference to the resources we can provide for our children.

Governorship

We have a full and active Governing Body, which includes Parent Governors as well as representatives from staff and the local community. The Governing Body has a range of duties and powers and a general responsibility for the conduct of the school with a view to promoting high standards of educational achievement including setting targets for pupil achievement, managing the school's finances, making sure the curriculum is balanced and broadly based, appointing staff and reviewing staff performance and pay. Vacancies for Parent Governors are advertised as they arise.

Volunteers

We value the contribution of parents and family and we actively encourage your help during the school day. Parents and family are welcome to come in and help with a variety of activities which include reading with our children, helping children to choose a new book, and art and craft sessions. We accept all help gratefully.



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