RESPECTFUL • RESPONSIBLE • REFLECTIVE • RESILIENT

Welcome to Balfour Primary School

Ofsted Good Provider

A nurturing community where every child belongs, learns and thrives.



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A note from Alan Gunn

HEADTEACHER



As Head Teacher, I am incredibly proud to lead Balfour Primary School—a vibrant community where kindness, care, and belonging define our Balfour Family.

Our core values of **respect, responsibility, reflectiveness, and resilience** shape everything we do, guiding our children to become thoughtful, well-rounded citizens who embrace diversity and make a positive difference in the world.

We are a friendly, nurturing community dedicated to fostering a lifelong love of learning. Our passionate staff are committed to ensuring the very best outcomes for every child, academically and socially. We celebrate each child's unique strengths, encouraging them to reflect on their learning and develop the resilience needed to overcome challenges.

At Balfour, we value holistic development through sporting, musical, and artistic opportunities, plus clubs before and after school. We're proud to engage actively in our local community through projects and enriching experiences.

Our curriculum makes the most of our unique site, including our Nature School, which enhances our Climate Change Curriculum and nurtures environmental awareness. Children explore important global issues such as environmental change, inequality, and poverty, developing knowledge and skills to make a real impact.

By working in partnership with families we inspire every child to make excellent progress and develop their interests and talents.

I warmly invite you to visit, meet our wonderful children and staff, and see how our values prepare children for the opportunities and challenges ahead.

Alan Gunn

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Headteacher

> "Pupils are happy at this inclusive, vibrant school.
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About our school

> "We've loved everything about our year at Balfour... We couldn't have asked for a better first year at school. It's been such a nurturing, encouraging & fun environment from the get go."

Balfour Primary School is a larger-than-average primary school, with close to 700 children aged 4-11 on roll. In December 2023, Ofsted judged our school to be 'Good', capturing the real nature of our "vibrant and inclusive school" where children are happy, hard-working and eagerly engaged in their learning. We are particularly proud that inspectors recognised our ambitious curriculum for all children.

Set within the stunning 69-acre Surrenden Campus - home to a playgroup, two secondary schools, a special school and a sixth form college - our school comprises two separate buildings surrounded by well-equipped outdoor learning areas. Buntings, an independent nursery, is also located on site.

We make excellent use of our extensive grounds, offering Nature School provision for all children, dedicated outdoor learning spaces for each Key Stage 1 year group, and a wide range of sporting opportunities.

As a larger-than-average primary school, we provide an extensive range of experiences for our children, while our split-site layout ensures no child feels overwhelmed.



Our Vision

Success for everyone in a school with a strong sense of belonging.

Our Values

As selected by our students, families, and the local community:

Respectful
Be kind and fair to others.

Resilient
Keep trying even when things are hard.

Reflective
Think about how to get better and learn from mistakes.

Responsible
Make good choices and take care of their learning.



Our Educational Philosophy & Curriculum

At Balfour, we have carefully crafted our curriculum to ensure all children experience a wide variety of activities with an assurance of success. Our curriculum is appropriately challenging, engages children in the learning process, and is delivered with purpose and rigour by teachers.

We aim to help each pupil fulfil their potential through a rich, creative, and enquiry-based approach. We focus on teaching children how to learn and become successful lifelong learners with high self-esteem and resilience for the challenges of the 21st century.

Children's learning experiences are carefully planned to reflect their development, interests and needs. We have high expectations of all children, ensuring that effort and achievement are both valued and rewarded. Our goal is for children to become responsible members of the school and wider communities.

Our Early Years approach is based on learning through play within carefully resourced environments. 'Continuous Provision' allows children to extend and explore their learning while skilled adults facilitate and maximise learning. This develops independent, curious and resilient learners. Nature School and sporting activities are offered throughout.

We have extended this approach into Year 1, where children learn through Continuous Provision both indoors and outdoors, ensuring high engagement before gradually moving to more independent and structured learning.



Inclusion and Equality

As a school with Inclusion and Equality at its heart, we create an atmosphere of mutual support, understanding and respect, underpinned by our whole-school values and lifelong learning attributes, enabling all to flourish as individuals and creative thinkers.

We build on our similarities and seek enrichment from our differences, promoting understanding to create cohesive communities. We recognise our equality duties under the Equality Act 2010 and aim to:

- Foster positive attitudes towards diversity and strong relationships across different backgrounds, genders, cultures, faiths, abilities and ethnicities
- Ensure equal access and opportunity within our school and the wider community
- Prevent all forms of discrimination, harassment and victimisation

Our Disability Access Plan (available on our website) addresses how we:

- Enable disabled pupils to participate fully in the curriculum
- Enhance our physical environment to improve access to education, facilities and services
- Provide accessible information in formats that meet disabled pupils' needs



What sets Balfour apart?

Outdoors

- Nature School for every child, every year
- Green Flag award
- 69-acre shared campus

Sports

- Lawn Tennis School of the Year
- Platinum School Games Mark Award
- City and regional champs in many sport (girls' football, athletics, etc.)

Student Leaders

- Pupil Parliament
- Play Leaders
- Child-led clubs

Academics

- EYFS data 80% (national 63%)
- Y1 Phonics 94.4% (national 82%)
- Y6 Reading, Writing and Maths combined 75% (National 63%)

Music

- Fully stocked music room
- Samba band, choir and orchestra
- Numerous peripatetic music teachers

Community

- 20+ different after school, wraparound and holiday clubs
- Pantry available to all families
- Community events all year

"A nurturing small school feel, with BIG school opportunities!"



Before & After School Childcare is Available

We have an in-house breakfast club which starts at 7:30 each morning. We also have a daily afterschool club provided independently by Pioneer, also Ofsted registered. In addition, we have a number of before and after school clubs which take place across the school. (Extra charges apply.) These clubs are run by staff, volunteers and/or external organisations. In addition, we have many lunchtime clubs which are set up & run by students with the support of a staff member.

Run by staff:

- **Breakfast Club**
- **After the Bell (After School Club KS1)**
- Balfour Football Academy
- Brighton Galaxy Girls Football
- El Club Lopez (Spanish)
- Balfour Futsal Academy

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Run by external organisations:

(not affiliated with the school)

- Pioneer Childcare (After School Club)
- Gymnastics
- Art Club
- Young Engineers
- Drama
- Cricket
- Albion in the Community (Football)
- Cheer Stars (Cheerleading)
- Karate
- Basketball
- Taekwondo
- Fencing
- Animation



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