



DISTINCTIVE NATURE OF THE SCHOOL

Mission Statement

For our children to be the best that they can be and become successful learners, responsible citizens and confident individuals.

The Oak Academy Trust

On the 1st of July 2015 the school converted to an academy primary school and set up 'The Oak Academy Trust' – a multi-academy trust with Barnham Primary School as the first and flagship school. Since the conversion the Trust has developed strong partnerships with both MATs and maintained schools, as well as other educational partners. Academisation has been an enabling, empowering and exciting step for the school community and one that was taken in order to design a future for our children which has their needs at the centre of all that we do and which provides flexibility in order to adjust and adapt to priorities as they arise and the ever shifting landscape of our community.

School Motto

Barnham Pupils Shine

School Mascot

The school mascot was designed by one of our pupils and is used throughout the school and in communications.

Heritage

The school has links with the local churches and with locality partners and charitable organisations. The school continues to develop effective relationships with our parents, carers and families in order to help provide them with appropriate support and guidance if required.

<http://www.britishpathe.com/video/barnham-chronicle>

Partnerships

At Barnham we are incredibly passionate about our educational role at the heart of the local community, and believe that we should be responsible in providing an environment that is increasingly sustainable and focused on continuing to develop links with schools within the Villages Locality as well as developing links with schools and organisations within the county and beyond. Since 2021 we have worked in partnership with the GLF Teaching Hub to provide their professional qualification for leaders, as well as leading training on emotional and behavioural development for Key Stage 1 practitioners. We are a founding member of the West Sussex CEO Alliance, as well as joining with another local MAT to form a collaborative school improvement partnership. Plus, we are a strategic member of the NOVIO – SEND hub. Hampshire County Council act as our moderators. For School Improvement we work with a variety of providers depending upon the improvement area required.

Location

Our school serves a suburban community of mixed housing. Located at the heart of the 'Six Village Area', the school lies on the Sussex coastal plain between Chichester, Arundel, Littlehampton and Bognor.





Approximately a quarter of our pupils come from out of catchment. Of those many commute from Yapton, Eastergate, Westergate and Arundel. Other places pupils commute from include: Aldingbourne, Walberton, Chichester, Fontwell and Bognor. The school is currently placed in IDACI and IMD groups 4 for KS2 and KS1, with 22% of households falling into 'High Social Class Households'. Yapton where 10% of our pupils commute from, is currently a ward recognised as being in the 20% most deprived wards nationally.

Local housing developments are rapidly increasing in number and size around the Barnham and Six Villages area. A Local Plan is in place which has at the centre of its goals; improvements for health, education and social care. However, until these additional services come on line, increased pressure is being placed on front line services such as our school, to manage and support the increase in need of the families joining the community.

Groups

The school is a slightly larger-than-average primary school with a very stable roll. Most pupils are White British. Few pupils are from minority ethnic backgrounds or speak English as an additional language, although this is an area of positive growth over the past few years and continues to rise, resulting in our school community becoming increasingly diverse. The proportion of pupils known to be eligible for the pupil premium is low when compared to the national average, but has increased in recent years. The proportion of disabled pupils and those who have special educational needs supported through SEND Support is well above average. The proportion of children supported with a statement of special educational needs or Education Health Care Plans is well above the national average. The individual needs of these children has become more complex in recent years and has changed the pupil demographics of the school. There is an on-site unit for pupils with physical disabilities/ complex medical needs and speech and language difficulties (see our Local Offer on the school's website). Currently, there are 315 pupils on roll with 45 children in Year R, 45 children in Year 1, 45 children in Year 2, 46 children in Year 3, 45 children in Year 4, 45 children in Year 5 and 45 children in Year 6. The school has a PAN of 45 and is organised as follows:

2 Year R Classes

1 Year 1 Class

1 Year 1 and 2 Class

1 Year 2 Class

1 Year 3 Class

1 Year 3 and 4 Class

1 Year 4 Class

1 Year 5 Class

1 Year 5 and 6 Class

1 Year 6 Class





Inclusion

	2023	2024	2025
Children with Statements/EHCPs	6%	6.6%	6.8%
Children at SEND Support	16%	18.3%	17.4%
Total	22%	24.9%	24.4%
PPG	11.4%	11.6%	12.4%

Barnham Primary School is an inclusive school and we pride ourselves on our inclusive values, the heart of which is ensuring increasing participation and outcomes for all children. We are proud of our skills in being able to support and develop children who have specific learning needs, particularly those children who have physical disabilities and speech and language needs. The school has developed a very positive reputation both locally and county wide for inclusion and high quality provision and understanding of children with SEND, and we are asked regularly by the area SEND Hub and by the locality schools to work with them to support staff development and raise standards for SEND provision in their schools. The school's SEN Information report can be found on the school website or via the Local Authority's local offer:

<http://barnhamprimaryschool.co.uk/pages/docs>

<https://westsussex.local-offer.org/services/69>

Our positive and proactive approach to Inclusion brings with it many challenges and pressures that we as a school work tremendously hard to overcome and find solutions for. This has resulted in the school community becoming further complex and challenging as the breadth and amount of need has increased over time.

Special Support Centre

SSC

Barnham Primary School has an SSC (known as The Orchard) funded for 12 children with physical disabilities (including visual impairment) and speech and language needs. The children from the SSC are taught in mainstream classes but receive enhanced support from experienced staff and outside agencies, including regular visits from Speech and Language Therapists and Physiotherapists, and QTVIs. Regular visits from the Sensory Support team, Moving and Handling team and Occupational Therapy teams also provide expert advice for increasing outcomes for pupils. The SSC has a wet room with H-frame hoist, physio plinth and disabled toilet. It also has a physiotherapy/intervention room with H-frame hoist and a variety of physiotherapy equipment including corner seats, benches, physio mats and gym balls. Where appropriate, children from the SSC access physiotherapy and postural management strategies within the mainstream classrooms to maximise learning opportunities.

Our Curriculum

Our curriculum is ever evolving and adapting to meet the needs of our various cohorts with its primary aims of helping our children be successful, confident and responsible. We continue to work in order for our curriculum to adapt as our children grow, with our staff team working both collectively and with individual responsibility to move it forward. A key focus has been the evolution of the pastoral part of the curriculum which





is called 'Shine'. This is an area which is centred on the aim of helping all our pupils shine individually, as part of a team and within a community now and in the future.

Ofsted Rating

Our most recent Ofsted Inspection took place in April 2024 with the outcome being that the school continues to be a 'Good' school. The areas of Behaviour and Attitudes and Personal Development were reported to be exceptional.

Pupil Outcomes

Our school is highly successful and the sustained and high pupil outcomes for published results in Year 6 reinforce this. Our goal is for every pupil to realise their potential, whatever their starting point and this aim is being consistently achieved.

2022 – 2025 Average	Reading	Writing	Maths	GPS	Combined
BPS	88%	81%	85%	85%	72%
National	74%	71%	72%	72%	61%

