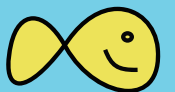


**Bridport Primary School**







## Welcome to Bridport Primary School

### Foreword: Debbie Brown, Headteacher, says...

I am very proud to be Headteacher of this wonderful school.

#### Respect

We are a school at the heart of the community, a place where people are valued and respected. Respect and a dignified approach is vital to our work with families.

#### Potential

We work hard to unlock the potential in our children, continually asking if our offer is good enough for all children. We ignite an interest in learning, in our pupils, that we hope will last a lifetime. We believe in a world of possibilities.

#### Popular school

We are a very popular school. Our Reception intake is always strong and usually oversubscribed.

#### Parent partnership

Families matter to us and we work very hard to find ways to work together. We understand the pressures

parents face. Family wellbeing and pupils' personal and social needs are really important. We champion the link between school and home, and work very hard to involve you in every step of your child's time here...and increase your child's enjoyment of learning.

The children who are most successful are always those for whom parental involvement is high and encouragement from home matches the support and learning that is taking place at school. Talk to us, visit us, tell us what is important to you and your family and we will learn from you as we get to know your child.

#### Get in touch

We cannot hope to answer all of your questions in this prospectus, but I hope we give you a flavour of our school. Please don't hesitate to pop in or contact us if you would like to visit us at any time to suit you. We look forward to working alongside you and your family in the future.

To make an appointment please email [office@bridport.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:office@bridport.dorset.sch.uk) or telephone: 01308 422846.



# Believing in a world of possibilities...



## School Aims

At Bridport Primary we strive to develop high achievement and learning for life by encouraging:

- Young people who are respectful of everyone they meet, are excited and enthusiastic about learning and who are able to challenge themselves.
- A school community that celebrates diversity, embraces creativity and makes us proud to belong.
- A continuous learning adventure that allows everyone to be the very best they can be.
- A place where children are at the heart of every decision we make and each child can be themselves and feel safe.

We value every member of our team and endeavour to make all visitors feel welcome.

“

The staff at BPS have been really supportive of my sons' sporting interests. Both our children have been encouraged and supported to achieve across the curriculum.

Staff have listened to our concerns and always responded with support and understanding.

Parents of Y3 & Y5 boys

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## School day



### School hours

#### Foundation and Key Stage 1

- Morning session: 8.50am to 12.00pm
- Lunch break: 12.00pm to 1.00pm
- Afternoon session: 1.00pm to 3.00pm

Foundation stage children attend part time for the first 3 weeks unless parents request a full-time place.

#### Key Stage 2

- Morning session 8.45am to 12.10pm
- Lunch break: 12.10pm to 1.10pm
- Afternoon session 1.10pm to 3.10pm

#### Breakfast Club

The Breakfast Club is open from 8.00am to 8.45 am daily. For a small fee your children will be well cared for and offered a healthy meal to start the day. Food includes:

- fresh orange or apple juice
- orange or blackcurrant squash
- milk and milk shakes
- a varied choice of cereals
- toast, pancakes, croissants
- fresh fruit and yoghurt.



Our Breakfast Club has both inside and outside space.

### Uniform

At Bridport Primary School we insist on the wearing of school uniform. We believe that not only does a uniform look smart, but it also provides a sense of equality and belonging. A full list of uniform items is available from the school office, school website or by consulting our Parent Handbook.

### School meals and snacks

At lunch children may either bring their own healthy packed lunch or have a delicious hot school meal. The school meals are varied and cooked on site, and we recommend that your child try them. The children are cared for during the lunch break by midday supervisors.

All children in Reception, Years 1 and 2 can receive a free hot school meal.

#### Break-time and drinks

Children are allowed fruit as a mid-morning snack after morning play. All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are provided with free fruit every day and so snacks do not need to be provided from home.

Water is always available during the day. Milk is available for all children up to the year in which they are seven (Year 2). Those children who are entitled to free school meals will also be entitled to milk free of charge.



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We are thrilled at the effectiveness of the Headteacher to resolve playground difficulties with genuine care to all parties.

Y1 Parents

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# Curriculum

The curriculum is divided into three stages:  
**Early Years Foundation Stage:** from ages 0-5  
**Key Stage 1:** from ages 5-7  
**Key Stage 2:** from ages 7-11

## Reception

The Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum is based on seven areas of learning:

- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Communication and Language
- Physical Development
- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Arts and Design

## Key Stages 1-2

- Areas of the curriculum are:
- Mathematics
- Literacy
- Science
- Information and Design Technology
- History
- Geography
- Art
- Music
- Physical Education
- Religious Education
- Health
- Citizenship
- Personal and Social Education.

These are taught through topics or discretely depending on intended outcomes. The website has full details of the curriculum for you to explore further.



## Sport

Bridport Primary School follows the Physical Education programme of work as set out in the National Curriculum. Sporting activities are always high on the agenda and we regularly send our netball, football and cross country teams to represent us in local tournaments.

## Moving on to secondary school

If your child is leaving us we ensure that the next school has all the necessary information about your child's attainment, progress and approach to learning. For the Year Six children there are good opportunities (both in Year Five and Year Six) to have 'taster' experiences of Sir John Colfox in Bridport. If your child is moving to another school we will make sure a smooth transfer is carried out and they are given the very best start in the next stage of their learning experience.

Children from Bridport Primary School occasionally move on to Beaminster, Woodroffe and Colyton Secondary Schools.



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The school has amazing family support not just for the children, but for the whole family. Such a warm, welcoming and supportive school, it's a BPS family.

Mum of Y1 & Y4 children

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## Extended curriculum: trips and visits

We continually strive to open up learning beyond the classroom through visits and residential trips... and through collaborating with visitors who are invited into school. There are also opportunities to learn with specialist music teachers and PE coaches. Regular trips include:

- Reception Forest School
- Year 1 visit to Groves Nursery
- Year 2 visit to Kingston Maurward
- Year 3 visit to Bridport Museum
- Year 4 residential trip to Harrow House
- Year 5 visit to Melbury Estate/Magdalen Residential Project
- Year 5 day trip to Safewise, Wemouth
- Year 6 trip to Hamworthy Recreation Centre (outdoor adventure, kayaking and climbing)
- Year 6 residential trip to London.

We also enjoy any special themes and events such as our Fairtrade Fortnight, dance festival, World War One week and Comic Relief Day.



## Communicating with parents

### Communicating with parents

Parents are encouraged to keep in contact with their child's class teacher. There are three formal opportunities to do this throughout the year but please make an appointment at any other time should you need to speak to someone in school. Every day before school begins you will see staff outside in the playground so please use this opportunity to raise any issues or concerns or simply have a chat.

### First year

Throughout your child's first year you will be invited to join us for coffee mornings, which will give you the opportunity to meet other parents, discuss school life and find out a little bit more about the school.

### Your child's achievements

We will let you know how your child is progressing at regular intervals. We will also invite parents and children to come into to school each term to talk to the teachers and discuss their child's progress. Parents are welcome to speak to the school at any time if they have any concerns.

### School news

Parents are updated with school news via the school website and regular newsletters and year group newsletters. They can also sign up to the ParentMail system.

### Shared learning

Once a term parents are invited to share in the children's learning. This may be to watch a dance, taste the children's cooking or to peruse projects. Parents will also be invited to attend a class assembly and celebrate the children's creative learning.



“

I am very grateful for the extra learning support my son has been given. Now he is getting the right support, his confidence has grown and he is much happier in general.

Mum of Y3 & Y5

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## Inclusion: a curriculum for all

### Special Educational Needs

We welcome children of all abilities and needs, and believe that our school should reflect and reinforce the values of a tolerant and caring society. All children are unique and will be treated as individuals. From time to time, some individuals may need extra attention. This may be in the form of a special programme of work, help inside or outside the classroom or assessment from the many outside agencies that support our schools. Parents will always be informed in advance of these situations.

A number of children in our school have complex and wide ranging needs – they are all very much part of the school community and involved in all aspects of school life.

Our Inclusion leader works with a team of teaching and learning assistants who support these children. We are also supported by external agencies such as the Educational Psychologist and Behaviour Support Service.

#### Access

Children with a physical disability are fully supported in accessing all parts of the school and curriculum.

#### More able pupils

We continually monitor and evaluate the needs of our youngsters at Bridport Primary School. We aim to offer a curriculum that challenges and inspires them, whilst deepening their skills and knowledge. We help our most able students to see the opportunities on offer and enable them to further connect their learning so they really master the curriculum.

### Behaviour and self-development

We strive to develop a place where everyone is happy and fulfilled. This is a school where children are at the heart of every decision we make and each child can be themselves and feel safe. It is also a place where everyone is valued, visitors feel welcome and people are treated fairly.

We use the letters SEAL a lot in school, which stand for Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning and they matter a great deal to us. Our Family Support Worker offers additional 1:1 SEAL for families and is always happy to talk with anyone who would like a little more support - sometimes it is this little boost that makes all the difference. If you would like to know more please do ask us; we can always find someone in school who would be happy to share more details with you.



## Pupil involvement

Listening to our children underpins our school ethos. We try to offer as many opportunities as possible for children to tell us, both formally and informally, what they think and feel. To that end, we have several important pupil groups:

### School Council

Each class from Year 1 upwards elects a school council rep to meet with the staff representative on a weekly basis. School Council debate and organise events, such as 'Children in Need day' and 'The Great Biscuit Bake Off'. They also attend Governor's meetings once a term, represent our school at the Bridport Schools' Council and work with the Headteacher to improve the school.

### Rights Respecting Ambassadors

Each year, two Year 6 children are appointed to the Council and become our Rights Respecting Ambassadors. These two young citizens perform a number of duties within and outside of the school in relation to maintaining our RRS focus. They are also key in setting up the new year's School Council and supporting the new councillors in their duties.

### Pupil Lunch Team

These older pupils work alongside the lunch team to promote healthy eating and encourage positive lunch time behaviour.

### Peer Mediators

These specially trained Year 5 children mediate at lunchtime in the playgrounds to resolve conflict. They work with children to find 'win-win' solutions to problems that arise and which, if not addressed, can lead to more serious difficulties.

### Playground Activity Leaders (PALS)

PALS are a team of children from Year 3 upwards, selected by their peers because they have great communication skills, organisational ability and leadership qualities, as well as lots of energy and enthusiasm. PALS work in small teams, once or twice a week, to organise games and activities in the playground at lunchtime. They encourage the children to be as active as possible and reward their enthusiasm and successes with certificates in assembly.

### Prefects

Our Year 6 children take on this additional responsibility in making sure that children throughout the day's playtimes can access the school building safely. The prefects also support our youngest children in reception with the daily routine break times.



“The staff at BPS helped recognise my sons needs and helped me through the process of getting additional help for him so he can access the curriculum and learn to the best of his ability.”  
Mum of child with additional needs





## Clubs

Your child can enjoy a wide variety of afterschool clubs.

Some after school activities are free and some run by outside providers carry a charge. These have included:

- Art club
- Book club
- Chess club
- Choir
- Cross country
- Dodgeball
- Drama
- Football
- French
- Graffiti
- Green Team
- Gymnastics
- Netball
- Pantomime
- Photography
- Poetry
- Puzzles
- Rugby
- Running
- Sewing
- Street surfing



Clubs change termly. Please see the website for details.



“

I feel sending my children to a bigger school has made them more understanding of others and realising we are all different. It also gives them confidence when moving on to secondary school as they know so many others.

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Y4 Mum and past students





## Admissions

### Starting at our school

If your child is beginning in Reception we extend a very warm welcome to you and your family. We will do everything we can to ensure you and your child feel safe and happy as you begin your time with us. The team of staff in these two classes are always available to talk – so please do see any of them should you have any concerns or questions.

### Applications

Children start at Bridport Primary School in the autumn term of the academic year in which they will have their fifth birthday. Dorset County Council deals with all new admissions to Bridport Primary School. Contact details for the School Admissions Team:

Tel: 01305 221060  
Email: [admissions@dorsetcc.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@dorsetcc.gov.uk)  
Web: [www.dorsetforyou.com/schooladmissions](http://www.dorsetforyou.com/schooladmissions)

### About safeguarding ...

If you ever have any concerns regarding the safety and wellbeing of our pupils please contact the school to speak to Debbie Brown (Designated Safeguarding Leader), Jane Delany (Deputy DSL), or the Inclusion Leader (also Deputy DSL). The safety of our young people is the responsibility of us all.



## Getting involved

### Friends of Bridport Primary School

Friends of Bridport Primary School is a Parent/Teacher Association, which supports the school and helps to provide additional educational and social treats for the children. The Friends also aim to develop and extend relationships between staff and parents. Fundraising events have included fetes, jumble sales, bingo, Christmas Fayres etc, and the success of these events relies on the continued support of the parents.

Informal meetings are held regularly, the dates of which are highlighted in school newsletters. These meetings are open to everyone and new faces are always welcome.

### Voluntary helpers

If you wish to help out voluntarily we would be very happy to welcome you so please let us know how you might like to help. We encourage parental support in many ways and are always open to new ideas. We are thrilled to have parents running clubs, reading with our pupils and joining us for events and trips.



### Governorship

The Governing Body provides strategic management and critical friendship to the school, particularly the Headteacher and school leaders. The governors comprise three school staff, including the Headteacher, two elected parent governors and five other governors, selected for their skill and expertise in education, finance, business and safeguarding. They concentrate their attention on four key areas, Leadership, Safeguarding, Curriculum and Standards. Meetings of the full governing body are held seven times a year, with working parties in the four key area meeting as required.

In partnership with the Headteacher, governors ensure that the school always acts in the best interests of every child, within the vision and values framework identified in the prospectus.



“

BPS is a unique school because it truly cares about how a child develops in all areas. Not only have my daughters excelled academically, they ooze self-confidence, have lots of friends and always look forward to everyday at school....what more could a parent want!

Mum, ex Chair of Gobs”

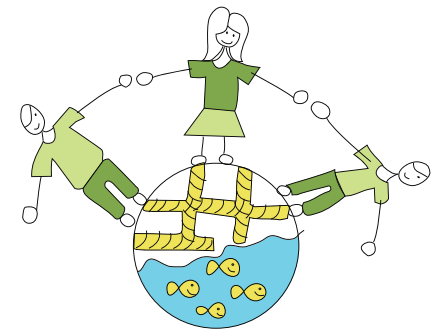


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