



Blue Gate Fields Junior School





Welcome to Blue Gate Fields Junior School

Foreword: Kathy Halpenny,
Headteacher, says...

We are a three-form entry school, where children encounter challenging and creative learning experiences in a safe and stimulating environment.

Igniting an interest in learning

Each member of the school community is motivated to be a lifelong-learner. We equip everyone with the skills needed to achieve their full potential, in a climate of mutual respect and personal responsibility.

Educational experiences

We do our very best to make sure that your child is happy and settled, so that they can enjoy the wide range of educational experiences that we offer them.

Parent partnership

Another important part of our school, is you, the parent! And you will see, by reading the parent stories within this prospectus, that you and your child are very important to us. We champion the link between school and parent and work very hard to involve you in every step of your child's time here...and increase your child's enjoyment of learning.

Get in touch

I would urge you to visit our wonderful school. The door is always open. I am truly confident you will find this a welcoming and supportive school, with staff that listen, consult and actively encourage your involvement. I know that you will be impressed by the quality of education we can offer your child.

To make an appointment to visit, or to simply ask me a question, please email the school office on admin@bluegatefields-jun.towerhamlets.sch.uk or call on 020 7790 3616.



"Each child is viewed as an individual and their unique talents encouraged"

"Sharmin is the youngest of my 15 children and they have all attended Blue Gate Fields Junior School. My wife and I have always been very happy with the standard of education our children have received and have always found the school to be welcoming and approachable."

Confidence

"Our older children have gone on to do well and we believe that this is largely due to Blue Gate Fields instilling a sense of self belief and confidence in them, as well as providing an excellent education."

Sport

"My children enjoyed the many sporting opportunities at school as well as educational visits. They all remember the Year 6 residential school journey and the wonderful activities they took part in."

Talents encouraged

"The school has always been very supportive of my family and each child is viewed as an individual and their unique talents encouraged."

Recommending Blue Gate Fields Junior School

If I did not have confidence in Blue Gate Fields Junior School I would not have sent my 15 children there! I would have no hesitation in recommending this school to parents looking for an excellent education for their child in a supportive, caring and nurturing environment."

Positive impact

"I will be sad when my daughter finally leaves Blue Gate Fields as it will mean the end of a long and happy partnership with a school that has had such a positive impact on the lives of my family."





School day

School hours

Breakfast Club 8.30
School day begins 9.00
School day ends 3.15
After school clubs 3.15-4.15

School clothes

We do not have a school uniform at Blue Gate Fields. We ask that our children wear inexpensive, modest and casual clothing which allows them to work and play easily.

School meals and snacks

Hot, healthy and nutritious meals are prepared on site, with vegetarian options. Children can also bring in a packed lunch. There are no charges

for school meals for any of our children. School menus are available on our website.

Break-time and drinks

We encourage children to bring in healthy snacks to have at break-time. Children are encouraged to drink water and have access to water throughout the day. We do not allow sweets, chewing gum, fizzy drinks or crisps at school.



“I have five children,” says Denise, “all of whom attend, or have attended, Blue Gate Fields Junior School. My two sons, who now attend secondary school, transferred to Blue Gate Fields from another primary school.”

Warm and welcoming

“I had had a number of concerns about their previous school which were never dealt with satisfactorily. As soon as we entered Blue Gate Fields Junior School we noticed the warm and welcoming environment. My sons quickly settled and made friends in their new classes.”

Committed staff

“My oldest son achieved outstanding results in his KS2 SAT’s,” says Denise, “and although he did work hard, this was largely due to the impressive quality and commitment of his teachers and support staff.”

Open door policy

“As a parent I feel that I can approach the school about any concerns I may have and will be listened to and my views will be taken into account. The Headteacher has an open door policy and is easily accessible, and teachers are available after school to discuss children’s progress. This is in addition to parent consultations twice a year.”

“The wellbeing of children and families is clearly important to the school, and issues affecting the children or presenting a barrier to learning are quickly identified and dealt with.”

Clubs and visits

“My children especially enjoy the educational and recreational outings which enhance the curriculum and the opportunity to go swimming. They also enjoy the after school clubs, which have introduced them to a variety of sports and activities they would not otherwise take part in.”

Recommending

“I would have no hesitation in recommending Blue Gate Fields Junior School to other parents, and have done so.”





Curriculum

Key Stage 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.



Communicating with parents

The door is always open to our parents and you are warmly invited to come in and see us. Please speak to the office staff if you would like to talk to anyone.

Letters

We send out letters direct to parents, to let them know what is going on in the school.

Home-school liaison

We have a highly personal and effective home-school liaison approach to parent communication, which builds on long lasting relationships with families. Parents feel that this approach makes a major contribution to improving the lives of their children.

Skills

The development of language skills is embedded across the whole school. Pupils are encouraged to have high aspirations for the future and be committed to their learning. They are constantly developing both social and personal skills and resilience to succeed in later life.

Library

A well-resourced library, run by a full-time librarian, is central to the schools promotion of reading.





Extended curriculum: *trips and visits*

To extend the curriculum, and make learning even more fun, we offer many trips and activities, including visits to:

- Soanes Centre
- Museum of London
- Geffrye Museum
- The Natural History Museum
- the theatre
- Wroxham in Kent
- University College London.

We use London as our classroom and invite visitors to enhance our learning within the school. We love to hear authors and poets and have met Gill Lewis , Rob Lloyd Jones and Kit Wright amongst others!



“My children have all done very well at Blue Gate Fields Junior School”

“I have four children, and my three oldest attend or have attended Blue Gate Fields Junior School.”

“Love coming to school”

“My children love coming to school, and I feel that they are well cared for and valued. In the mornings they are in a rush to get to school and urge me to hurry up too!”

High teaching standards

“The standard of teaching is high and staff are all friendly and approachable. I feel that I can always approach my children’s teachers at the end of the school day if there is anything I need to discuss.”

Increasing in confidence

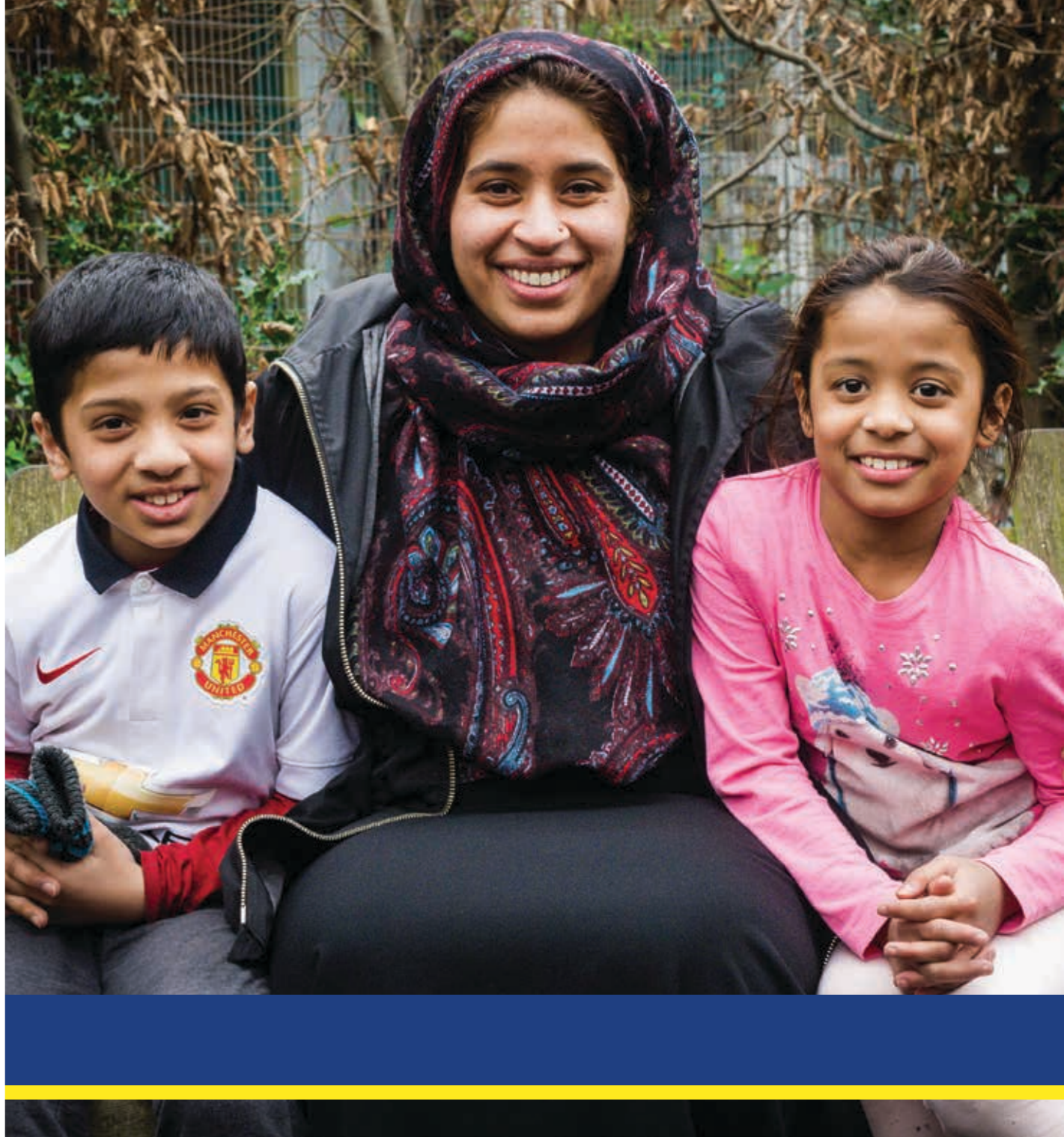
“My children have all done very well at Blue Gate Fields Junior School. They have not only enjoyed their lessons, but also the school trips and the after school clubs. As well as developing academically, they are growing into confident and happy young people with aspirations for the future.”

Excellent reputation

“The school is so caring. Children and families are offered a great deal of support and the school has an excellent reputation locally.”

Voting for Blue Gate Fields Junior School

“My youngest son is due to transfer to Blue Gate Fields Junior School at the end of Year 2, and I have every confidence that he will flourish as his sisters and brother have done. I would endorse Blue Gate Fields Junior School to other parents and consider the fact that I have applied for a place for my youngest child there to be a vote of confidence in the school.”





Inclusion: a curriculum for all

Special Educational Needs

We are totally committed to providing high quality provision and support for pupils who have special needs of any kind. We modify the curriculum where needed to ensure that all children can access education.

Where appropriate, a referral to an external agency may be arranged. Children may be added to the Special Education Needs Register, and we will cater for their individual needs. Above all, we aim to raise the self-esteem of all our children and give them the skills to enjoy life in and out of school.

Access

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

Gifted and talented children

We recognise that all children are individuals with their own specific needs, gifts and talents. Children who are identified as being exceptionally able or talented, are monitored and provided with stimulating and enriching lessons appropriate to their needs.





Clubs

There are a wide variety of clubs, and activities that children can join, during class, lunchtime and after school. Options often include:

- lunchtime clubs such as arts and crafts clubs
- Year 3 Maths club
- Year 3 English club
- football
- volleyball
- ICT
- cricket
- dance



“The leadership of the school is very good. The teachers are experienced and knowledgeable and some have been teaching at the school for many years”

“Blue Gate Fields Juniors is a lovely school,” says Rukeya. “The staff are friendly and welcoming and always have the time to answer questions and queries.”

“Invaluable”

“There are activities for parents and lots of different ways for parents to participate in their child’s learning. As a working mum the breakfast club and after school provision provided by the school has been invaluable to me.”

Enjoys school

“My child enjoys going to school and has a love of learning which is reflective of the education she receives at the school, and the high expectations the school has of her. She receives homework and is given books to read at home and I am kept up to date on her progress.”

Some children have gone on to Oxford and University College London

“The leadership of the school is very good. The teachers are experienced and knowledgeable and some have been teaching at the school for many years. The quality of the teaching is of such a high standard that my older children who attended the school have gone on to attend one of the most selective secondary school in the country and then to University at Oxford and University College London.”

“Did not hesitate”

“As a result of my previous experience, when it came to choosing which school to send my youngest child, I did not hesitate in choosing Blue Gate Fields Junior School.”





Admissions

Parents who are thinking of applying for a place at our school are invited to visit and look around at any time.

Applications
 The Local Authority Pupil Services team deal with all new admissions to Blue Gate Fields Junior School. Contact details for Tower Hamlets Pupil Services are:
 Tel: 020 7364 5006
 Email: school.admissions@towerhamlets.gov.uk
 Web: www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/lgs/1-50/17_schools/school_admissions/primary_school_admissions.aspx

- Values and Ethos**
 We aim to provide a broad and balanced curriculum for every pupil which meets individual needs as well as the wider expectations of society.
 In order that pupils can learn successfully we must be sure that:
- All pupils are treated with equal consideration and respect
 - We all share the same expectations for behaviour in order to create a secure learning environment
 - Pupils are encouraged to feel confident about themselves so that they can develop independent thinking skills and readiness to meet the wider world
 - Pupils work closely with others in order to develop personal and social skills, becoming aware of their own views and the needs of other people
 - We provide a broad and balanced curriculum that takes into account children's spiritual and moral development
 - We work in partnership with our families and with our community



Getting involved

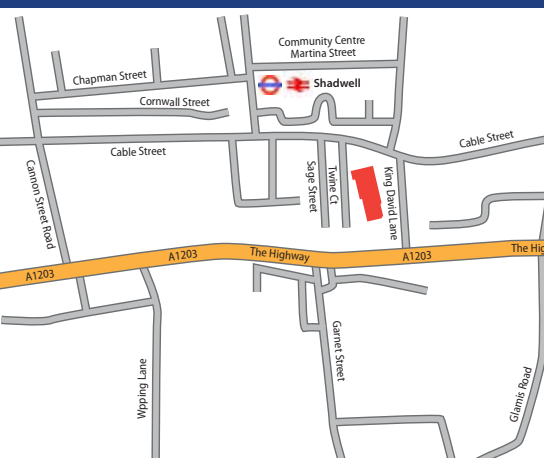
Governorship
 The Governing Body consists of representatives of parents, teachers and the Local Education Authority. They work closely with the staff and Senior Leadership Team to support the school and plan its strategic developments.

Do you want to be a Governor?
 We let parents know when we have a vacancy for new governor. We value the contribution that our parent governors make. If you would like more information about becoming a governor please let us know.





How to find us



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