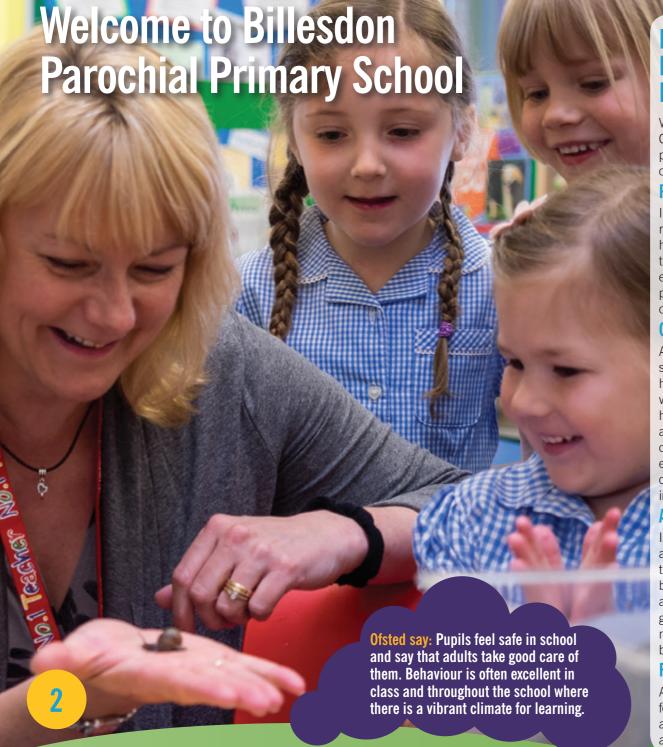


We are the Children of God & We learn to believe, and believe to achieve



## Foreword: Anita Timson, Headteacher, Billesdon **Parochial Primary School**

Welcome to our wonderful and friendly Church of England Primary school, providing exemplary education for children aged 4 to 11 years old.

In 2010 we had a major refurbishment, providing a new school hall, refurbished modern classrooms throughout the school, and a new entrance/reception area. I'm extremely proud of what we offer and how we offer it.

#### **Christian Values**

As a Church of England (Controlled) school. Christian values are at the heart of our school, allowing pupils to worship, grow and develop in a secure. happy and creative environment... and influencing how we teach. Within our new classrooms, I have highly experienced teachers who are dedicated to igniting a love of learning in your child.

I am very ambitious for my pupils, and they in turn are ambitious for themselves. Through our creative and broad curriculum, our children learn about the world around them, which gives them the academic and life-skills needed to excel in life at school and beyond.

#### Family values

As we are a small school, I am fortunate in being able to get to know all the children as individuals, as do all the staff in our school. We know

parents and grandparents too...it really feels like one big family!

#### Community involvement

We are also closely linked with The Church and The Chapel, local groups including Billesdon Wildlife Group and Sustainable Billesdon, and usually have school representation at village events, for example our choir sang at the recent village Harvest Supper. The oldest children helped on the village housing plan and the school council are currently organising activities for the Church fete.

#### **Parent partnership**

Another important part of your child's learning journey is you! And you will see, by reading the many parent and pupil 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. I am truly confident you will find this a welcoming and supportive school, with staff who 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 call the school office on 0116 259 6327.



## Why Liz selected Billesdon Parochial Primary School for her children

Liz Bown lives in Billesdon and has two children. Eloise, ten and Edward, nine.

#### A nurturing family feel

Liz moved her two children to Billesdon Parochial Primary School a year ago after falling in love with the family feel of the school. Both of her children moved from a larger primary school, but Liz felt Eloise and Edward would really benefit from the nurturing time to speak with you. It makes you feel more environment offered at Billesdon Parochial Primary School. "It had such a lovely feel to it. says Liz. When I first visited, I remember thinking how it felt like one big family," says Liz.

### **Fulfilling potential**

Eloise has always been quite bright and has been able to access fantastic opportunities under the gifted and talented scheme. "Whils Eloise's previous school offered similar opportunities, they had a larger number of pupils so the opportunities had to be shared out. Eloise has been very fortunate in the experiences offered to her at Billesdon Parochial Primary School," explains Liz.

A Maths focused trip, an additional Geography trip and a Literacy workshop to a film illustrator have allowed Eloise to work with other likeminded children. "It's added an extra depth to her education and has really helped to push her development." says Liz. "Her inner confidence has grown as a result too - she has loved the responsibility of being school councillor. She has got so much from these opportunities." adds Liz.

#### Communication is key

Edward is less confident at school but is developing really well. "He will happily walk into school on his own and is really coming on. The school will always let you know if there is anything you need to know. They always have involved in their education, which is brilliant!"

The school uses lots of visual cues to help communicate the school day to the children. Liz feels Edward has really benefited from feeling prepared about the school routine. "There's a board which lists the structure of the day; Edward has definitely found this helpful. He's less anxious about the school day as a result. He finds it easier to focus knowing what is expected of him and what is coming up next," explains Liz.

#### Children sav:

Eloise says: "My favourite experience at school has been - everything! I have been made to feel very welcome. It's a happy, caring and fun

Ed says: "My favourite thing about this school is the trim trail and outside classroom. It makes playtime fun and exciting and I like it when we can learn outside."





# Clive and Sarah have really appreciated the way that Billesdon Parochial Primary School has recognised their son's individual needs

Clive and Sarah live in Billesdon with their children Oscar, four and Heath, two.

#### Individual child developmen

Clive and Sarah were impressed by Billesdon
Parochial Primary School's environment and
were encouraged by the Headteacher's interest in
individual child development. When choosing a
school, they knew instantly this was the one they
wanted Oscar to attend. Oscar had some additional
needs and they felt a village school with smaller
class sizes was perfect for helping him to develop his
social skills.

#### Celebrating personal achievement

When Oscar started with Billesdon Parochial Primary School there were some initial concerns that he might be on the autism spectrum. Clive and Sarah had noticed he was quite insular and happy to play alone.

Since starting at the school, Oscar's social skills have really developed and Clive feels this is thanks to the school's ethos of celebrating personal achievement. "Achievement isn't always about achieving great things, it can be small, personal achievements," says Clive. "Oscar received an award in the school's weekly achievement assembly after he wrote a sentence about a book he had read. For him, this was a great achievement. For us, Oscar receiving an award was really good! We really appreciated the recognition given to his individual personality and Oscar was thrilled!"

#### Positive parent involvement

One of the extra measures the school has put in place for Oscar and his family is a daily communication book. "Oscar finds it hard to articulate his daily routine at school. We approached his teacher and explained that we weren't always getting to hear how he had spent his time at school," says Clive. "The school suggested a daily communication book into which they put a few lines about his day, which is fantastic! It has really helped us to feel assured that Oscar is receiving the support he needs."

#### Strong relationships

"Oscar has now been discharged from the paediatrician. We really feel the school has played a major role in his development," explains Clive. "There are no longer any concerns about autism. We, and the health care professionals, consider Oscar to be a late developer and believe the school has really helped in bringing his development on."

#### Peace of mind

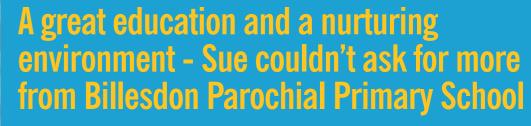
Oscar's enjoyment of school has seen him wanting to play with friends outside of school which has been reassuring for Clive and Sarah. It has also seen him wanting to role-play school scenarios at home. "Choosing this school has given our family peace of mind and a recognition that our son is coming out of himself," says Clive. "Seeing Oscar excited to go to school is fantastic! The fact he wants us and his younger brother to also be involved in his school life via his play at home is a huge reward."

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Sue lives in Kibworth with her children Elliott, twelve, Oliver nine, and Freddie two. Elliott recently left Billesdon Parochial Primary School to start secondary school, Oliver is in Year four and Freddie will be joining as soon as he is old enough.

#### Friend

"The school is friendly and the teachers are always approachable. It's just a lovely, small school where everyone feels very safe." says
Sue. She has found the caring feel of the school, with its smaller class sizes, nurturing for her children.

Once a week there is an achievement assemble Big and small achievements from both inside and outside of school are recognised and parents are invited to attend. "Oliver received a reading award recently and was thrilled we could all attend to watch. Even granny got to

#### Time to shine

Elliott and Oliver have very different personalities but Sue feels their individual needs have both been catered for equally well.

According to Sue, for Elliot, the more reserved of the boys, the opportunity for close involvement from the teachers was important. "They knew his personality well and did everything they could to ensure he was prepared for his recent transition to secondary school," says Sue.

In his last year at the school, the teachers gave Elliott a leading role in the school play. This has really boosted his confidence and was just what he needed before starting the next stage of his education. "Elliott's quite a shy child. I honestly feel the way Elliott has settled at secondary school is credit to the preparation and grounding Billesdon Parochial Primary School gave to him."

#### Parental involvement

Once a week there is an achievement assembly. Big and small achievements from both inside and outside of school are recognised and parents are invited to attend. "Oliver received a reading award recently and was thrilled we could all attend to watch. Even granny got to come along! What's also great is that there is a crèche that Freddie can go to. It's run by the reception teachers which is brilliant for helping to prepare him for his time at the school. But importantly, it allows me the opportunity to focus my full attention on Oliver's special moment."

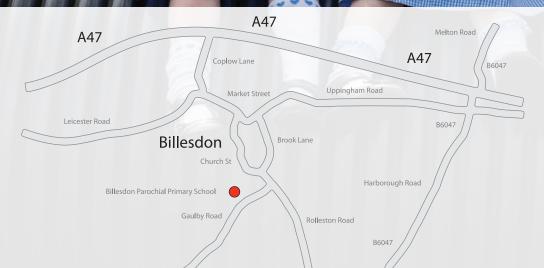
#### Children say:

Oliver himself has a very positive view on Billesdon Parochial Primary School: "My favourite thing about school is working as a team on different projects. I really enjoyed taking part in the quiz competition against other schools. It was super exciting and the best feeling ever when we got into the regional semifinal. We came back to school with the trophy and got a hero's welcome! It felt great!"





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