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#### OLD BEXLEY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL



Love God • Love Each Other • Love Learning



#### Love God, Love Each Other, Love Learning

Happy Children and Limitless Learning in an Anglican Christian School A place where everyone can flourish

We are a church school and this is reflected in our motto of Love God, Love Each Other, Love Learning. You do not have to go to church in order for your child to come to Old Bexley as we welcome all faiths. We have strong links with the local churches and the clergy support us throughout the year. We just want children to be kind, happy and thrive.











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#### **CASTILION PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Old Bexley is part of the Amadeus Primary Academies Trust. There are 6 other schools in the trust that are shown above. Not all of them are church schools.

Being part of a trust is a benefit to Old Bexley as all the schools work together to ensure all the children receive the best education and experiences. We share training and support one another throughout the year in all aspects of school life.

# OLD BEXLEY VISION

We Love God, Love Each Other, and Love Learning
Celebrating all our children as unique and made in the image of God.
We strive for the mountain top, ensuring everyone can flourish in their
learning and live life in all its fullness.

We also seek to produce the Fruit of the Spirit - Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness and Self-Control.



Here is our vision that we have developed over the past 2 years. We want all children to be the best that they can possibly be. They all have their own mountains to climb and we will support them to thrive and flourish in the journey.





Within the vision are The Fruit of the Spirit. We promote these 8 attributes throughout the school and refer to them daily. All the children understand what they mean and why they are important. Kindness and showing this to others is integral to Old Bexley. Every classroom has a copy of the 'Kind' book and it shows children the many different ways they can be kind to one another. 'If you do not have something nice to say .... You are just not thinking hard enough!'

Learning Environment



The learning environments throughout the school are stimulating, engaging and supportive for all of the children. There is a consistent approach throughout the school and the expectations are high. Displaying children's work is essential in order for them to feel a part of their classroom. Book corners are inviting, well organised and themed to encourage the children to have a love of reading. As we are a church school, there are prayer areas in the classrooms or shared areas.

# Staffing structure



We are a large 4 form entry school but we see this as a positive! With a large school comes a large staff and with that comes lots of different expertise and experience. There is a layered leadership of the Head Teacher, Senior Leaders, Heads of Year and class teachers. We usually have an open door policy but at the moment this is not always possible. However if you have a query or concern, there is always someone you can contact.





# The Curriculum











We follow the IPC and IEYC throughout the school to teach the foundation subjects. It is a topic themed learning designed to fully absorb the children. Staff will use reading books within English lessons that tie in with the topic and the classrooms will be adapted to reflect the topic as well. Every new topic starts with a launch day or activity in order to fully engage the children.

# Extended Curriculum









We love a theme day at Old Bexley and have many throughout the year. We support a lot of charities, for example, the Royal British Legion, Children in Need and Starfish Malawi. We try to take the children on as many trips as possible to give them a variety of different experiences. Year 6 also go to Bowles outdoor activity centre for a week. The children also have opportunities to participate in activities such as Bikeability.

# **EYFS**









Early Years is a real strength at Old Bexley. Miss Velvick, the Early Years leader is very experienced. The EYFS staff are highly skilled and offer daily structured learning opportunities in phonics, English and maths. The children work towards the Early Learning Goals and the staff assess the children frequently to ensure they are making good progress towards these. The outdoor learning environment is used daily to encourage learning and develop children's skills in a variety of areas.

# Specialist Teaching







We have specialist teachers who deliver music, French, PE and computing. This is mostly in the junior school. This gives the children the opportunity to be taught by a speciality in their field and they receive high quality lessons that help them to develop and support them in their transition to secondary school.

# Pupil Voice



Pupil voice is exceptionally important at Old Bexley as it is the children who we always put first so we need to listen to their views and ideas. We have a Head Boy and Head Girl in both years 2 and 6. These are elected by the children. Each candidate has the opportunity to give a speech and then the rest of the school votes. This teaches the children the British value of democracy.

The Head Boy and Head Girl head up the School Council which is represented by a child from each class. Mrs Ivil meets with them every week to discuss different issues and ideas. This gives every child in the school the opportunity to have their voice heard. The School Council have helped Mrs Ivil to make various decisions about the school.



Wellbeing is a major focus at Old Bexley. We have a Wellbeing team that is made up of staff and children. The children's team are called 'The Wizards of Wellbeing'. They meet regularly with the Wellbeing leader, take Collective Worship and support their class mates in the 5 ways to Wellbeing.

The school is currently working towards the WAS Wellbeing award. Every class has a weekly circle time session which gives the teacher an opportunity to address any issues and gives the children a chance to share their thoughts and feelings. We also have a Play Therapist, Learning Mentor and therapy dog called Baley!

# School Dinners pabulumment



We have 2 dinner halls within the school. Our school meal provider is Pabulum. In reception, year 1 and 2, children are entitled to free school meals. All the children's needs and allergies are catered for and if you have concerns Pabulum are always ready to listen and accommodate all diets. All the children are encouraged to try new foods and use a knife and fork. Stickers always help with this!

# Extra curricular activities













These are quite limited at the present time due to the restrictions in place. However we are trying to get as many clubs going as we can. Most of the clubs are by outside providers. We do have 3 choirs at Old Bexley! We have also won many trophies across a range of different sporting events.

Art **Computing** Theatre club **Dodge ball** Hockey Netball Cricket **Gymnastics Multisports Football** Choir Orchestra **Piano** 



## Inclusion/ASD provision







We are proud to say that we are an 'inclusive' school. We also have an ASD provision that we call the quiet room. Every classroom is designed to promote learning environments that meet all the children's needs. This is also the same with the teaching styles adopted by the staff. Equality and acceptance of differences is promoted throughout the school.



7.30am Breakfast club

6.00pm After school club closes

Cherry Tree Kids Clubs are committed to providing an organised, stimulating, safe environment for children from schools in Bexley Borough during out of school hours. The Club has met Ofsted requirements and has received the Sure Start Investors in Children Quality Assurance kite mark, 'Aiming High 4 Children'.

We have a breakfast and after school club that is run by an outside provider called Cherry Tree. This company runs quite a few clubs in other Bexley schools. More contact details are available on the school's website. Spaces are limited so it is best to book a place sooner rather than later.

# Parental involvement

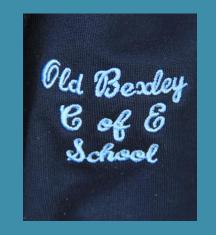


We love parents to get involved at Old Bexley and have a fantastic PTA. At the moment there are limited events going on but they are still working hard to make money for the children. They have bought Clevertouch boards, a new reading scheme, equipment for the playground and many more exciting things. They always welcome new members.

# Big School?

- Reception has a separate entrance.
- KS1 have a separate playground.
- Staggered and gentle start to the day.
- More expertise between the staff. Using their strengths in a team.
- Experienced EYFS leader.
- KS2 children act as mentors.
- Opportunities for both Key Stages to mix e.g. World Book Day.

We are lucky to be such a big school and the benefits of this are above! We are proud to be the biggest primary school in Bexley!



### WHAT DOES OFSTED SAY?

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- All staff share a commitment and ambition for pupils to enjoy learning and reach high standards across a broad and varied curriculum.
- Teachers use a variety of creative ways to involve and motivate all pupils.

Mathematics teaching is organised and effective.

- Bullying is a very rare occurrence at Old Bexley and pupils report that unkind behaviour is simply not accepted.
  - Parents and carers are extremely supportive.



#### Any questions?

Thank you for taking the time to read through this presentation. Also please watch the virtual video tour to see the school in action. If you have any further questions then please either email the school or sign up for one of the zoom Q & A sessions coming up!