GRANGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Webb Street, London, SE1 4RP

A profile of our school

Situated in Bermondsey, in the northern part of Southwark, close to the River Thames at Tower Bridge, Grange Primary School is near a number of places of interest including Tower Bridge itself, the Globe Theatre, the Tate Gallery, the Unicorn Theatre and numerous riverside regeneration projects. The iconic Shard is within easy walking distance from the school.

We are a diverse community with a wonderful mixture of different nationalities, cultures and faiths. Our school is a maintained primary school for mixed pupils aged from 3 to 11 years, currently with 377 pupils on roll. The majority of pupils (86%) are from minority ethnic groups, which is well above the national averages. More than half of our pupils speak English as an additional language. The proportion of pupils known to be eligible for free school meals is 54%, which is well above the national average. The proportion of pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities is above the national averages. The proportion of pupils who join the school at various points throughout the year is above the national average. The school deprivation indicator is 0.4, which is much higher than the national average of 0.2.

Grange Primary School is about a 15-minute walk from the Elephant and Castle tube station (Northern and Bakerloo line), Borough tube (Northern line), Bermondsey tube (Jubilee line) or London Bridge Station (main line, Northern line and Jubilee line). We are well served by bus routes from Elephant and Castle with buses stopping very close to Webb Street (where the school is situated) on Tower Bridge Road. Tower Hill (district and circle line tube and Docklands Light Railway) and Liverpool Street (main line and Central line tube) stations are also within an easy walking distance from the school with either an (approx) 25-minute walk or short bus ride away. There is very limited parking at the school, however, we have bicycle storage for staff. We are outside the congestion charge zone.

Our most recent Ofsted inspection (July 2017) confirmed that we are a good school. The visit concluded that, “pupils enjoy a stimulating curriculum which is reflected well in each classroom across the school. The variety and range of extra-curricular clubs promotes pupils’ interests effectively. The clubs are very popular and well attended. Pupils say that they are happy to come to school and to be with their friends. They trust adults at the school and they know that they will be safe.” It also shared that, “with governors, you have evaluated the school’s performance accurately and set ambitious targets, as shown in the school’s improvement plan. These features, alongside the building of new facilities, show that the school has good capacity for further improvement.” You can view our most recent Ofsted report here or on our website.

Our administration team provides effective support to staff, pupils and families. All members of our staff team, whatever their role, are involved in helping, guiding and supporting children. We have proactive safeguarding procedures in place for all staff and visitors to the school.

The staff are enthusiastic and hard-working and place a high value on teamwork. Middle Leaders and year group teams plan the curriculum together so that there is continuity and progression for pupils, at their individual level. We use outside visits and concrete experiences to motivate and stimulate our children and to encourage an enthusiasm for learning. We are committed to developing all our staff and CPD is well

organised. The enthusiasm that our staff have for learning, and the consistent implementation of school policies ensures that Grange is a calm, purposeful and happy learning environment.

Since the start of the pandemic in Spring 2020, like other schools across the country, teaching and learning for the vast majority of our children has moved online. However, the school remained open for pupils of critical workers and those considered vulnerable with average daily attendance of around 70 pupils. Remote learning for our children has been extremely positive with high levels of students attending the live online learning sessions regularly throughout the week and completing assignments. The teaching and support staff team are in regular contact with pupils and their families and where barriers to learning have been identified this has been quickly addressed with the benefit of seeing nearly all students accessing work online or their learning needs being met with tailored work packs. We have to acknowledge too the support our children have received from their parents and carers in ensuring the children access the teaching and learning however it is best for them.

Parental involvement is developing well and recently, with the active support, enthusiasm and engagement of the children, we have introduced an updated look to our school uniform to acknowledge the physical change the school has undergone in recent years with the refurbishment of our main building and the new era of new buildings serving to enhance and promote our presence in the local community. To move this further, our children have been actively involved in the Trees for Cities Project in conjunction with Guy's & St Thomas' Trust to redevelop our outside spaces to encourage and promote both physical health and mindful activity: the work completed in April of this year.

Grange is supported and held to account by its parent's representatives and the Governing Body. Our governors are supportive and challenging; a large number are professionals in business and commerce and bring a wide range of experience to the school.

The rewards of working at Grange are many! The children are happy, we have their trust and our staff believe in their ability to achieve. Our staff are caring and inspirational; showing dedication and commitment, whilst maintaining positive pupil behaviour. We have an inclusive ethos and work cohesively towards our principles of Belong, Believe, Achieve, which underpin our core values of Love, Hope, Co-operation and Respect. We encourage you to visit our website where you will get a flavour of what makes Grange Primary unique and special.

If you feel that Grange Primary School would be the right fit for you, we look forward to receiving your application.