



# Belleville Wix Academy

## Information for Prospective Parents

**Headteacher Welcome Video:** <https://vimeo.com/484547636/879a16050e>

### **Is BWA the right school for my child?**

Welcome to BWA and thank you so much for your interest in our amazing school.

As we are currently in lockdown our plans to invite prospective parents have been put on hold for now. If you have registered your interest we will keep you informed of any opportunity that arises to visit our school in action.

The decision about what school to apply for is such a hard one for parents but this has been made even harder for you this year due to the pandemic restrictions in place. Please be assured that we are here to work with you to help you get a good picture of what we offer every child at BWA and importantly, to get a feel for the BWA community. At our usual Open Days you would have a tour of our school, meet staff and current parents, followed by a talk by me. Our challenge is to try to replicate that experience virtually.

Please do get in touch with any questions, no matter how trivial you think it is. We are here to help you and hopefully we will have the answer to any query you have. Last year we were the third hardest school to get into within Wandsworth, which we were obviously delighted about but things are different every year. Some of you may have read this article and it may have caused a little more anxiety for you during the school selection journey you are on. Please do not let it put you off applying for a place for your child at BWA. For anyone who didn't see the article I refer to, this is the link. <https://www.mylondon.news/news/south-london-news/schools-parents-admissions-open-days-19021847>

### **What would be most helpful for prospective parents?**

Having spoken to current parents to find out what they think would have been helpful to them when choosing a school for their child we are going to try to create a virtual tour of what happens at BWA every day. This is what would happen during our Open Days. I don't believe in putting on a show during open days because I believe what we offer every child, every day is really great and what I want every parent to see is what your child would get every day if they attended BWA.

What I think is so hard to capture through any of these mediums is what it feels like to be a pupil at BWA. I can't tell you how fortunate I feel to be the head of such a fantastic school. Walking around BWA on any day, at any time, you will see pupils fully engaged in their learning. This is because our staff team are committed to every child and making sure they are safe, happy and ready to learn.

## **Get a feel for what is like to be part of the BWA Community**

If you have time, I think the following links and videos will give you a feel for our school community. We didn't make these for this purpose but I think they give a really good feel for what happens in our school and the commitment we have to every child at BWA.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Headteachers Welcome Letter &amp; Open Day Pack</li></ul>	<a href="https://www.bellevillewix.org.uk/home">https://www.bellevillewix.org.uk/home</a>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2019-20 End of Year Video</li></ul>	<a href="https://www.bellevillewix.org.uk/news-events/end-of-2019-2020">https://www.bellevillewix.org.uk/news-events/end-of-2019-2020</a>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• EYFS welcome video</li></ul>	<a href="https://vimeo.com/428446856/b2b5b729a1">https://vimeo.com/428446856/b2b5b729a1</a> Please do feel free to skip the Headteacher message and watch from 3:49.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Welcome back videos – meet your teacher for 2020-21</li></ul>	<a href="https://www.bellevillewix.org.uk/news-events/welcome-back-videos">https://www.bellevillewix.org.uk/news-events/welcome-back-videos</a>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Staff Poem</li></ul>	<a href="https://vimeo.com/421418787/b32861a2fb">https://vimeo.com/421418787/b32861a2fb</a>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Parent Survey</li></ul>	<a href="https://www.bellevillewix.org.uk/our-school/what-our-parents-say-about-bwa/">https://www.bellevillewix.org.uk/our-school/what-our-parents-say-about-bwa/</a>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Weekly Newsletters</li></ul>	<a href="https://www.bellevillewix.org.uk/news-events/headteachers-letters">https://www.bellevillewix.org.uk/news-events/headteachers-letters</a>

## **Our Phenomenal Parents**

We have a phenomenal parent group who are committed to working with us to ensure every child has the best opportunities we can give them. On a school tour you would usually have the opportunity to have a coffee and chat to them about their own experiences of having a child at BWA. Being the generous people they are, they have offered to come in to meet prospective parents once it is safe, or less risk, to having to visitors back onsite.

In addition, they have also kindly offered to speak with prospective parents who would like to speak to current parents about their experience of our school. We will set up a request sheet for this soon and send it to everyone who has expressed an interest in finding out more about our school.

Just to give you a flavour for what we have achieved through our excellent partnership, these links may be informative.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Our new Sports Area announcement</li></ul>	<a href="https://www.bellevillewix.org.uk/data/dynamic/spaw/documents/Sports%20Area%20-%20Thank%20You%20(002).pdf">https://www.bellevillewix.org.uk/data/dynamic/spaw/documents/Sports%20Area%20-%20Thank%20You%20(002).pdf</a>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• £20K Investment in IT announcement</li></ul>	<a href="https://www.bellevillewix.org.uk/data/dynamic/spaw/documents/Significant%20Donation%20Received.pdf">https://www.bellevillewix.org.uk/data/dynamic/spaw/documents/Significant%20Donation%20Received.pdf</a>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Our PTA newsletter</li></ul>	<a href="https://www.bellevillewix.org.uk/data/dynamic/spaw/documents/FINAL%20BWAPTA%20NL%20Autumn%20Term 1.pdf">https://www.bellevillewix.org.uk/data/dynamic/spaw/documents/FINAL%20BWAPTA%20NL%20Autumn%20Term 1.pdf</a>

Thank you for your interest in BWA. I hope this information is helpful. A presentation that I would give at our Open Days as well as a video of our school will be available very soon. We hope that we can help you with this very difficult decision.

With kindest regards,

Miss Henry