



Prospectus



'The school and staff are amazing. I highly recommend the school to everyone.' *Parent*

'The school is an inclusive community. Leaders know pupils and their families well, and staff work hard to meet pupils' varying needs, both social and emotional.' *OFSTED*



At Moulsecoomb Primary School we pride ourselves on the achievements of our children and the care, attention and dedication of our staff. All children are expected to succeed regardless of their starting points and pupils are challenged to be the best they can be in all areas of school life. We believe in experience-led learning and use every opportunity to learn in our local community and beyond, forging outstanding relationships as we go. Children & families receive excellent pastoral care and we provide a truly engaging & motivating curriculum. This includes making brilliant use of our wonderful outside spaces.

Adam Sutton, Headteacher



“I love this school because of how much support they give the students.” *Parent*



Moulsecoomb primary school is a thriving community situated in a flourishing landscape of historic buildings. An adventure playground of green and wooded spaces for learning through play.

"I wanted to work at Moulsecoomb primary school from the first day I visited as a supply teacher because of the nurturing and friendly staff team, the precious qualities of the children, the appreciative parents and carers and the supportive and holistic approach of the senior leaders.

I am overwhelmed on a daily basis by the enthusiasm and creativity of the Moulsecoomb community and I thank my lucky stars that I work for such a fabulous school.

"Compassion for all" really encapsulates the child-centred, non-judgemental, solution-based approach that we have at Moulsecoomb. Everyone makes the family atmosphere seem so natural and yet so much knowledge, experience and care is behind each and every day.

I look forward to being a part of sharing; our creative and inclusive approaches, our positive behaviour management expertise, our arts-based topic planning, our mixed ability methodology and our nurturing and therapeutic techniques; with the rest of the Brighton and Hove. They have much they can learn from us and Moulsecoomb loves to share."

EARLY YEARS

OFSTED rated 'GOOD'

'Children get off to a strong start in the early years and get ad make good progress as a result of effective teaching.'

My daughter has been attending the nursery at Moulsecoomb Primary school since January 2019, where she has come on leaps and bounds. Her number and letter understanding has improved incredibly and her drawings and pen holding has vastly improved.





Her confidence in herself and her ability to engage with other children, in the class and when we take her out as a family, has also greatly improved.

I am so impressed with the nursery and the way they have kept me informed with her progress as well as the way they have engaged with me and allowed me to participate in my daughters learning and development.

I have attended numerous stay and play events and the term time updates have been invaluable by enabling me to understand how she is doing and allowing me to build upon that at home.

I would recommend the school to anyone.

ASPIRATIONAL

We work closely with both the University of Sussex and Brighton University. Sussex actually train teachers on-site providing rich opportunities for our children. Into University offers our pupils academic support and mentoring to help them with their education. They run an afterschool club to help with homework and run a week of workshops for Year 5 to give them an idea of what University is like with a graduation at the end for all pupils. They also help with the transition to secondary school.





CHRIST'S HOSPITAL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL

We are proud to work with Christ's Hospital and have been successful in achieving full bursary for some of our children for the past five years. Our highest achieving children will all be given the opportunity to apply for a fully-funded secondary place and are supported during the application process. Visits can be arranged throughout the year.

OPPORTUNITIES

We work with over 30 organisations giving our pupils a wide range of opportunities while complimenting their work in the classroom. From Bike Clubs to the Booth Museum, Music lessons to Moulsecumb Forest Garden Project. Coffee mornings with AMAZE, pre-history curriculum with Sussex Past, giving pupils a well-rounded and full education. We have a partnership with Youth Hostel Association who will be helping us with the costs of school residentials over the next 3 years including the potential for parents to attend some family breaks at local youth hostels. YHA are also supporting our outdoor learning - our grounds and our work in the outdoors is leading the way. We work closely with East Brighton Trust and the Fonthill Foundation to secure exciting learning experiences for all our children such as trips to the West End or the i360!



ALBION IN THE COMMUNITY

Albion in the Community, the official charity of Brighton and Hove Albion FC, provide Moulsecoomb Primary with a programme of high-quality support that uses the appeal of the Premier League and Brighton & Hove Albion Football Club to inspire pupils in everything from English and maths to teamwork and sport. The programme is delivered by Primary Stars sports mentors who provide high quality interventions targeted at whole classes, small groups and individuals which aim to:

- Improve children's physical literacy
- Improve teachers confidence in delivery PE
- Improve children's confidence in English and maths activities
- Improve children's communication skills and resilience

BRIGHTON TABLE TENNIS CLUB

BTTC have been working at the school for 18 months teaching Ping Maths which incorporates numeracy while playing, along with lunchtime clubs and PE lessons. They are now based permanently in the school setting up a seven table venue offering lessons before, during and after school to pupils and the wider local community.

Nick Kreel, BTTC Head of Community Outreach and PingMaths teacher says: "People learn differently, and it's not one size fits all when it comes to learning."



CREATIVE CURRICULUM

'The curriculum is designed to ensure that pupils get many opportunities to do things that they would not otherwise do. This includes visits to interesting places such as a local farm, the Natural History Museum and Seven Sisters Country Park, where they learn about archaeology and landscapes.' OFSTED

CREATIVE WRITING CLUB WITH LITTLE GREEN PIG

'Little Green Pig is a local charity focusing on giving every child the chance to write and share their work. We have worked with Moulsecoomb Primary School for several years, including our 3-month BrightSTAR residency where we turned two empty classrooms into Brighton's first space and training academy and worked with every child in the school. We now run a free, weekly after school 'Tuesday club' for Years 3-6 where children can work towards exciting public projects like comic books, travel guides, films and radio shows. The children get to work with professional writers, illustrators and other artists, go on trips and also work towards Arts Award.' Ella Burns, Director

READING

"The teaching of reading has a high priority in the school, Many topics are planned around rich texts, and this helps pupils develop an enjoyment and appreciation of fiction. Pupils learn phonics well and use this knowledge to sound out unfamiliar words to read with increasing accuracy and fluency as they progress through the school." OFSTED



LIBRARY

Children learn to read in our magical jungle library which is used not just for our children but everyone in Brighton and Hove. We are also part of Young City Reads, celebrate Book Week and welcome the dogs from Sussex Caring Pets who help pupils to read!



COMMUNITY

The school believes in working in partnership with parents and carers and provides opportunities to get involved in supporting children's learning as well as improving parents' skills. Some activities are run by school staff, whilst others are delivered by organisations such as Family Learning and the Friends Centre. Current activities include Moulsecoomb Rhyme and Shine: a parent and pre-school activity group based around story books (it's free and you get to keep the book!), Family Learning for parents/carers and their children in nursery and reception classes, and Family cooking. In addition, the school hosts an English for speakers of other Languages course and IT courses, both

run by the Friends Centre. We run a Toddler group drop in every Thursday 9 - 11am.

CARING & RESPECT

'Leaders have created a warm, welcoming community, where parents and carers know that they find a listening ear and help in a range of areas.' OFSTED

'Pupils feel safe in school. They trust adults to sort out any problems, but also say that friends can be relied on to help as well. Pupils have a very strong understanding of equality and diversity. One pupil explained this by saying, 'Everyone is appreciated for who they are.' OFSTED

AWARD-WINNING ENVIRONMENT

Our award winning school grounds are a fantastic space for children to learn and play. We have orchards, ponds, chickens, vegetable gardens and our roundhouses where we teach pupils from across the city the pre-history curriculum.



PRE-HISTORY WORKSHOPS

"My child came out of school screaming – best day ever!" Moulsecoomb Primary School offers practical, hands-on activities that cover Stone Age-Iron Age life and meet many aspects of the new curriculum for pupils. The school grounds have a range of replica historical buildings that provide a perfect venue for outdoor learning and a great way to bring history alive.

"A couple of friends who work in other local primary schools recommended Moulsecoomb to us and we were not disappointed! A really interesting and absorbing experience the children were very focussed and learned a lot" Teacher

"My child really enjoyed the archaeological dig and it has inspired him to become a historian" Parent

FOREST SCHOOL

Our Forest School offers children and the wider school community regular opportunities to develop confidence and self-esteem through hands on learning experiences while supporting and enhancing curriculum topics. Parent/Carer and child sessions are also offered across the school age range creating special bonding opportunities and exciting learning activities in a vibrant, caring and safe environment.



BIKE HUB CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

Moulsecoomb Primary is a beacon for the Bike It Project, run by Sustrans, the Sustainable Transport Charity. It is a beacon for cycling and is regularly leading other schools to enable them to learn from our expertise. The school has seen a huge increase in cycling through events such as termly Cycle Sports Days, Bikestock, Cyclefest, led rides and Dr Bike Days where we fix bikes for free with the help of the pupils who get to learn real life skills in an engaging setting.

Pupils are given the opportunity to learn to ride on two wheels as soon as they enter reception class and this is built upon throughout their school career, enabling them to be confident cyclists by the end of their time with us. We have a fleet of well maintained (by the Bike It Crew) bikes, free to use for all pupils, which are used on a daily basis, as well as the first on site school BMX pump track.

The Bike Club is run by staff, volunteers and parents and we have hosted learn to ride clubs for adults and girls only bike clubs too. We have several rides each year to places like Stanmer Park, Wild Park, BACA and even Ovingdean, where whole classes ride to locations to enhance their learning and experiences. The school has been long been engaging parents in bike building projects and basic maintenance through parent groups and events. We also work in partnership with the 67 Centre to provide support outside of school for the families in need of bike maintenance skills. When our pupils leave us at the end of year 6, the Bike It project is there to help in the secondary schools too. We continue to work to get more people cycling in.

HIGH QUALITY TEACHING

"Mandy is an inspirational and experienced nursery teacher. She regularly shares her expertise with colleagues in schools, nurseries and pre-schools across the city, and is used as an example of very high quality practice. She was recently chosen to talk to a large group of early years managers and leaders about the work she does to support children's early reading skills, including her work with families to help develop a love of books and reading. This was very well received and is now being developed as part of an important project with the Brighton and Hove Early Years Team. Mandy has a wealth of knowledge about all aspects of early years teaching, and keeps up to date with current research and practice which she incorporates into the nursery class in practical ways, always keeping the needs of the children at heart."

LA Advisor



'Despite now living by the seafront my daughter still goes to Moulsecoomb Primary. It's such an educational inspiring place and inclusive to every child's needs. Teaching staff have an amazing way with the kids, learning not just in the classroom but educating pupils how the outside world works. I would recommend the school to any parent.'

Year 6 parent

**We are open from 7.45am with our breakfast club
every school morning for just £2**

**We run a range of after school clubs until 5.00pm
at the end of every school day**



Want a tour of the school?

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