



A proud,
inclusive, diverse
community



**Barton Clough
Primary School**

BRIGHT FUTURES EDUCATIONAL TRUST



Welcome to Barton Clough Primary School

Welcome to Barton Clough Primary School, a proud member of Bright Futures Educational Trust.

Located in the heart of Stretford, Barton Clough Primary School is an inclusive community that stands out due to its comprehensive curriculum and an unwavering commitment to individual development. Leaders are ambitious and have a clear vision for the school. Our skilled and caring staff are dedicated to unlocking each child's potential in all areas. We believe firmly in the power of partnership: our school thrives on the active engagement and involvement of parents/carers, staff, pupils, other local schools and our governing board. Together, we create an environment where everyone feels cared for, valued, and part of a supportive community.

Older pupils are encouraged to lead by example, assuming roles such as prefects and reading buddies, fostering a sense of responsibility and community spirit. Our curriculum, underpinned by strong English and Maths skills, facilitates a wide range of learning opportunities. We prioritise both high academic achievement and creativity. Our staff work tirelessly to craft an engaging, challenging, and fun learning environment that promotes memorable learning experiences.

We believe in the power of diverse learning experiences and encourage our children to be brave, positive, and determined. Our pupils benefit from unique learning opportunities such as our on-site Forest School, led by a dedicated teacher. Additionally, our two Small Specialist Classes (SSC's) provide crucial support for pupils with additional needs, ensuring that all our pupils have access to high-quality education.

We aim for every student to leave Barton Clough Primary School with self-belief, a willingness to help others, and the drive to reach their full potential. Emphasising a strong home-school connection, we encourage and value the participation of parents/carers in various school activities, fostering a shared responsibility for learning and development.

Barton Clough Primary School is dedicated to giving our pupils the best possible start to their education. We warmly invite you to schedule a tour of our school, and experience first-hand the vibrant educational environment we cultivate and our commitment to parental engagement.

Mr J Foster-Carr
Head of School

"Barton Clough is a great school. The teachers are so supportive and attentive to the children's needs. My child feels a genuine sense of belonging and feels safe and happy at school."

Parent / Carer



Why Choose Barton Clough?

"I have made the right choice with Barton Clough for my son, now I know what a happy boy looks like, jumping to go to school and excited. With staff who truly understand and take care of his emotional needs as well as academic."

Parent / Carer

We think that there are lots of reasons to choose Barton Clough Primary School. We are very proud of our school, and these are some of our highlights:

- **Exceptional curriculum:** Barton Clough Primary School offers a comprehensive and engaging curriculum, encompassing not only essential English and Maths skills but also a wide range of subjects designed to foster creativity and a love for learning.
- **Inclusive environment:** The school takes pride in its commitment to inclusivity, ensuring all children, irrespective of their backgrounds or abilities, are given the best possible support and education.
- **Outstanding pastoral care:** Barton Clough Primary School is well-regarded for its pastoral care. The well-being of each child is considered paramount, and there is a strong focus on fostering positive relationships and a nurturing environment.
- **Unique learning opportunities:** The school provides unique learning experiences such as the on-site Forest School, led by a dedicated teacher, which enhances children's learning and their appreciation of the natural world.
- **Emphasis on individual development:** With small specialist classes (SSC's) for pupils with additional needs, Barton Clough Primary School ensures that individual development and care is at the heart of their mission, with tailored support for each student's unique needs.

- **Strong parental engagement:** Recognising the importance of a robust home-school connection, Barton Clough Primary School encourages active parental engagement and involvement in various school activities. This cultivates a sense of shared responsibility for each child's learning and development.
- **Broad range of extra-curricular activities:** Barton Clough Primary School provides an extensive range of wider opportunities to help develop well-rounded pupils. From Parkour to cycling, swimming, and chess, these activities encourage pupils to develop new skills, hobbies, and interests, fostering their physical development and strategic thinking.



Vision and Values

Our Vision:

“A proud, inclusive, diverse community”

Our Values:

Brave

At Barton Clough Primary School, bravery is vital for our pupils to reach their full potential. We champion bravery by encouraging risk-taking, embracing challenges, and advocating for self and others, thus developing confidence, resilience, and problem-solving skills in a safe and supportive setting.

Positive

Barton Clough Primary School cultivates positivity, building a school culture where everyone is valued, respected, and encouraged to see challenges as opportunities for growth. This positive approach instils motivation and inspiration, driving us to celebrate successes and collectively overcome obstacles.

Determined

We embed perseverance and determination in our pupils at Barton Clough Primary School, promoting a robust work ethic and the drive to succeed. Our pupils are encouraged to set goals, work diligently, and persist through challenges, preparing them for a successful future.

Thriving

Our commitment is to help each student thrive. We provide a nurturing and inclusive environment that bolsters academic, social, and emotional development. We believe in every child's potential to succeed, and our dedication to educational excellence inspires our pupils to become lifelong learners, critical thinkers, and compassionate global citizens.

“The teachers
make me happy”

Barton Clough Pupil



Teaching and Learning at Barton Clough

At Barton Clough Primary School, we're dedicated to fostering an enriching learning environment that not only meets the National Curriculum but also goes beyond it, giving our pupils opportunities and experiences to ready them for life in modern Britain. We believe that education should be as exciting and effective as possible, and we're constantly updating our teaching methods to reflect this.

Our talented teaching staff are committed to lifelong learning, always engaging with the latest educational research to adapt and improve their strategies. This ensures our teaching practices are as effective as possible, meeting the unique needs of each child, and enhancing their overall learning experience.

We are a research-led school, implementing proven teaching strategies to ensure your child benefits from an education that's both challenging and engaging. We consistently evaluate the effectiveness of these strategies, making necessary adjustments to continually enhance the quality of our teaching.

Incorporating our values into the National Curriculum, we foster an atmosphere of bravery, encouraging pupils to embrace challenges; positivity, seeing hurdles as opportunities for growth; determination, instilling a strong work ethic; and thriving, helping pupils excel in all aspects of their lives.

In essence, at Barton Clough Primary School, we are committed to constant improvement, staying current with educational trends, and doing our utmost to ensure your child's educational journey is the best it can be.

You can find out much more about our curriculum by visiting our website.

Maths

We place importance on Maths at Barton Clough Primary School, and we're delighted by the significant strides our pupils make in this key subject area. The driving force behind our success is our commitment to the 'Teaching for Mastery' ethos, which advocates that all children can flourish in Maths with tailored teaching.

We've consciously adopted a meticulously planned scheme of work that allows our teachers to facilitate engaging, well-organised lessons. This step-by-step approach aids pupils in steadily building confidence and discovering enjoyment in every facet of the Maths curriculum.

Our teachers are dedicated to offering invigorating lessons, deftly blending elements of fluency, reasoning, and problem-solving. This unique combination not only instils an understanding of Maths but also underscores its practical applications in daily life. Through this approach, we aim to foster a love for Maths and nurture confident, capable learners.

English

At Barton Clough Primary School, our English curriculum is both captivating and immersive, built around an engaging selection of top-quality children's literature. Our goal is to inspire our pupils to relish the depth and diversity of English language and literature. This is achieved by immersing our pupils in a broad spectrum of texts across various genres, reflecting a range of cultures and values.

We hold a strong belief that literacy and effective oral communication are essential life skills of utmost

importance. Therefore, we anchor our English units on meticulously chosen, stimulating texts that not only foster a love for the language but also enhance critical thinking and communication skills. This text-centric approach helps our pupils explore, understand, and appreciate the richness and versatility of the English language, setting them up for success in their academic journey and beyond.

Forest School

Barton Clough Primary School offers a distinctive, enriching opportunity for all pupils through our dedicated on-site Forest School, a unique feature that sets us apart from many other schools. Throughout their time with us, every child participates in our Forest School program annually, enabling them to interact directly with nature and experience learning outside the traditional classroom setting.

Led by a qualified Forest School teacher, our pupils get to explore the natural world in a safe, structured environment. The Forest School aims to enhance children's connection with nature, build their self-esteem, and develop their teamworking skills, all while promoting their curiosity and creativity. These sessions offer invaluable opportunities for hands-on, experiential learning, further enhancing our pupils' understanding of their environment.

This immersive, outdoor approach to education is an integral part of our curriculum at Barton Clough Primary School. It plays a pivotal role in helping us cultivate well-rounded individuals who appreciate the natural world and understand the importance of sustainability. This is one of the many ways we deliver a comprehensive, engaging, and unique educational experience that goes beyond traditional academia.

The Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Curriculum

At Barton Clough Primary School, our paramount aim is to foster the growth of 'the whole child'. This is not limited to academic achievement but expands to include social, emotional, and citizenship skills, alongside spiritual, moral, and cultural education. Our objective is to shape confident, resilient children who can take on challenges, show leadership, and are prepared to seize future opportunities as global citizens.

In delivering these important life skills, our approach is thorough and varied. Personal, Social, Health, and Citizenship Education (PSHCE) form the backbone of our weekly lessons, offered in a range of engaging formats. These are not standalone sessions, but are incorporated into daily learning, assemblies, and even woven into other subjects like History, Geography, English, Maths, and Science. This learning is further enriched with outdoor educational trips, active participation in community projects, and hands-on activities that help apply these lessons in practical ways.

Religious Education is also a part of our curriculum, encouraging respect for and understanding of diverse beliefs and traditions. To promote introspection and mental well-being, we provide daily mindfulness sessions, offering children a tranquil space to reflect on their day, emotions, and experiences. This approach, combined with the teaching of the fundamental British Values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, and mutual respect and tolerance, helps us cultivate well-rounded individuals who are equipped to navigate and contribute to an increasingly interconnected world.

"The students and teachers are really kind, helpful and really supportive."

Barton Clough Pupil



Behaviour at School

"We're all one big family, one big community – we're all in this together."

Barton Clough Pupil

At Barton Clough Primary School, our guiding vision - 'A proud, inclusive, diverse community' - encapsulates our approach to fostering excellent behaviour among our pupils. We are committed to creating a positive and nurturing environment where every individual in the school community feels empowered and understood.

We strive to bolster well-being and resilience among our pupils, fostering their emotional literacy and regulation skills through evidence-informed practices. We acknowledge that behaviour can often be an expression of emotion or feeling, and we work towards helping pupils navigate these emotions constructively.

We place immense importance on nurturing healthy relationships between pupils, staff, and caregivers, recognising their vital role in making pupils feel safe, valued, and part of a caring community. This, we believe, lays the foundation for pupils to exhibit suitable behaviour and strive towards their goals.

Our approach to encouraging positive behaviour is multifaceted and proactive. We focus on positive reinforcement, accentuating desired behaviour rather than highlighting negative conduct. We use constructive language that encourages and guides, and we work towards maintaining a serene and orderly school atmosphere. Recognising and celebrating good behaviour forms an integral part of our ethos. We take every opportunity to communicate these achievements to the pupils and their parents/carers.

Staff members consistently appreciate and laud positive attitudes and behaviours, making pupils feel valued for their efforts. We have numerous rewards in place, such as weekly certificates, special responsibility roles, and more. These rewards, combined with encouraging feedback, calls home to share positive news, and opportunities for pupils' work to be showcased, help to motivate and inspire our pupils to maintain excellent behaviour.



Special Educational Needs and Disabilities

Barton Clough Primary School stands firm in its commitment to inclusivity and dedicated support for every student, particularly those with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). In partnership with the Local Authority and Bright Futures Educational Trust, our focus is steadfastly on the early identification of needs, and providing necessary support to both the individual student and their family.

Our belief in the potential for all children to excel fuels our high expectations for our pupils and their families. The ethos of our school revolves around a graduated approach, consistently assessing, planning, implementing, and reviewing our strategies to enhance resilience, independence, and an enduring love of learning in all our pupils.

We are immensely proud of our ability to conduct thorough teacher assessments and foster strong student relationships, which enable us to understand the 'whole child'. Our staff members are adept at managing a broad range of student needs, and we regularly collaborate with various professionals, including educational psychologists and speech and language therapists. This combined effort ensures that our support strategies celebrate student success and target areas for development.

In addition, Barton Clough Primary School is proud to provide Small Specialist Classes (SSC's). These specialised classes offer tailored learning environments for children with specific educational needs. The central focus of our SSC is speech, language, and communication, providing targeted and detailed support in these areas. This ensures that children who require additional assistance in these aspects of their development are fully catered

for. Our experienced and highly trained staff within the SSC are devoted to creating individualised learning plans, using each student's strengths as a base for their academic progression.

In essence, our approach at Barton Clough Primary School embraces every student's individual strengths and areas of development, ensuring a tailored, comprehensive, and inclusive learning experience.

"I have never known an educational setting with such knowledge, support and understanding for SEN. Barton Clough treats every single child as an individual and will go above and beyond to meet their needs and help them flourish."

Parent / Carer





Trips, Visits and Enrichment

At Barton Clough Primary School, we deeply understand the enriching power of additional activities that complement our core academic curriculum. Our pupils thrive when they engage in diverse experiences that inspire them, fuel their curiosity, and enhance their learning journey.

We regularly incorporate the outdoor classroom into our teaching, utilising our expansive school grounds and local community resources to captivate and stimulate our pupils. Whether it's stepping outside for a biology lesson or visiting a local historical site, these hands-on experiences truly bring learning to life.

Our enrichment program extends beyond the boundaries of our school, as we frequently visit places of interest and invite knowledgeable visitors to deliver workshops. These activities provide valuable support across all areas of the curriculum, and you, as parents/carers, are always kept fully informed about these planned visits. We often invite parents/carers to accompany their child's class on these educational trips. We look forward to your participation!

We highly value residential experiences. Our Year 6 pupils are given the opportunity to partake in an outdoor education residential, an excellent way to foster social and educational development.

Swimming takes on a special significance in our curriculum. Our Year 5 pupils participate in regular swimming lessons at a local Leisure Centre, to instil an understanding and respect for water safety. These lessons are not only about building confidence and stamina in the water, but also about teaching essential survival skills, promoting physical health, and fostering a lifelong appreciation for water sports.

But that's not all. We offer our pupils an array of distinctive opportunities. We have a dedicated sports coach to enhance our physical education program, and in selected classes, we provide chess and music tuition. Moreover, some classes have the exciting chance to experience Parkour and cycling lessons. These unique enrichment opportunities are a testament to our commitment to a well-rounded and inclusive education. They not only add diversity to our curriculum but also aid in cultivating varied skillsets, encouraging creativity, and promoting healthy competition among our pupils.



"I love the new outdoor area and strawberry picking."

Barton Clough Pupil

School Information

Breakfast Club

Our Breakfast Club starts at 8am. Children will enjoy a nutritious breakfast and the opportunity to play with their friends or complete their homework, if they choose.

School Meals

Meals at Barton Clough Primary School are provided by Sodexo. Our school menus are well balanced and varied, with choices to suit everyone. Children are welcome to bring their own packed lunch, but we ask that this is healthy.

If a child is in Reception, or Years 1 and 2, they automatically qualify for Free School Meals under the universal scheme. You can check if a child is eligible for school meals via:
<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

School Times

The school gates open at 8:30am and will close at 8:45am. The end of the school day is 3:15pm. Children should arrive to school on time and well prepared.

School Uniform

We believe that our uniform gives all pupils a sense of pride and belonging. We expect all pupils to adhere to the uniform code at all times and to wear appropriate clothing for different activities.

The uniform is available to purchase from Monkhouse via the link from the school website or at their retail outlets.

Early Years Foundation Stage

Black jogging bottoms/trousers, black skirt or pinafore, navy blue sweatshirt/cardigan with school logo, white polo shirt with school logo/plain, blue and white check dress (summertime), sensible black shoes, coat.

Year 1 Foundation Stage to Year 5

Black trousers, black skirt or pinafore, navy blue sweatshirt/cardigan with school logo, white polo shirt with school logo/plain, blue and white check dress (summertime), sensible black shoes, coat.

Year 6 children only

Black trousers/skirt, navy v-neck sweatshirt with school logo, white shirt, navy and red tie, sensible black shoes, coat.

PE Kit

Black shorts, white polyester logo round neck t-shirt, pumps/trainers for outdoor games (plain black tracksuit and school jumper may be worn for outdoor games).

Friends of Barton Clough

All parents/carers are welcome to join the active parent group, The Friends of Barton Clough, who meet informally to share ideas on how to raise money for the school, and run events such as school discos and the Christmas Fair.



"Barton Clough are clearly very invested and committed to every single pupil, it's absolutely wonderful to see such positivity and optimistic, high energy and such consistently high levels of motivation and effort from staff, the senior leadership team and pupils alike. The school is a joy to visit."

Parent / Carer



Admissions and How to Apply

Trafford School Admissions manages the admissions to Barton Clough Primary School. You can contact them on 0161 912 5007. Trafford School Admissions determine which children are offered a place at Barton Clough Primary School based upon the Admissions Criteria. We have a Published Admissions Number of 30. For further information please read our Admissions Policy on the School Policies page of our website.



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