

Annual Report to Parents 2019

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I'd like to start by welcoming new families to Beckfoot Trust. I hope that you feel excited to have secured a place for your child within one of our schools. The purpose of the report is to update you on the progress of the Trust.

We have ten schools in our Trust. All are located in the Bradford area and serve their local community. Our aim is to provide great schools for our pupils to grow up and learn in.

All of our schools are improving, some rapidly, as a result of working together as one team of schools. The intention is that every Beckfoot Trust school will achieve an Ofsted judgement of good or better. You can see on the right where we have got to.

School	Type of School	When they joined the Trust	Ofsted rating since joining the Trust
Beckfoot School	Secondary	2013	Outstanding (2014)
Hazelbeck Special	Special	2013	Outstanding (2015/2019)
Beckfoot Upper Heaton	Secondary	2015	Good (2018)
Beckfoot Allerton	Primary	2016	Requires Improvement (2019)
Beckfoot Heaton	Primary	2016	Good (2019)
Beckfoot Oakbank	Secondary	2016	Requires Improvement (2019)
Beckfoot Thornton	Secondary	2016	Requires Improvement (2019)
Beckfoot Phoenix	Special	2017	Not yet Inspected
Beckfoot Priestthorpe	Primary	2017	Not yet Inspected
Beckfoot Nessfield	Primary	2018	Not yet Inspected

Some of our highlights:

- Very positive Ofsted judgements for those of our schools that have been inspected since joining the Trust. Two are now outstanding schools, others have progressed to being good, whilst others still requiring improvement are clearly improving at pace.
- In terms of results this year:
 - > At the age of five, 72% of our children achieved a 'good level of development', up from 68% in 2016. This says a great deal about what our schools are doing in nursery and reception years. These children are well placed to do well at primary school.
 - > By the age of eleven, 50% of our children achieved the expected standard in reading, writing and maths compared to only 34% in 2016. This prepares them well for secondary school.
- By the age of sixteen, 55% of our young people achieved a GCSE at Level 4 or above in both English and Maths compared to 48% in 2016.
- At eighteen the average A level grade in our schools was a C grade. Our newly established Trust 6th Form based at Beckfoot, Beckfoot Oakbank and Beckfoot Thornton will raise standards further.
- We have established annual or bi-annual Trust-wide events linked to sports, arts and debating.
 - > Well done Beckfoot Allerton for winning the Trust Debating competition this year. They were amazing. All of our schools are developing more and more learning opportunities for children to talk about ideas. Talk matters!
 - > We love the Sports and Arts. Last year we had our first ever Trust Arts Festival where children from all our schools showed their talents in dance, drama, art and music. It was great.

> Sports Day was fantastic with Year 6 and Year 7 children from all of our schools competing. Winners included children from all our schools. It was a particular joy to see children from our special schools competing against others from our mainstream schools and winning! Overall Beckfoot Priestthorpe and Beckfoot schools took the honours this year.

- We really believe in empowering our pupils. We want them to have a view about the world they live in. We held our first ever Trust-wide student conference in February 2019 which was brilliant. Student leaders challenged us to make sure our schools are fit for children growing up in the 21st century. The world is rapidly changing, the pressures on young people are more complex and of course the world of work is very different. We need to make sure our schools move with the times, keep our children safe, develop them as people, make sure they have ambition and prepare them for a great future.

- A similar theme has been evident within our Trust Conferences for our staff. Out of the Conference this year we have created a new vision for our Trust 'Creating Remarkable Schools'. You can find it on our website at <http://www.beckfoottrust.org/?p=62808>.

Finally, this year we are going to explore in detail how we can do more to engage with you as families. We know that a child has the best chance of succeeding in school if they know their family and school are working together as their support team. To start us off it would be really helpful to get some feedback from you on what you feel we are doing well, and how we can get better. The link to the Survey is below. I promise it won't take more than ten minutes of your time!

Parent survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/BeckfootTrustfamiliesurvey>

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Annual Report: Beckfoot Phoenix 2019-20

At Beckfoot Phoenix Primary Special School, we work hard to make sure that all our very special children can 'be the best they can be'. In our school, children come first. They are listened to, respected and nurtured.

Children tell us and show us that they enjoy school and over the last year, our children's confidence and communication has significantly improved because of our new curriculum. After talking to children and families, we decided to focus our curriculum on the key skills that children with learning difficulties need for life i.e. personal skills, physical strength, staying healthy, reading, writing, number and communication. These are taught through motivating lessons in the classroom as well as in real life situations e.g. In the supermarket or at the café.

Within the curriculum, children enjoy linking and working together with children from Priestthorpe Primary School as well as taking part in weekly work experience at the local farm and regular events with other schools in the Trust, e.g. swimming gala, sports day, arts day and the Trust environment group. A very exciting recent 'addition' to our curriculum has been our focused activity weeks throughout the year. In our first ever 'Caring me' week, every class had to care for a class pet, be it a bearded dragon, a guinea pig, a tortoise or a hamster, and children were taught about having 'caring hands' through visiting older people in care homes, grooming donkeys, looking after guide dogs, bathing real babies as well as making raising money for charities. 'Caring Me' week was a great success and the children loved it and so did staff and

parents! Parents have told us that they 'love' the new curriculum and children seem to love it too. If you would like to know more about our curriculum, or about what we do at Beckfoot Phoenix, please get in touch. We are very proud of everything that our children achieve in our school, and we would love to hear from you.

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