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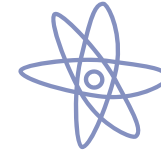


**PROSPECTUS 2023-2024**



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A Very Warm Welcome!



“Pupils flourish in this highly ambitious and caring school”

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**O**XFORD GROVE is a very special place where we challenge all our children to be aspirational, supporting their hopes and dreams and guiding them as they search for their own pathways to success and fulfilment.

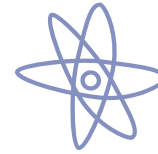
Our aim is to create a nurturing and inspirational learning community which encourages and supports **our amazing children** in the pursuit of their ambitions.

Our dedicated staff team aims to help every child to face their individual challenges with courage and determination and to discover their unique talents and strengths.



“Staff are unwavering in their determination for every pupil to succeed”

Ofsted 2023



We are totally committed to removing barriers to learning and developing in each child a **love of learning** and a shared pride in achievement in all its forms.

In our school we have high expectations of each other, recognise each person as an individual and celebrate the diversity of our community, treating everyone with respect.

We are passionate about helping our children to become equipped

with the skills and attributes they need to pursue their dreams and become life-long learners and of course, we know how important it is to have fun too!

We understand that **choosing the right school** for your child is one of the most important decisions you will make in a lifetime and hope this prospectus, along with our website, will give you a flavour of Oxford Grove – a unique place where we believe your child will thrive.

Nothing beats ‘face to face’ contact so if you would like to know more about us, please contact us to arrange an appointment to visit.

As Head teacher, I look forward to meeting you soon and working with you on the next stage of your child’s development.

**Miss Harvey**  
Head Teacher



# Passion & Pride

At OXFORD GROVE, our school motto is “**Pride in Our School, Pride in Ourselves, Pride in Each Other**”. We understand that children learn better when they feel secure and happy and so we create a friendly, supportive atmosphere of mutual care and respect, where all can flourish and be **proud** of their achievements.



## Our Aim

“To create for all our children an inclusive, happy, safe, nurturing, supportive learning environment.”



## Governor Quote

“The school and Governors work together in a close partnership that is open and honest. You have a real feeling of the care and dedication of staff as soon as you walk into Oxford Grove and our children are quite simply wonderful.”



## Pupil Quote

“I love school so much that I want to work here when I am older.”





# Respect & Responsibility

WE EXPECT the highest standards of behaviour and conduct, based on our core principles of **respect, responsibility, honesty and loyalty**, from all members of our school community. Together we explore the beliefs and values of different religions and cultures in order to foster understanding, respect and tolerance for them all. We invest in one another's personal growth and development in a dignified atmosphere where all are **encouraged to shine**.

## Teacher Quote

"I feel very lucky and proud to work at Oxford Grove."



## Parent Quote

"Staff are very easy to talk to if I have any concerns about my child."



## Our Aim

"We hope that your child will flourish and thrive whilst at Oxford Grove and make the most of all the opportunities that the school has to offer."





# Involvement & Investment

OUR PUPILS have a strong voice in the way the school runs and this is heard through a variety of **council and ambassadorial roles** which support the leadership team in making the school the best it can be. The children's involvement in decision-making enables them to make **informed choices and understand** their place in the school and the wider community. We consider this to be an investment in our children's future.



**Our Aim**  
"All of our children are unique and we aim to celebrate the talents and abilities of all our children through our enriching curriculum."

**Teacher Quote**  
"I've never worked anywhere with as much passion as Oxford Grove."

**Pupil Quote**  
"I like how you let people have their own point of view."





# Diversity & Democracy

At Oxford Grove, **we promote equality**. Our children learn not only from our teaching but from each other.

**WE** are fiercely proud of the diversity of our school community and celebrate the learning opportunities this provides.

We work hard to broaden our children's experiences to prepare them for life and work in contemporary Britain.

We teach them to **respect and value** the diversity around them as well as understanding how to make well-considered, democratic decisions.



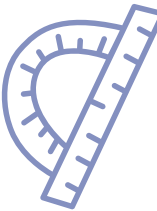
## Our Aim

"We have an extremely dedicated and enthusiastic teaching team and pride ourselves on the learning experiences that we provide for all children. We strongly believe in close partnership between home and school."



## Parent Quote

"My kids really love the school and all their teachers, they feel safe and happy."





# Excellence & Engagement

WE OFFER a broad, rich and stimulating curriculum to engage and motivate all our children. Our on-going programme of external validation ensures **standards are consistently high** and has led to the achievement of an expanding range of awards that we are very proud to hold.

Our dedicated team, which includes a range of specialist sporting, creative, musical, artistic and language teachers, sets high expectations to achieve the best results through appropriate support and challenge. An **expansive range of extra-curricular activities** is also provided to enrich children's learning.

Our children are taught to appreciate the importance of good punctuality and consistent attendance in being an effective learner.



## Pupil Quote

"I think this school is amazing because of all the lessons that are very educational and fun at the same time."



## Our Aim

"By the time your child leaves Oxford Grove, we hope that they have developed the life-long skills to be resilient, respectful and independent individuals who have a love of learning."



## Parent Quote

"This school is the best and I am a proud parent."





# Confidence & Challenge

OUR AIM is to provide inspirational teaching and learning opportunities of a consistently high standard, that **develops confidence and offers challenge** including additional or specific support as and when needed. Children are expected to engage in a range of age-appropriate roles and responsibilities in order to develop their **self-esteem and self-confidence**.

## Pupil Quote

“This school cannot be improved, it is already impeccable.”



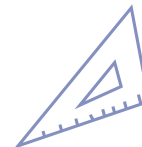
## Governor Quote

“This school is like a family. As it has grown, it has got better and better. It is quite simply amazing!”



## Parent Quote

“When my child returns home, he is eager to return to school! He has a strong bond with his teachers.”





# An Award Winning School

## Investors in People Platinum

Investors in People is a management framework for high performance through people. The prestigious accreditation is recognised across the world as a mark of excellence. Oxford Grove was awarded platinum status in May 2018 and is the only school in the UK to hold this status. The school has been judged to be in the top 1% of organisations in the UK.

A quote from our Investors in People Assessment Report:

*"All staff explained how they personally believe in the values of the school; they spoke of being 'like a family' and all striving towards the same goals for the best outcomes for the children."*

**Renewed in March 2023.**



## Investors in Pupils

The Investors in Pupils programme offers schools a framework for involving pupils in decision making, and developing responsibility and leadership in relation to their learning, behaviour, attendance, school management, classroom management and induction. It is powerful in developing a positive ethos where pupils learn about how the school is run and, in turn, understand how they themselves can contribute to the running of the school. Pupils commit to common goals and teamwork, and achieve collaborative targets.

*"The school has created an outstanding environment for caring and learning providing a 'home from home' that is both welcoming and supportive."*

**Renewed October 2022.**



## IQM Flagship School

Oxford Grove is one of only 135 schools in the country to have achieved the top level flagship status. The Inclusion Quality Mark identifies successful inclusive practice in schools. It consists of a range of elements, including pupil progress, attitudes, values, personal development and the learning environment, and focuses on how these elements contribute towards the achievement of all pupils. Oxford Grove are delighted to have been assessed as a Flagship School for inclusion. This shows that we are committed to sustaining the Inclusion Quality Mark ethos through collaborative activities; have the capacity to share and disseminate excellent practice across a broader cluster of schools, and engage in classroom level research that explores inclusive practice.

A quote from our Inclusion Quality Mark Assessor: *"The school continues its superb commitment to providing a highly inclusive teaching environment for all pupils and staff within its modern and highly impressive environment."*

**Renewed in February 2023.**



## Step into Quality - Award Winning Early Years Provision

The Step into Quality award involves a whole team reflection on provision and practice, across eight 'steps', which will have a positive impact on the setting and support staff development in the Early Years Foundation Stage.



**Achieved in May 2022.**

## Step Outside - Award Winning Early Years Outdoor Provision

In the Early Years at Oxford Grove we are proud of our outdoor learning environment. The team have worked together to provide stimulating and exciting opportunities that promote independent and collaborative learning for all our children. This has been recognised by our school securing the Step Outside award to celebrate excellence in our outdoor learning provision.

A quote from report. *"Real experiences from the natural world are utilised to develop children's interests and stimulate natural curiosity throughout the year. A rich outdoor environment full of irresistible resources to encourage play and exploration are permanently available."*

**Achieved in April 2021.**



## Leading Parent Partnership Award

Oxford Grove hosts a vast array of celebration and information events during the school year for parents, in addition to our traditional Parent Conference progress meetings and class assemblies.

Our staff are always available to speak to parents in the school day; either through messages passed through our staff on the doors in the morning, via a phone call or face-to-face at the end of the school day where staff are always at their classroom doors or in the playground.

In recognition of all of our hard work in working in partnership with our parents and carers, we have been awarded the Leading Parent Partnership Award (LPPA).

A quote from our LPPA Assessor:

*"Parent confidence in the school is very high, parents feel staff are accessible and easy to talk to and feel very supported by staff."*

**Renewed in October 2022.**





# To date we have achieved these awards as external recognition of the work we do...

## Liverpool Reading Quality Mark - Gold

At Oxford Grove, our reading practice is exemplary – from author visits, competitions and beautiful class library displays to discrete guided reading sessions, targeted reading buddy work and the use of real texts within lessons.

Our embedded work within reading has therefore been rightly recognised with the Gold Award – the highest standard awarded by the Liverpool Reading Quality Mark. A quote from our Liverpool Reading Quality Mark Assessor:

*"The engagement of all children throughout the school is impressive and inspirational. The school has captured the awe and wonder of reading for pleasure and provides experiences for the children that they will never forget."*



Gold

Renewed in December 2022.

## School Games Mark - Gold

The School Games Mark is a government led award that focuses on recognising schools who show commitment to physical competitions across the school and the wider community.

At Oxford Grove, our sports provision is excellent, with quality practitioners and specialist coaches leading PE lessons across the school and hosting before and after school sports clubs. Children from a range of year groups also have the opportunity to attend competitions, both those within school and with other schools across Bolton. These competitions cover a wide range of sports, including cricket, boxing, athletics, swimming, rounders and football.

A quote from our School Games Mark Assessor:

*"The school are going above and beyond in their efforts to offer a well-rounded sporting offer that incorporates all young people in the school regardless of their ability."*



Renewed in 2023.

## Wellbeing Award for Schools

The award has a focus on impact and outcomes for pupils so that schools can demonstrate specific and wider impacts of Wellbeing policies and interventions.

The award demonstrates commitment to promoting wellbeing as part of school life and helps to improve pupils' attainment and behaviour, alongside supporting children to develop good mental health and resilience.



Achieved in July 2021.

## History Quality Mark - Gold

The History Quality Mark Gold is awarded to schools that demonstrate a relentless passion to ensure effective learning and achievement through inspiring teaching that engages all pupils consistently across the school. Oxford Grove has the systems and structures in place so History enjoys a high profile in the school, exploring our children's curiosity and interest in the subject area. The Gold status recognises how our personalised History curriculum reflects the diversity of our school whilst carefully meeting the needs of all our children. To enrich the pupils' experiences, History at Oxford Grove does not stop in the classroom as a systemic and coherent range of historical experiences is available to all pupils across the different years of the school.



Achieved November 2020.

## Artsmark - Gold

Oxford Grove holds the top level Gold status for Artsmark. Artsmark is Arts Council England's flagship programme to enable schools and other organisations to evaluate, strengthen and celebrate their arts and cultural provision.



Renewed in April 2020.

## Stonewall School Champions

Stonewall School Champions Award is run by the Stonewall organisation, who provide support for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) people. The award focuses on schools where gender equality and diversity are celebrated, and understanding and celebrating difference, including different families, is embedded within the curriculum.



Renewed in January 2022.

## Healthy Schools Plus

Healthy Schools Plus is a national health promotion programme which aims to embed good practice around health issues in schools and to give children and young people the best possible opportunity to develop positive healthy behaviours. At Oxford Grove, we have achieved the Healthy Schools Plus Award for our quality provision and our additional work with parents on healthy relationships.



Renewed in June 2021.



# Awards continued...

## ICT Mark

Oxford Grove dedicates a full lesson every week to skills from the Computing curriculum. Children are then given many opportunities throughout the rest of their learning to apply what they learn.

Our online safety provision ensures that children are kept up to date on a regular basis throughout the school year. Our Digital Leaders follow the eCadets programme which runs alongside teaching, and allows pupils to lead sessions and provide peer-to-peer support. In recognition of all of our hard work in embedding Computing skills, we have been awarded the ICT Mark.

A quote from our ICT Mark Assessor:

*"The school puts a very high emphasis on engaging the pupils and parents to promote learning. The way that pupils are encouraged to take leadership roles is outstanding and developed to a far greater extent than I have seen in any other school."*

Achieved in October 2020.



## National Online Safety Certified School

The National Online Safety Certified School accreditation supports schools to implement an effective, whole school community approach to online safety, encompassing high-quality CPD for all staff, parents and governors to meet the statutory online safety duties in the 'Keeping Children Safe in Education' guidance and align to 'Education for a Connected World'.

Achieved in November 2021.



## Safe Remote Education

The DfE published their 'Review your remote education provision' guidance to support schools to identify the strengths and areas for improvement in their remote education provision. The 'Safe Remote Education' accreditation is directly aligned to the DfE guidance and provides external validation that teachers and leaders understand how to maintain effective safeguarding arrangements whilst also providing high-quality remote education and supporting pupil wellbeing.

Achieved in November 2021.



## Third Millennium Learning Award

The Third Millennium Learning Award (3MLA) enables schools to demonstrate how they are providing an education fit for the 21st century. It celebrates schools' achievements in creating an environment and curriculum that stimulate learning experiences, making use of the opportunities presented by technology. The Third Millennium Learning Award is the natural next step for schools that have gained the NaaceMark award.

Achieved in July 2021.



## Computing Quality Framework

The Computing Quality Mark is awarded to schools who are able to show good practice in the Computing Quality Framework from the National Centre for Computing Education, along with the British Computing Society. This award acknowledges and celebrates the high quality of our Computing provision across the whole school.

Achieved in July 2022.



## Quality Mark

The Basic Skills Quality Mark is an award that celebrates and supports continuous improvement in English and Maths. It is awarded to a setting or school to recognise their provision, practice and performance in English and Maths.

A quote from the Quality Mark report. *"Your pupils were impeccable in their knowledge of the school and everything they are taught, their pride in your school really shone through."*

Renewed in May 2021.



## Online Safety Mark

The Online Safety Mark is awarded to schools that demonstrate commitment and good practice in their policies and procedures towards keeping children safe online. This spans from simple security, privacy and online 'stranger danger' to cyberbullying, online copyright, digital footprint and reputation.

A quote from Esafety Mark Assessor:

*"There has been a change in emphasis from simply ensuring online safety to developing comprehensive education programmes to increase resilience."*



Renewed in July 2022.



# Awards continued...

## Primary Science Quality Mark

With the introduction of the new curriculum in 2014, many schools lost their dedicated weekly Science lessons and integrated this subject into 'topic' lessons. However at Oxford Grove, we are proud to say we have continued to teach Science in weekly two hour slots and have worked hard to ensure Science has a high profile within our whole school curriculum. Mrs Bain, Science Subject Lead, is passionate about providing the children with exciting and engaging Science lessons. Primary Science Quality Mark is not like other quality marks: it focuses on developing effective, confident science leadership for whole school impact on science teaching and learning.



Achieved in September 2021.

## Primary Geography Quality Mark

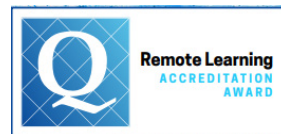
The Primary Geography Quality Mark is a prestigious award which recognises and promotes quality and progress in geography leadership, curriculum development and teaching and learning in schools, and recognises the high standard of geographical teaching and learning across our school. The Primary Geography Quality Mark supports schools to develop a curriculum with high quality intent, implementation and impact. It raises the profile of geography across the whole school community, with parents/carers, teachers, governors and children, and provides impactful and rigorous professional development alongside external validation of the quality of our curriculum.



Achieved in September 2021.

## The Remote Learning Accreditation

The Remote Learning Accreditation award is designed to help schools review the journey and provision for hybrid learning models and build on the things that have worked best through the pandemic to enhance learning moving forward. The accreditation standards provide a framework that addresses the quality of all aspects of provision, and it recognises exceptional provision and supports to identify future areas for development.



Achieved in September 2021.

## Design and Technology Mark Award

The Design and Technology Mark is a quality mark awarded to primary schools who are providing excellent teaching and learning in Design and Technology. It provides an opportunity for schools to undertake a rigorous evaluation process and strengthen their practices within Design and Technology. Schools who achieve the award have clearly demonstrated the quality of their provision, ensuring that they are providing the best possible experiences for the children to give them the skills and knowledge needed to excel now and in later life.



Achieved October 2022.

## Governor Mark

Governor Mark is a national award. Governor Mark aims to externally validate and celebrate strong governance in schools. It is a kite mark which provides external evaluation of the quality of governance in a school. Governor Mark identifies national standards for strong governance.



Achieved in March 2018.

## Music Mark

Oxford Grove is a member of Music Mark, which places the strongest possible focus on the impacts and outcomes for music education for children and young people, musically, personally, socially and educationally. Oxford Grove dedicates a full lesson every week to music skills, with a range of specialist teachers, opportunities to learn musical instruments and a wide range of extra-curricular music provision.



Renewed in September 2022.



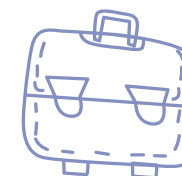
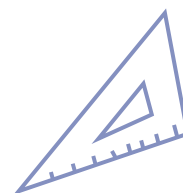
# Our Curriculum

At Oxford Grove we are passionate about helping each child to equip themselves with the skills and attributes they need to pursue their dreams and **enjoy becoming life-long learners**. Consequently, our curriculum has been designed to reflect this ethos.

It is rooted in the statutory requirements of the National Curriculum and enriched by a wide-ranging menu of **highly motivating ‘WOW’ activities**.

**Our nurturing approach to learning emphasises at its core spiritual, moral, social and cultural development.**

Our outstanding curriculum enables us to instil in our pupils the core values of respect, responsibility, loyalty, honesty and tolerance and help them to **become valued citizens** reshaping society in a future we can all be proud of.





### Teaching Team

We have an extremely dedicated and enthusiastic teaching team and pride ourselves on the learning experiences that we provide for all children. We strongly believe in a close partnership between home and school.

Our 21st Century school provides children with excellent facilities that support their learning experiences.

### Specialist Teachers

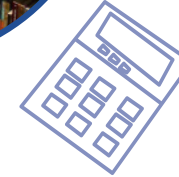
Oxford Grove employs a wide range of professionals to enrich the curriculum. High quality music, sports and language teachers deliver their specialist subjects alongside class teachers to all children throughout the year, while visiting experts provide supplementary workshops in art, poetry, history, design and science.

### Pastoral Care

At our heart we are a caring school. All staff have shared responsibility for the care and wellbeing of the children in our school. Our Safeguarding and Wellbeing staff actively support parents and carers in working on partnerships with the school to achieve the best for their child.

### Parent Quote

“Staff are very easy to talk to if I have any concerns about my child which is very helpful.”





# Aspirations & Achievement

EACH CHILD in our school is seen as a unique individual. We aim to discover, recognise and develop their individual skills and aptitudes, be they **academic, sporting or creative**. We believe all achievements play an essential part in the development of the whole child.



## Parent Quote

"My kids feel safe and happy at school and I really love the progress they are making."



## Our Aim

"Safe, caring and stimulating learning environment with high standards and expectations."



## Teacher Quote

"I couldn't imagine working anywhere else."





# Outstanding Opportunities



**“Oxford Grove - a unique place of outstanding opportunities where we believe your child will thrive.”**



**“We hope our children leave us with many happy memories, having become life-long learners, well-prepared with the skills needed to develop their talents and take their place as well-rounded, confident and empowered members of our society.”**

**Miss Harvey**



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