



# Birchensale Middle School

## The Ofsted Special

Belong... Motivate... Succeed...Resilient...



Quality of Education : Good



Behaviour and Attitudes: Good



Personal Development: Good



Leadership & Management: Good



**Bordesley**  
MULTI ACADEMY  
TRUST

## INTRODUCTION FROM THE HEADTEACHER

I am very pleased to share the results of our recent Ofsted inspection in September 2025. The inspectors met with staff, pupils, governors and parents, visited lessons and looked at pupils' work.

We are proud that Birchensale Middle School has been judged Good in every area. This is a big step forward and shows how much the school has improved.

This success is thanks to the hard work of our staff and pupils, and also to you—our families. Your support at home makes a huge difference and we are very grateful for it.

We're already acting on the report's suggestions to make our school even better. Together, we will keep building a school that every child can enjoy and succeed in.



***The school is explicit about its high expectations for pupils' behaviour... This helps Birchensale to be a harmonious community.***



## VISION AND VALUES



*“ Leaders at all levels  
have made  
significant  
improvements to the  
quality of provision  
at Birchensale  
Middle School.*

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*“ Pupils are happy to  
attend this  
transformed  
school.*

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## PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

Ofsted praised the wide range of opportunities Birchensale provides for pupils' personal growth. Pupils enjoy taking on leadership roles such as the school council, sports leaders and eco-group, and they are proud of how their voices help shape the school. Trips and visits – from theatres and churches to residential and London – enrich their experiences and prepare them for life in modern Britain.



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***Pupils also speak highly of the trips and visits the school organises for them... These enrich pupils' experiences and help the school to live its values fully***

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The report highlights how pupils learn to stay healthy, understand different faiths and traditions, and explore future careers. The school makes sure that all pupils can take part in these wider experiences, so that everyone benefits.



## SUPPORT FOR LEARNING



Ofsted found that Birchensale has clear expectations which pupils understand and follow. This creates a calm, respectful school where pupils focus in lessons and support each other. Attendance is strong, and pupils who need extra help are well supported to meet expectations.

Inspectors praised the school's high standards for behaviour, which pupils are taught clearly and understand well. As a result, classrooms are calm, pupils work hard, and the school feels like a respectful community. Where a few pupils find behaviour more difficult, staff act quickly and effectively to give them the support they need.

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*The school has a highly developed approach to managing attendance... Their actions have led to high overall attendance and pupils are very well supported to attend regularly.*

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## QUALITY OF EDUCATION

Ofsted found that Birchensale's curriculum is ambitious, well designed and firmly embedded. When pupils join in Year 5, teachers act quickly to close any gaps in learning so that everyone can access the full curriculum. Lessons are carefully planned and matched to what pupils already know. Staff check understanding closely and address any misconceptions straight away, which helps pupils to build knowledge step by step.



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***The design of the school's curriculum has been extensively reviewed and is fully embedded.***

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Reading was highlighted as a real strength of the school. Pupils who need extra support are identified quickly and given effective help so they can read fluently and confidently. High-quality texts enrich learning, and pupils are supported to achieve well across subjects. Inspectors noted that pupils take pride in their work and are increasingly successful in their learning.

## WHAT PEOPLE SAY ABOUT BIRCHENSALE MIDDLE SCHOOL

### PARENTS/CARERS:

- *'My child is happy and feels safe at school.'*
- *'The school has high expectations of my child.'*
- *'My child comes home every day talking about what they've learnt and whose helped them. You can see the pride in their face - that is when you know a school is doing something special.'*

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*I love school. We have to work really hard but the lessons are fun and the teachers are kind.*

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### STUDENTS:

- *This school feels like a family. Everyone looks out for each other.*
- *My teachers showed me that effort counts more than anything. Now I push myself to do better in my lessons.*
- *There is something here for everyone; football, art, drama, trips. You never feel left out, no matter what you're into.*
- *In year 5 I went to the zoo, the theatre, the cinema, the library and Wembley stadium. We also had a band perform live in school!*

***Read the full report on the school website***

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