

A Headteacher's Perspective

Alex Atherton, Park View



Alex Atherton is Headteacher at [Park View](#). As a member of BSF Board and key member of the ICT Forum he has played a crucial role providing guidance, advice and challenge to the programme. Alex has seen his school completely transformed through investment of more than £14m. The changes have included the creation of atrium-style street space – which is now the heart of the school. A new learning resource centre, dining facilities, improved specialist facilities in English, maths, science, technology, performing arts, languages, art, design and technology, humanities, media, and a modernised ICT infrastructure supported by ICT equipment. BSF has also helped to enhance the heating system, providing a better environment for teaching and learning.

“Everyday I go around this building I appreciate what we’ve had. And everyday the investment we’ve had is making a difference for our children.

Overall, to get that amount of funding and to improve pretty much every area of the school has been absolutely fantastic.

I am delighted that BSF is enabling the school to have the kind of exceptional facilities and environment where its students can thrive.

Our school stated clearly that we wanted to use BSF as part of our wider transformation - for example to continue to improve our exam and **OFSTED** results.

BSF has supported a real period of change for our school. Most notably, and as part our new identity, we removed 'Academy' to become Park View.

Everyone is delighted with the outcome of the BSF project. We are using these new facilities to drive results and all other outcomes for students even higher.

It's also been a huge investment of our time, but there hasn't been anybody that has said that it wasn't worth it. ”