

# ***London Borough of Bexley***

## ***News Release***

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### **Let the countdown to the beach begin!**

Its opening may still be a month away, but the Belvedere Beach project is on schedule and excitement is building.

Today (21 June) the site hosted an educational visit from the School Parliament of St Augustine of Canterbury CofE Primary School. They were joined by three members of the Council's Cabinet who arrived dressed for the beach!

While the play area is taking shape following the completion of drainage and groundworks, it is still a building site. The children received a health & safety briefing, heard how the idea for the park came about, were shown the plans and taken on a tour.

They heard that work to refurbish the on-site kiosk and toilet facilities will take place next month and about plans for a grand opening event in July or August.

When it opens, Belvedere Beach will be open all year round. It will offer a range of fully inclusive equipment, including sensory and educational play areas, plus interactive water play areas.

Cllr Peter Craske, Bexley's cabinet member for Community Safety, Environment and Leisure said: "It has been great to welcome pupils and staff from St Augustine's for an exclusive look at the new playground. This is going to be a great facility, where families and friends can have fun on the beach every day."

The park has been part-funded by Cory Environmental Trust in Britain.

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