



NEWCHURCH ST NICHOLAS

SCHOOL PROSPECTUS



WELCOME

FOREWORD BY HEADTEACHER

Welcome to Newchurch St Nicholas Primary school. We are a smaller than average Church of England primary school located in an idyllic setting with vast grounds and light, spacious ,modern well- resourced classrooms. We are proud of the caring family ethos we have created which promotes a partnership between school and parents. Everyone who comes through the doors comments on the friendly , hardworking atmosphere within the school environment

The staff team are dedicated, experienced and highly skilled and work together to provide the best education for their pupils.

Visits to school are warmly welcomed, please call 01706 229478 to make an appointment to see what we have to offer for yourself !

CURRICULUM

Start children off on the way they should go and even when they are old they will not turn from it. Proverbs 22:6

At Newchurch St. Nicholas we have designed our curriculum to acknowledge that within our diverse school community children are all individuals bringing different experiences and personalities to school.

Our curriculum aims to develop basic skills, knowledge, concepts and values by engaging pupils in learning which is tailored to their needs through providing exciting , relevant opportunities which motivate our children and develop critical thinking and give them a thirst for learning. Timetabling prioritises Maths, English and Phonics which are taught for the vast majority of the time in the morning . Core skills are reinforced through cross curricular work which enables children to make links . Our curriculum also aims to capitalise on the school's local community recognising changes within it and the impact of these on its culture and opportunities.

We acknowledge the Christian foundation of our school and foster close links with church. Our Christian values are threaded through everyday life at St Nicholas and promote tolerance and understanding, positive attitudes to learning and foster healthy relationships,

We are committed to ensuring that the education the children receive here will provide them with ambition and inspire them to further their horizons. Our curriculum will provide a firm foundation which will enable children to build their potential and progress confidently into the next phase of their education and life journey. It is also part of our vision that in the ever changing world we live in, our children are equipped to embrace whatever comes their way with a positive outlook.

Our pupils will leave with a sense of belonging to a tightly knit Christian community.

The well designed curriculum ignites pupils' interest in learning from the very start. Curriculum plans clearly identify connections between subjects. OFSTED May 2021



FACILITIES

LIBRARY

Our well resourced library is at the heart of the school .The older children are the school librarians and they are responsible for its promotion. They love to share books with the younger children . It is managed through a cloud system which means children can log on at home to reserve books and leave reviews of their favourite reads!

We also run parent and child reading sessions before and after school.

Teachers foster pupils' love of reading for pleasure. Pupils talk enthusiastically about the books they have read from the well resourced school library OFSTED May 2021

WRAP AROUND CARE

Our Breakfast and After school club provides high quality , competitively priced childcare for parents who require it. Wrap around care is available from 7:30 a.m. until 6 p.m.



FOREST SCHOOL

Our purpose built Forest school area was new in 2019. We have an in-house trained member of staff which means sessions are offered to all year groups free of charge.

....they particularly enjoy learning outdoors in the wooded area. OFSTED May 2021



EXTRA CURRICULAR

We offer a wide range of free extra curricular activities in school. We love to take children out on visits to enhance the curriculum where we can.

The clubs we have offered include:-

Football, Key Stage 1 sports, Drama, Brilliant Book Awards, Fantastic Book Awards, choir, Gardening, Ethos, Lego Change 4 Life and Newspaper club.



Pupils enjoy the many clubs that they can take part in. OFSTED May 2021



ETHOS OF THE SCHOOL

OUR CHURCH
OF ENGLAND
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SCHOOL.



We enjoy strong links with church and love to celebrate Worship at church with parents . Parishioners support our work in school too and regularly visit us.

Pupils feel safe in school. This is because adults take the time to listen to them and help them overcome any worries or concerns that they may have. OFSTED May 2021

PUPIL VOICE

WE ENCOURAGE PUPILS TO DETERMINE THE EXTRACURRICULAR LIFE OF THE SCHOOL.

The school council, Eco Committee and Ethos group are all pupil led groups in school. The pupils take a proactive approach to sharing their work through assemblies, posters, presentations and fundraising events.



They are active in the local community and we have an established a seasonal programme for the Ethos group.



Pupils are helped to become valuable citizens in their community. OFSTED May 2021

FOUNDATION STAGE

The learning area of the Foundation Stage pupils is self contained. We are fortunate that we can offer our pupils a spacious , well equipped indoor and outdoor environment which complements all elements of the Foundation stage curriculum.

As a parent you will be fully involved in your child's learning and invited to regular Key Worker drop-ins to share your child's learning.

This is a school where children are happy and eager to learn. OFSTED May 2021



DON'T TAKE OUR WORD FOR IT...

My child enjoys coming to school .There is a lot of after school activity. The school is very welcoming.



My child is very happy and can't wait to come to school to see all his friends and teachers.

Both of our children adore school. They are encouraged to do extra curricular activities and feel valued within these clubs. This year one girl has had to use After school club more than the other and this is a fantastic resource. She has thrived in there and is upset if she can't go.

*Very pleased with both my children's progress at Newchurch.
They both enjoy school.*



I am really happy with all/ most aspects of school and feel happy in how school is preparing my child for high school next time. Both children are happy and I feel they are well supported in achieving to the best of their ability and encouraged to push themselves harder.



*My son loves coming to school and feels proud of his roles in school.
Lovely learning environment where he feels safe and special.*

School provides a really warm and nurturing environment, my daughter has improved massively in confidence since she started with you because she feels so comfortable.

Every person I have encountered from the school team is polite, friendly and welcoming. I feel my child is safe, secure, happy, and encouraged to be himself, while striking the balance between that of learning and developing expected behaviours / the curriculum. Great work, love what you're doing, love the changes you are making to raise the bar. Thank you! Keep doing what you do :)

...THIS IS WHAT OUR PARENTS THINK OF US

Teachers and all staff are amazing .