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St Peter's School prospectus

Welcome to our school!

As the Headteacher, it gives me great pleasure to welcome you to our school.



St Peter's is first and foremost a **caring school** which has **high academic standards**, superb **musical** opportunities and a wealth of **sports** clubs and activities.

We are proud to play a strong part in our wider **community**. We make the most of our locality, including the beach, river and heathland. We even have our own **swimming pool**.

St Peter's School has grown in popularity over the last few years as more and more families have come to appreciate our **rich curriculum, happy atmosphere, dedicated staff and ever-improving results**.

Choosing a school is a big decision. This prospectus sets out some of the great opportunities to learn and grow that St Peter's offers your child.

Steve Hitchcock, Headteacher



Our vision and curriculum

We exist to **nurture and inspire** our pupils to become the best version of themselves. We want to care for our families and achieve high academic standards in every year group.

We live in an amazing town in an area of outstanding natural beauty, with an abundance of community groups and resources. We give back to our community and celebrate and care for our local environment, through participating in festivals, singing in care homes, taking field trips or by organising beach cleans.



We aim to develop knowledge, reading, writing and mathematics. We want our learners to be playful, creative, curious and engaged. We offer a wide range of curricular and extra-curricular opportunities. We provide a broader range of sporting and musical opportunities than you might expect to find in a typical primary school. We love going on trips and having visitors, and we arrange a residential experience for each year group in Key Stage 2.

We are passionate about developing children's character. We want our pupils to have a positive attitude to learning, think of others before themselves, and do a good deed every day. For example, we do a lot of eco work and raise a lot of money for charity.



Literacy and knowledge-rich learning

We have designed our curriculum to give all learners, from the most disadvantaged to the more able, the knowledge and cultural capital to succeed. We teach our curriculum in blocks of topic work, which sometimes combine subjects. In every block we aim to utilise our reading and writing skills, giving the children a purpose and audience for their work.

We are an Ofsted 'Good' school with ambitions to become even better over the next three years. We have rising standards that are at or well above national averages in all parts of the school.



We specialise in music and PE

Our school has a reputation for musical and sporting excellence. We employ a specialist sports teacher for two days a week. We take part in a wide range of competitive sports, and are very successful at county level, winning many trophies each year. We also have a large range of sporting clubs.

We employ a specialist music teacher and every KS2 child learns a new instrument a year. We have three main performances during the year, including a concert which showcases the extra music





tuition on offer at St Peter's in: drumming, piano/keyboard, guitar, double bass, clarinet, flute, saxophone, ukulele, trumpet, cornet, trombone, violin and singing. We also have a wide range of ensemble groups and clubs.

Reflective, responsible and respectful citizens of the future



The spiritual and Christian ethos of St Peter's was recognised by inspectors in a recent report which also praised the school for its "loving and nurturing environment".

Through our curriculum, we encourage our children to reflect on the world around them and become courageous advocates: agents of change who can make a difference to our world. The children choose a different charity to support each term, and always raise a large sum of money for good causes. Environmental issues have a high profile in our curriculum. We are already a plastic-free school! We aim to

continue to reduce waste, become more eco-friendly and use the school grounds to promote wildlife diversity.

Our RE curriculum is multi-faith. We firmly believe that children need to develop a wider understanding of the world, and to have mutual respect for and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs. We invest a lot of time, effort and expertise in supporting our pupils and parents with a wide range of issues. We employ a specialist wellbeing teacher for two days a week to work with individual children and their families. She also works with each class on developing resilience and managing feelings. Each year we run a course of parenting classes, working with a large number of families as a team.

The 'school with the pool'!

We are very lucky to be one of the only remaining schools to still have a school pool. During the year the children receive weekly swimming lessons and we also have lots of fun swims! This is very important as we live so close to the sea, and most children learn to swim at a very early age.

A few years ago, the pool was refurbished with a new roof, changing rooms, floor, toilet and showers.

We ask parents to pay £12 per term towards the cost of running this amazing resource.



Before and after school club

Our club exists to provide high quality out-of-school hours childcare for our families. It provides a range of stimulating and creative activities in a warm and safe environment. The club is run by experienced staff from the school under the ethos 'Home from Home'.

- The breakfast club operates from 7.30am during term time.
- The after school club operates from 3.00pm - 6.00pm during term time.



Other Clubs



St Peter's has a very wide range of extra-curricular provision. Here is a selection of the current offer.

Ukulele (advanced and beginner); Big Band (senior and junior); Choir; Gardening; Eco Champions; Knitting; Tennis; Football; Gym; Athletics; Dance; Rounders; Multi-sports.

If you'd like to take part, please check the website for what's currently on, or see the school office.

Our Young Leaders also run exciting lunchtime clubs.

Music Tuition

Individual music tuition is available from our peripatetic teachers. Lessons are provided for woodwind, brass, singing, piano, drums, violin, cello and guitar. There is a list of charges for tuition available from the office. The school contributes most of the cost for any Pupil Premium pupils. A small fee may be charged for instrument hire if needed. Please note that children participating in such activities will generally be withdrawn from their class during normal lesson time.



Admissions

Admission into the Reception Class

If you are applying for a place to start with us in September in our Reception class, please telephone the Education Helpline on 0345 155 1019.

Admission during the school year

If you require a place for your child to start during the school year, please complete an application form for 'in year admission'. Devon's form can be found at:

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/apply-for-a-school-place>. The completed form can be submitted by email to admissions@devon.gov.uk or by post to the School Admissions Service, Room L102, County Hall, Exeter EX2 4QG. It is helpful to our school if you also let us know that you are applying for a place.

You can also contact Devon County Admissions on 0845 155 1019

More information

For more information about our academic achievements, inspection reports and other news, please visit the school website <http://www.st-peters-school.org.uk>. You can also find out about school uniform, term dates and other important information there.

We also strongly recommend a visit and a tour of the school with the Headteacher. Please get in touch!