



Collaton St Mary CE VA Primary School

School Prospectus 2021



A warm welcome to Collaton St Mary CE VA Primary School!



Dear Parent,

There are few things more important than the education of your child and the selection of your child's school is a crucial decision. We hope that the information in the prospectus helps you make the right decision and gives you an insight into the ways we endeavour to meet the needs of all our children at Collaton St Mary.



As a church school, our mission is to

Achieve and Flourish together in our Christian Community

Our mission is at the heart of all we do to realise the full potential of all of our children: academic, social, physical, spiritual and creative development, in an inspiring and happy learning environment.



We intend that the information in this prospectus captures the flavour of our school and we hope that you enjoy it. We would invite you to discover the distinctiveness of Collaton St Mary CE VA Primary and we look forward to meeting you and discussing your child's needs.

If you require any further information about the school, please do not hesitate to give us a ring or speak to a member of our admin team.



Mr Ben Nelson-Smith
Headteacher

Our Values

Christian values underpin the ethos of our school and contribute to our distinctiveness. Our values are 'Aim High', 'Be Determined', 'Inspire Others' and 'Show Friendship'. As well as this, in becoming the best learners we can be, we enable children to foster and value independence, creative enquiry and become reflective learners. We help them to acquire the relevant skills through exciting and engaging learning experiences.



Every Child Matters

At Collaton St Mary our children are taught to stay safe, be healthy, enjoy their learning and achieve their best, to contribute positively to their community and acquire the skills to achieve economic well-being.

Inclusion, Equal Opportunities and Diversity

We recognise the diversity of our children and believe that regardless of background, ethnicity, race or religion they should reach their full potential. We are committed to providing equal opportunities for all children to achieve this goal through our approach to providing quality teaching and learning and access to a full range of opportunities. This means that children who may have been identified as having special educational needs receive tailored support. High achieving children are also recognised and planned for, allowing challenge and success for all.



Learning and the Curriculum

Learning extends across all aspects of school life and reflects both our ethos and learning values. We are committed to high standards and provide enriching cross curricular learning opportunities that develop each child's skills and abilities. We aim to foster a life-long love of learning and a spirit of enquiry.



Care and Behaviour

Every child really does matter and at Collaton St Mary each child is considered a unique creation and is valued as part of our caring community. We have high standards of behaviour and a positive behaviour policy with a clear code and a system of rewards and sanctions. Children are encouraged to care for each other, to treat each other as they would like to be treated themselves and to forgive each other when things go wrong. We offer good quality pastoral care, responsive to the individual needs of the children.



Part of the Community

The school enjoys great partnership and support from the community near and far and these broaden our children's horizons. Our church and parish links are strong with shared worships and events. Opportunities for the children are extended with strong links with local secondary schools. We are able to get to know other primary schools in contrasting communities in Britain through our Food for Life network. We foster links with local businesses who regularly support our projects and enterprises.





Partnership with Parents

The school operates an 'Open Door Policy' and parents are very much welcomed into our community. They are encouraged to be fully involved and take an active part in school events and activities. We hold regular parent consultations and curriculum evenings and we send home weekly letters that let parents know what is going on. If there are any concerns we always aim to resolve them positively and we welcome constructive feedback.

We are fortunate to have an active 'Parents, Teacher and Friends Association' that consists of parents, teachers and other staff. As a parent, you are automatically a part of this association and your support and interest plays a vital part in the life of the school. Through the PTFA, a number of fundraising and social events are organised throughout the year, the proceeds of which benefit the children.



Keeping Children Safe Child Protection and Safeguarding

Our school community has a legal duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of our children. This means that we have a Child Protection Policy and we ensure that all staff and volunteers are aware of our procedure and follow this constantly. In putting children first, sometimes we may need to share information with other agencies when there are concerns about a child's welfare. We will always discuss this with parents first unless we have reason to believe that this might not be in the interest of the child. The Designated Child Protection Officer is the Head of School.



Academy of Character and Excellence

As part of the ACE academy we are committed to providing the best possible education for the children. Both ACE and our governors are responsible for ensuring that the school operates in accordance with its trust deeds and that all statutory obligations are fully met. Governors at Collaton come from a wide spectrum: church appointed governors and representatives from the local authority, community and staff. We work closely with other schools within the MAT to ensure best practice, resources and needs are met.



Extended Opportunities

If you need child care before and after school, we provide outstanding care through our Breakfast and Afterschool Clubs. As well as this we provide a good range of clubs so that children can follow their own interests.



Food for Life, Healthy Choices

Collaton St Mary is committed to giving children the opportunity to make healthy choices. The school enjoys all the benefits of in-house catering: delicious meals that are freshly prepared, nutritionally balanced with locally sourced ingredients- often organic. We actively promote our school meals and encourage our children to take full advantage of them. As a 'Food For Life' flagship school with the Gold Award, the organisation has recognised our commitment to providing healthy food and food education by involving the children to grow their own produce. Also about the origin and sourcing of food and developing life long cooking skills and healthy eating habits.





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