

Elvington Church of England Primary School



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Welcome...

I am delighted to welcome you to Elvington Church of England Primary School. As you browse our website, I hope that you will gain an insight into the life of our school and those who teach, work and learn here.

At Elvington we welcome children, their parents and carers into a friendly, nurturing, hardworking and exciting environment where respect for others and positive attitudes towards work and behaviour are firmly embedded. Relationships throughout the school are fundamental to a positive ethos. We have a very skilled and supportive Governing Body who work in close partnership with the school community to ensure there is mutual respect and trust, as well as challenge, ambition and drive.

We are very proud of our well established partnership with Holy Trinity Church. Together we ensure that children and families are central to everything we do in school; we enjoy watching children grow spiritually, morally and socially within a strong Christian ethos.

We offer a relevant and exciting, broad and balanced curriculum where children are encouraged to be independent thinkers and make informed choices about their learning. We ensure a wide range of experiences, especially through educational trips, music, sport and the performing arts. We consider the skills of communication, numeracy and literacy to be the foundation for our learning and we are proud of our standards and achievements.

We encourage all parents and carers to come in at every opportunity, whether it is to talk to teachers about their child's progress, see their child achieve and perform, to be part of our social events or to discuss openly and honestly any concerns or difficulties their child may have during this first stage of their educational journey. We listen to the views of our pupils and parents and use them to shape the strategic direction of the school. We firmly believe that we can achieve greater things through partnership and that working together, we can all achieve success.

Come in and see our school and extensive grounds in action and feel the positive atmosphere for yourself. Contact the school today to arrange a time to meet me and have a tour of the school.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Andrew Buttery



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Our Core Christian Values...



Respect: Do for others what you want them to do to you.

Matthew 7:12 Genesis 1:26-28

Friendship: Be thoughtful and kind in all that we do and help those less fortunate.

Luke 10:25-37

Perseverance: Work hard with whole-hearted commitment and resilience always seeking to improve and achieve our best.

Mark 2:1-12

Hope: Prepare for the future with great ambition in a bid to reach our full potential.

Luke 23:32-43

Trust: To speak with honesty, building strong loyal relationships with confidence.

Genesis 6:9-22

Thankfulness: Show gratitude for all that we have.

Luke 17:11-19

These reflect our Christian foundation as a Church of England School and provide the



Ethos Statement

Recognising its historical foundation our school will preserve and develop its religious character in accordance with the principles of the Church of England and its partnership with the church at parish and diocesan level. Our school aims to serve the community by providing an education of the highest quality within the context of Christian belief and practice. The school encourages an understanding of the meaning and significance of faith and promotes Christian values through the experience it offers to all pupils.

Our Vision

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"The passionate commitment of the new headteacher, supported by governors and other leaders, has re-energised the school. The distinctive Christian vision has been instrumental to this change. Pupils, staff and parents alike recognise the nurturing, happiness and 'fullness of life' the school offers. The vision is underpinned by well-established Christian values and pupils talk about these with confidence, rooting them in their day to day experiences. One parent wrote 'the school doesn't just talk about values, it lives them', exemplified in the collaborative way the vision was re-imagined and shared. This has brought the school and community together."

Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS) Report - March 2020

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Exceptional teaching at Elvington...

...the quality of teaching across the school is going from strength to strength.

(Ofsted, 2018)



Behaviour for Learning is superbly managed so that all children feel safe, secure and are active participants in their learning journey.

- Teachers have high expectations of children. Lessons are appropriately challenging, encourage risk taking in a safe environment; they foster curiosity and inspire creative thinking.
- Teachers have excellent subject knowledge. Time is invested in researching current thinking and good practice.
- Assessment is used to progress learning. A range of feedback strategies is used which pupils act upon to make or exceed progress.
- Teaching and Learning strategies are used to ensure teaching is engaging, relevant and purposeful. Time is managed expertly and progress is effectively reviewed.
- Teachers know the children in front of them. They are flexible and the needs of different groups of children are planned for so they can all achieve great outcomes.
- A 'Growth Mindset' is encouraged in all children and staff. We aim to develop independent learners, intrinsically motivated by the reward of achievement.
- High standards in English and Maths are promoted by all and underpin learning across the curriculum.
- Questioning is effective and develops thinking. Open questions and thinking time are planned to deepen understanding.
- Staff work in partnership to make a positive contribution to school life and live by the school's core values. They demonstrate a range of personal qualities and skills: encouragement; humour; emotional intelligence; creativity, reflection; effective communication.

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Inspirational teaching & learning

Collective Worship forms an integral part of the life of our school community and takes place on a daily basis. We have close links with the parish and visit the church for services and other related curriculum activities.

Members of the church, staff, and visitors from the wider community lead our collective worship. We promote the importance of R.E. through the curriculum, acts of worship and the teaching of broader social, moral, spiritual and cultural development.

Christian values underpin our approach to both our work and life in school. All Religious Education is of a broadly Christian character but in recognition of the importance of other faiths, we also explore other beliefs, such as Hinduism and Judaism.

Parents/carers may, if they wish, withdraw their child/ren from Collective Worship, but they must inform the school of their intention in writing.



Curriculum Coverage

At the heart of Elvington Church of England Primary School is the commitment to ensure that all students make the best possible progress, regardless of their ability, in all subjects during their time with us.

The National Curriculum consists of three core subjects: English, Mathematics and Science. There are a further seven foundation subjects: Design Technology, Computing, History, Geography, Art, Music, Physical Education and Modern Foreign Language (only KS2). Religious Education, Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education are also taught throughout the school to children aged five to eleven.

Children in the Early Years Foundation Stage (the term used to describe the phase of education from birth to the end of the reception year) follow six areas of learning: Personal, Social and Emotional Development, Language and Literacy, Mathematical Development, Knowledge and Understanding of the World, Physical Development and Creative Development.



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Our school day and beyond...

The school day starts at 8:50am and finishes at 3:15pm. Lunch is held from 12noon to 1:00pm. All children have a 15 minute break in the morning, and EYFS and KS1 pupils have a 15 minute break in the afternoon.

As one parent commented, "This is a lovely nurturing school. The emphasis on values shines through in the children. It's lovely to see smiling children at the beginning and end of each day."

(Ofsted, 2018)



Educational Visits

We enhance our curriculum through a series of specific visits linked to topics covered in school. These range from enrichment activities, such as visits to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park, to topic based visits, such as Yorkshire Museum. In addition, pupils in Years 5 and 6 experience residential visits to a range of different locations.

All of the aforementioned provide our pupils with valuable experiences that can't always be replicated in the classroom.

Breakfast Club

Elvington School offers a 'drop in' breakfast club held in the school hall, which opens daily from 07:45 to 08:45, at minimal cost, which can be paid for via ParentPay. The cost also includes breakfast, which consists of cereal, toast, yoghurts and croissants. Further information about breakfast club can be obtained via the school office.

After School Club

We also offer an after school club, which is operated by **Elvington out of School Club**. This club is located at the Lower Derwent Sports and Social Club (a short walk from school). The children are collected from school by qualified staff, and form a 'walking bus' to the venue, wearing high visibility jackets. Children attending the club can participate in various supervised activities (both inside and in the park), or have a quiet place to do their homework/read a book. More information can be obtained via their website:

www.elvingtonoutofschool.co.uk/



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Effective support and guidance...

Governors' Information

School governors provide strategic leadership and accountability in schools. Governors appoint the head teacher and are involved in the appointment of other staff. It is governors who hold the main responsibility for finance in schools, and it is governors who work with the head teacher to make the tough decisions about balancing resources.

Each individual governor is a member of a governing body, which is established in law as a corporate body. Decisions are the joint responsibility of the governing body.

PTA

We have an active Parent Teacher Association. As parents you are encouraged to join. If you wish to participate more fully any member of staff will be pleased to pass your name to the current chair of the PTA.



Behaviour

There is a strong pastoral element to our work in school and we strive to make your child feel happy and secure. Good behaviour and thoughtfulness towards others is necessary to support the aims of our church school. Therefore all children are expected to behave in a responsible manner, both to themselves and by showing consideration and respect for others. We believe that good manners are important and enjoy being courteous to all members of our school community.

Respect: We listen to all adults and respond the first time. We always treat others and property with care and respect.

Hope: We have a positive attitude and approach each challenge with energy and optimism.

Perseverance: We always try our best and keep going even when things seem hard.

Friendship: We look after one another. We care for others and always use kind words.

Thankfulness: We are thankful and appreciate all that we have.

We are polite at all times.

Trust: We look after our school environment. We move around school safely and quietly.

Pupils behave exceptionally well in lessons and want to make progress.

(Ofsted, 2018)



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Thank you for taking the time to read this. I am very aware of the huge amount of detail contained in this prospectus. The most beneficial way of becoming acquainted with our school is to see it at work.

We look forward to welcoming you to Elvington Church of England Primary School...

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