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Multi Academy
Trust**
...everyone in our Trust.

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OF ENGLAND
IN DEVON

Who's Who

Leadership

Mr Whittle	Lead Primary Principal
Miss Paton	Executive Principal
Mrs Underwood	Executive Principal
Mr Hill	Moorland Hub Principal & Designated Safeguarding Lead

Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator

Mrs Pickett-Jones	Moorland Hub SENCO
Mrs Drew-Hill	Moorland Hub Assistant SENCO

Teaching Staff

Miss Atkinson	EYFS/KS1 Teacher
Mrs Lee	Lead/KS2 Teacher & Designated Safeguarding Lead

Support Staff

Mrs Ogborne	Higher Level Teaching Assistant
Mrs Johnstone	Teaching Assistant
Miss Spooner	Teaching Assistant

Administration

Mrs Davey	Administrative Assistant
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Ancillary Staff

South West Norse	Cleaning Staff
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Welcome to

Northlew and Ashbury C of E Primary School

In January 2018, the school converted to Academy status and became part of the Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust (DMAT). The DMAT comprises of 17 schools (primary and secondary) and provides school improvement capacity for each other. The cross-phase Moorland Hub (five primary schools – Boasley Cross, Bridestowe, Lydford, Milton Abbot and Northlew) form the regional cluster within the Trust, collaborating closely, sharing a leadership structure, centralised team, resources and staffing.

We are situated in the centre of Northlew village approximately seven miles north west of Okehampton.

The School is a voluntary controlled Church of England school in the Diocese of Exeter. This is a small rural school with an intake of children from Northlew and outlying areas.

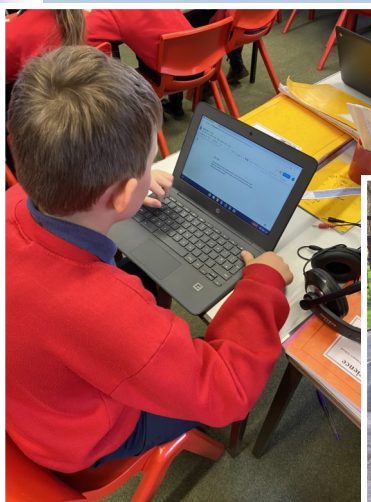
We take girls and boys aged from 4-11 years old. They are organised into two classes:

- Keystage 1 – Foundation Stage, Years 1 and 2
- Keystage 2 – Years 3, 4, 5 and 6

With the majority of our year 6 children moving onto Okehampton College at the age of 11.

Mission Statement

As a small, rural primary school we offer a bespoke curriculum following the guidance of the National curriculum standards. Our children are encouraged to become part of the development process of the 'learning journey', as we inspire the children to broaden their thinking and explore the different ways we learn and develop. Our Christian Ethos underpins our whole curriculum; we strive to develop and support our children to flourish in friendship, compassion and forgiveness as well as developing their academic successes, preparing them for an ever changing world of the future.



Ethos



"Let Your Light Shine"

Matthew 5:16

The curriculum and ethos of the school is underpinned by the school's Core Vision and Values:

"Let Your Light Shine" Matthew 5: 15-16 –

a curriculum that nurtures and encourages our Christian values of endurance,

friendship, trust, peace and forgiveness".

These are promoted, modelled and taught explicitly and set the ethos for the delivery of the curriculum. A focus of each core strand is highlighted and developed each half term through our daily worships and a child from each class is chosen weekly to be awarded with a certificate for demonstrating our focused Christian value.



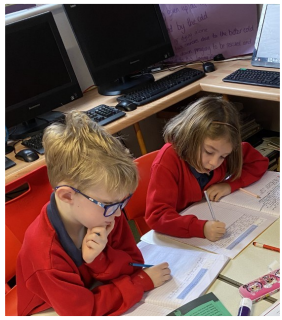
The curriculum at Northlew C of E Primary is designed to provide a broad and balanced education that meets the needs of all children giving them the knowledge, skills and experiences necessary to prepare them for life in the 21st century as global citizens. It enables children to develop confidence and positive attitudes to learning, which are the foundation for academic success, creativity and problem solving. The curriculum is enriched to provide opportunities that support the development of the whole child promoting ability and resilience, as well as strategies for physical and mental well-being.

Whilst strongly valuing the child's family and village community, our Christian Ethos encourages and promotes the children to broaden their horizons to recognise and respect the multicultural and multi-faith world of which we are a part. The enrichment opportunities at Northlew provide outdoor experiences, sporting events, visits and trips which encourage the children to develop and embed the school Christian Values. Our curriculum is ambitious and inclusive celebrating diversity, supporting the children's spiritual, moral, social and cultural development through the British Values of our society.

Siams (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools)

Following our SIAMS inspection in October 2019, Northlew C of E Primary was awarded 'GOOD'. Full details of our inspection visit can be found on our website: www.northlewprimary.co.uk





Our School Day

The school gates open each morning at 8:40am. The children are encouraged to engage in an early morning 'challenge' within their classrooms. We continue with Phonics, spelling and writing activities within our morning sessions. Our morning break is from 10:30—10:45am and a wide variety of activities are available on the playground for the children to participate in. Before our lunch break the children have a daily maths session which develops fluency and understanding of the different concepts covered within our extensive maths curriculum. Our lunch is from 12:15—1:15pm. Our afternoon sessions aim to develop the wider curriculum developing key concepts and skills in science, history, geography as well as the arts, music and physical education. The school day finishes at 3:30pm.



School Attendance

It would help us greatly if you could give us a call first thing in the morning before 9am if your child will be absent. If we have not heard from you by 9.30am it is our policy to contact you.

Attendance levels which fall below 90% will be considered to be persistent absence; these will be followed up by the school and where appropriate by the Education Welfare Officer.

Children are awarded at the end of each term for their attendance.

Admissions

Our planned admission number for each year group is currently set at 7. This is reviewed annually by the governing body.

All admissions are dealt with centrally through Devon County Council. To apply for an in year admission, please visit the DCC website or search the following link www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/apply-for-a-school-place/apply-for-an-in-year-place. Alternatively you can call the Education Helpline on 0345 155 1019.

Communication with our Parents

At Northlew we use the School Gateway App to enable parents to communicate with the school, make payments and book dinners and any planned school trips or outings. This can be downloaded from the APP Store or Google Play. Alternatively you can use their online website. We also contact parents through our own text messaging service as well as posting regular updates on our school website. A weekly newsletter is emailed to all our parents with important weekly information as well as celebrating successes from the children.



School Uniform

Our school uniform is smart, comfortable and practical. The children wear red sweatshirts and navy polo shirts all embroidered with our school logo. Trousers, skirts & pinafore dresses can also be worn but should be navy. In the summer months girls can wear a red gingham dress and boys may wear navy school shorts. School uniform can be ordered through Brigade at www.brigade.uk.com. Alternatives which don't require our logo may be obtained from other shops and suppliers.



PE Kit

Your child will also need to have a PE kit to keep in school. The kit should comprise of navy shorts, a white T shirt and trainers. In the winter dark tracksuit trousers or leggings are acceptable for outdoor PE. All items need to be clearly labelled.

School Dinners

These are provided by St James Primary School and transported ready for serving. All pupils in Reception and Keystage 1 are entitled to Universal Free School Meals (UFSM). Meals are booked through the School Gateway App and need to be booked by Thursday midnight for the following week. If your child is in Keystage 2 then the cost per meal is £2.53, unless eligible for Free School Meals (FSM). If you are on a low income and think you may be eligible to receive FSM, you can apply at www.devon.gov.uk/supportforschools/services-and-contacts/free-school-meals

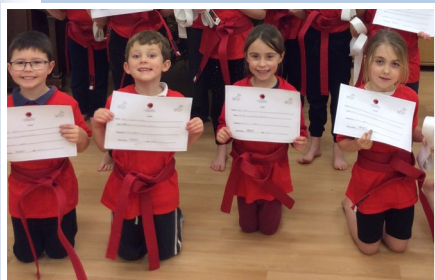
Children are also able to bring packed lunches into school but this *must not* include sweets or fizzy/sugary drinks.

Healthy Snacks

Fresh fruit/vegetables are provided daily for all children in class 1. Class 2 children are welcome to bring a piece of fruit into school to have during their morning break.

Cool Milk for Schools

Children under 5 can take advantage of free milk. Children will automatically begin receiving this from their first day of school until their 5th birthday. Please complete the opt out form included with your welcome pack, if you do not wish your child to receive this. Children who are eligible for Pupil Premium funding also receive milk free of charge.



Extra- Curricular Activities



Our children take part in a range of extra-curricular activities due to the voluntary support of staff and parents. Different activities take place at various times of the year with previous after-school clubs having been: **martial arts club, gardening club, art club, sports club, running club and many more.** Our clubs always run from 3:30-4:30pm, with most being free of charge.



Residential Visits

Residential visits are planned within the summer term for all of our Key stage 2 children. As a small rural school we share these experiences with other children within the Moorland Hub . Our residential visits enable our children to have access to a wide variety of experiences. Our recent residential visits have included city experiences to London, Bristol as well as offering adventurous outdoor pursuits to Heatree on Dartmoor .



Behaviour

We believe that in order for our children to access the broad and balanced curriculum they need to be ready to learn. Positive behavior is actively encouraged and Northlew Primary and we aim to reward children for displaying 'yes please behaviour'. Certificates are presented to the children for collecting their 'gold stars' which are awarded for 'yes please 'behaviour choices. Our behavior policy supports and develops our children to become problem solvers, acting upon their own behaviour choices. Our reflection time allows children to discuss their behaviour, and find ways to solve problems that they are finding difficult together.

Forest School

Our children have the opportunity to participate in a weekly forest school session. Our child centred activities supports play, exploration and supports and encourages risk taking. It develops confidence and self-esteem through learner inspired hands on experience in our natural outdoor setting.



Safeguarding

Northlew Primary is committed to Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff, volunteers and visitors to share this commitment.

The school aims to provide a caring, positive, safe and stimulating environment which promotes the social, physical and moral development of the individual child. At Northlew we strive to make sure that every child in the school feels secure, well cared for, and able to reach their full potential.

Please contact the following Safeguarding Officers with any concerns:

Mr Hill, Designated Safeguarding Lead: ahill@dmatschools.org.uk

Mrs Lee, Designated Safeguarding Lead: slee@northlewprimary.org.uk

Our Pupil Leadership Team

At the beginning of the Autumn term each year, children in class 2 are invited to apply for one of the many leadership roles within the school. These roles encourage the children to become actively involved in all aspects of our school development.

Our **Sports Leaders** team aim to lead active break and lunchtimes promoting physical development for all children. In discussions with their peers, they create and design new fun and engaging activities encouraging everyone to participate in a range of activities. They meet each half term with a member of the PE department at Okehampton College, to discuss different skills they would like to develop further at school.

Our school **Librarians** run story clubs at lunchtimes for our younger children as well as creating interactive story sacks to encourage book discussions. The library is open every break and lunchtimes and our librarians are trained to support children with the choosing of appropriate age related books and authors. They also run various book related events throughout the year.

Finally our **School Council and Ethos Group** meet weekly to discuss the things that they would like to see introduced or further developed within the school. Alongside a member of staff, they seek ways to fund raise money for a range of charities that the school support. As well as developing ideas and opportunities within our own school at Northlew, our school council meet once a term with members of school councils from all the primaries within the Dartmoor MAT schools to discuss wider issues and school development.



School Council/Ethos Group

Librarians



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**If you have any further questions or
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don't hesitate to contact the office on**

01409 221 420

or email

admin@northlewprimary.org.uk