# St. Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School, Seaham Prospectus 2024



### Welcome

Each member of our school community at St Cuthbert's is unique, talented and loved by God.

We strive for excellence and live our lives to the full with Christ in our head, in our hands and in our hearts.

Our children are at the heart of our school, which is a loving and supportive place to learn. We are a Catholic school but we are also an integral part of our whole community and fully reflect the cultural make up of families in our area. Families with no faith or of other faiths are warmly welcomed and make up a significant number of our school family.

We aim for every child to achieve their very best as they grow with us while developing strong relationships, strong values and a love of learning. We are proud of our children who work hard, have fun, respect and care for one another and the world around them. Pupils leave our school in Year 6 with consistently high standards, ready for the world beyond.

We believe in working in close home-school partnership and know that children achieve their best when they share their learning with interested adults. We value our community highly and have strong cultural and heritage links which we celebrate and encourage our children to take pride in.

Nicola Noble Headteacher

## **Our School Day**

Pupils can be dropped off at school from 8:35 am and the bell goes for the start of the school day at 8:50 am. School finishes at 3:10 pm for EYFS, 3:15 pm for KS1 and 3:25 pm for KS2.

#### **Breakfast Club**

Club is open every morning from 7.45 am and provides a healthy breakfast with familiar staff from our TAs and Lunchtime Supervisors. There is a chance to play, be active and socialise with friends with games and activities to get our brains ready for the day. The cost of Breakfast Club is £2.50 per day for 1 - 3 days or £10.00 for 4 - 5 days.

#### Lunch time

Our award-winning cook, Jan, and her team serve up hot and healthy meals in lots of creative ways and encourage children to taste new things, as well as packing in lots of hidden veg for those reluctant to try! Our gardening club also grow things in our allotment that are prepared and served to pupils. Children, staff and visitors all comment on our fantastic lunches.

#### **After School Clubs**

Our after-school clubs vary over the year and range from gardening, to art to a multitude of sports and games. Clubs are mostly run by staff in school and are either free or cost a nominal amount to cover resources. We work closely with local sports coaches to make links to outside clubs and pride ourselves on the provision we offer.

# **Our Curriculum**

### Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)

Children are supported in their first steps in learning from their very first visit to school. Every child deserves the best possible start in life and support to fulfil their potential and at St Cuthbert's our dedicated staff and indoor and outdoor learning areas enable us to give our children excellent foundations on which to build their talents as they grow. Our newest pupils are also cared for by Year 6 buddies who spend time helping them learn, play, grow and build strong friendships.

Parental involvement with school begins even before children start Reception with an invitation to visit the school and meet their child's teacher. Parental consultation meetings are held in the Autumn and Spring Term at which parents are invited to discuss their child's progress. We build strong relationships with home through our online system, Tapestry, which allows parents to see their child's successes in class as well as sharing experiences and achievements at home.

### Key Stage 1 & 2

Our curriculum has been carefully planned and sequenced so that from EYFS, pupils learn progressively and leave us ready for their next step in education. We work closely with our family of schools at Bishop Chadwick Catholic Education Trust to ensure that what our children learn and know when they leave us builds seamlessly into their learning at our secondary schools within the Trust.



As part of the Bishop Chadwick Catholic Education Trust, we are committed to upholding the key values of our family of schools in our curriculum:

- Gifts
- Respect
- Aspiration
- Community
- Celebration
- Excellence

Our pupils are all unique individuals with their own strengths, aptitudes, interests and dreams. As a Catholic school community, we support each child to make the most of every opportunity we offer. In addition to the National Curriculum, we follow our diocesan approved programme of Religious Education and we are a UNICEF Rights Respecting School.

We teach pupils about universal children's rights and explore many aspects of personal and social development in our curriculum including anti-bullying, personal and online safety, challenging intolerance and understanding British Values.

Learning is enriched at St Cuthbert's in a variety of ways:

- Educational visits for each year group including residential visits in KS2;
- We are a heritage school and are proud to teach our pupils about their local history and culture;
- We have held Gold School Games status for 5 years and have now achieved Platinum School Games status. We recognise the importance of being active for all our pupils.
- We use our outdoor area for learning both in lessons and through developing our grounds for Outdoor Play & Learning (OPAL) for all pupils.



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