



STOKENHAM
AREA PRIMARY
SCHOOL



WELCOME TO STOKENHAM AREA PRIMARY SCHOOL

We are pleased to welcome you and your child to Stokenham Area Primary School and hope that this prospectus will serve as a source of information about our school. Please visit us whenever you wish, as we firmly believe that the co-operation of parents and teachers result in a happy, exciting, busy school. At our school everyone learns how to learn, children of all abilities experience success and each pupil is encouraged to achieve the highest possible standard of work and personal satisfaction.



SCHOOL VISION AND AIMS

Everyone at Stokenham Area Primary School is committed to continuous improvement. Our vision is of a "School Family" that inspires all learners to achieve and to be the "best they can be" in an inclusive learning community that celebrates the achievements of all.

We aim to provide a safe and structured environment, where children's keenness to learn is encouraged and where the unique personality of each child is valued.



EVERY CHILD MATTERS

The whole school community works together to deliver the five outcomes of "Every Child Matters". As a result, our children learn how to stay safe, be healthy, enjoy and achieve, make a positive contribution to their community and acquire the skills to achieve economic well being.



SCHOOL ORGANISATION

Your child will spend up to 7 years in primary school. Children enter into the school in the Foundation Stage and progress each year until they are at the end of Year 6.

The school is organised into 6 classes. Our aim is to provide the best possible learning environment for all of the children in a caring supportive atmosphere where everyone's efforts are celebrated. We capitalise on teachers strengths and expertise, consequently the teachers at Stokenham Area Primary School work closely together and may teach in more than one class. Good planning and thorough liaison ensure that all children in each class receive their full entitlement to the National Curriculum.



STARTING SCHOOL

The school operates a two-term entry with children beginning in the Foundation Stage. We regularly liaise and work with the two preschools on site – Stokenham Preschool and Merry Go Round Preschool and arrange visits to the school in the term prior to admission. Our topic-based curriculum allows us to easily integrate the younger children and our excellent resources and outdoor environment ensures that the transition into full time school for the very young members of our "school family" is a happy, exciting and stimulating experience.





SCHOOL UNIFORM

We want all children at Stokenham Area Primary School to take a pride in their appearance. Our children wear a uniform that is smart and practical and is adhered to by all parents. We feel that the children's appearance helps to set high standards of behaviour and personal achievement. Please refer to the loose sheet at the back of the prospectus.

PARENTS AND SCHOOL

At Stokenham Area Primary School we work in close partnership with children, staff, parents, governors and the local community in order to support and encourage the learning for all members of our school family. Communication is vital in order to ensure success and develop these partnerships.

We have an open door policy where parents and carers are always welcome.

Each new parent becomes a member of our Home/School Association and is welcome to attend meetings and support our Home/School activities.

Parents can keep up to date about events, activities etc taking place in school and in each class via our school website and intranet site which is regularly updated.



RE AND COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

We encourage children to be kind, safe and responsible; to develop a social and spiritual understanding of the world and to treat others with care and respect by encouraging children to be tolerant of the views and actions of those around them. In order to help meet these aims we follow the Devon Agreed Syllabus on R.E & Collective Worship.

Children are introduced to the beliefs and customs of other world religions and we examine the moral, social and spiritual issues of the global world in which we live. Children engage in school assemblies each day - these often support the RE/ PSHE taught in class.

Parents may, if they wish, request their children to be wholly or partly excused from attendance at Collective Worship/ R.E.

As a "school family" we are committed to the belief that regardless of gender, race, colour, ability or creed everyone is entitled to equal opportunity at Stokenham Area Primary School.





BEHAVIOUR

Children at Stokenham Area Primary School are encouraged to be Kind, Safe and Responsible in everything that they do. They are keen to look after one another and show respect for each other. We believe that this is because of the "caring, encouraging family atmosphere" that is very much part of our ethos. We celebrate positive behaviour and achievement - with all children being encouraged to be "the best that they can be".



This positive approach encourages positive attitudes towards learning and each other and consequently creates a happy, safe, purposeful learning environment for all learners.

Children whose behaviour does impact on others are clear about why sanctions are to be imposed and the loss of privileges.

However, the exemplary behaviour of our children when involved in visits outside school or when we have visitors in school is frequently commented on by members of the public.

We are very proud of the behaviour and attitudes of all our children.



INCLUSION

At Stokenham Area Primary School we fully support the Government's programme of inclusion. We have a number of children in school with Special Needs and we believe that they enrich our lives and help us to promote understanding, tolerance and respect for people's individuality.

We consider the needs of children with either special talents or particular learning difficulties as very important and make special provision for them in partnership with the children and their families. We follow the Special Educational Needs Code of Practice 2002 and have thoroughly embraced the "Every Child Matters Agenda".

We closely monitor the progress of all children, this enables us to provide additional extension or support work where needed. Individual Education Plans are written in consultation with staff, parents, children and outside agencies. These are reviewed at regular intervals and fresh targets are set.

OFSTED says:
Visitors to the school often comment on "how friendly, welcoming and polite both the children and staff are at the school".



ENRICHMENT AND EXTRA CURRICULUM ACTIVITIES

At Stokenham Area Primary School we aim to provide our children with many opportunities to widen their educational experiences. Lunchtime and after school clubs covering such areas as art, gardening, ball skills, sport and music help to enrich the children's school life. Further opportunities for enrichment are provided during our Theme Weeks each term; and through our strong links with Kingsbridge Community College – where our children frequently participate in sporting and other curricular activities.



OUR SCHOOL GOVERNORS

Our governors are committed and hard working members of our school learning community. They provide us with varying levels of expertise across all areas of school life, visiting regularly to ensure the highest possible standards of achievement and behaviour within a positive, safe learning environment. They ensure that our curriculum provision is broad and balanced and that our excellent facilities and grounds are well maintained. The Governing Body works in strong partnership with the Headteacher and staff to secure a strategic vision for the school.



HOMEWORK

At Stokenham Area Primary School we actively encourage parents to support their children's education – distributing outline planning at the beginning of each term to inform parents of the areas of study their child is undertaking each term. Access to this information can also be found on the school intranet site.

We believe that support from home greatly enhances children's learning at school; helping to develop resourceful, independent learners and a self discipline where children can practise and apply skills learnt at school and thus take their learning further.



OUR SCHOOL

Our wonderful grounds are extensive and well planned and include our own vegetable garden, wildlife pond/stream and an area with wild flowers. We have a large flat sports field, two large playgrounds, a quiet terrace area with picnic benches, numerous grassy sitting areas and an adventure trail. Our school swimming pool is heated by solar panels, and is used between April and October giving all the children the chance to learn to swim or improve their strokes and develop their life-saving skills. The Key Stage 1 unit benefits from an enclosed, covered, safe play area with cushioned flooring which provides protection in all weather and is used as an outdoor classroom.



FOUNDATION STAGE

I like playing on the bikes.

Esme Hughes

YEAR 1

I like writing. Megan Arundell

I like learning. Freddy Fisher

YEAR 2

I like swimming. Jack Randall

I like helping my friends with their maths. Daniel Bickle

YEAR 3

I like the way the teachers teach us lots of things - it's great fun. Olivia Dixon

I have lots of friends in school. Noah Amato

We have big spaces to play in. Charlie Newton

YEAR 4

I like the garden where we grow vegetables. Fern Tucker

I like the climbing apparatus. Megan Tucker

The classrooms are exciting and have interesting displays. Bethany Oliver

YEAR 5

We have enjoyable lessons with lovely teachers. Abigail Tucker

We learn a lot and enjoy our learning. Edward Tolchard

It's fun at Stokenham Area Primary School. Connor Mitchell

YEAR 6

We make decisions about our school. Shea O'Connell-Cording

We have the opportunity to learn to play different musical instruments Isaac Westlake



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- Stokenham is situated 6 miles from Kingsbridge, 18 miles from Totnes and 8 miles from Dartmouth. Plymouth is 20 miles west of Stokenham.
- The school serves a large area, reaching from the sea boundaries at East Prawle and East Portlemouth along the coast to Torcross and then inland to cover Slapton, Stokenham, Chillington, South Pool and Frogmore areas.
- Stokenham Area Primary School is located in a designated 'area of outstanding natural beauty' behind Slapton Ley and at the edge of the Kingsbridge Estuary, areas which teem with wildlife and a wide range of habitats.



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