



St Margaret's-at-Cliffe Primary School

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Our History

St Margaret's-at-Cliffe is a co-educational Community Primary School, catering for 4- to 11-year-old pupils, set in a village environment between Dover and Deal. The village consists mainly of private housing and has a population of approximately 3000. Children also attend the school from other local villages, Dover and Deal. However, there is no official catchment area and children may attend from anywhere in the area.

The school building was purpose-built in 1970 replacing a Church of England (controlled school) established in 1847. The school no longer has any religious affiliation but still develops strong ties with the local church and the village as a whole.

About Our School

The school has seven classrooms, a quiet room / additional learning room for interventions or small group activities, a large hall and an adjoining unit housing our creative arts suite. Classrooms all have interactive whiteboards enabling teachers to display multi-media content and to adapt lessons and cater for different learning styles. Classrooms are bright, inviting environments providing visual and sensory stimulation for all pupils.

There are extensive grounds that contain an environmental area, perfect for forest school; a large field suitable for a variety of activities including football, cricket, athletics and our annual sports day; a separate play area for reception children and playground with various equipment. The school has the added advantage of being situated close to the sea and in the heart of the village.

The school offers wrap around care in the mornings from 07:45 and afterschool until 17:45 as well as a good variety of extra-curricular after school clubs and there are opportunities for pupils to learn musical instruments.

There is a full-time privately run nursery on site, which is closely linked to the School and thereby plays a vital role in preparing the children for their introduction to full-time education.

Our Vision, Aims, Values and Ethos

Our motto

‘St Margaret’s CP School; for learning that lasts a lifetime.’

Our School Rules

- Be Respectful
- Be Responsible
- Be Ready to Learn
- Be Safe
- Try Your Best and Show Resilience

Our Vision

At St Margaret’s-at-Cliffe Primary School we are committed to delivering inspirational teaching that develops confident, resilient, life-long learners who reach their full potential and make maximum progress.

Our pupils take ownership of their learning and are proud of their achievements. We are dedicated to securing them with strong emotional and mental health; preparing them, with British values, for their lives as global citizens.

Our Values

Through our work we embody and promote the following values:-

- Resilience
- Resourcefulness
- Respect and tolerance
- Responsibility
- Reflection

Our Aims

The overall aim of our school is to develop, in partnership with their parent/carers, happy, well- motivated pupils in a caring and stimulating learning environment. We strive to develop pupils who are well prepared to derive maximum benefit from their secondary education and who are ultimately fit for a life of work, leisure, family and community responsibilities.

1. We constantly strive to raise standards and work hard to ensure that no child's progress is limited.
2. We provide a curriculum that the children will find exciting, challenging and fulfilling. We aim to develop children with enquiring minds and the ability to question, reason and communicate.
3. We recognise the range of experiences that children bring to school and the value these have.
4. We believe that partnership between school and home is crucial to success. We greatly value support from parents and carers and know that good communication between home and school is essential.
5. We know that children thrive on praise and encouragement and work hard to acknowledge their achievements.
6. We want children to enjoy their time at school, to work hard and to become life-long learners. We believe that children can achieve well whatever their ability.
7. We recognise that some children may need additional help at some point in their school lives. We aim to identify children's needs quickly and to act swiftly; we believe that early intervention is essential. We recognise the value of parental input to this work.
8. We develop a staff team and Governing Body who are knowledgeable and forward-looking and support the drive for continued school improvement.
9. We work to develop ever closer links with the community. We recognise that education is a continuous and life-long process and that the school plays a vital role in the local community and the local community in the school.

If, by the time children leave St Margaret's-at-Cliffe CP School, we have given every child the opportunity to develop and to become an effective, caring member of society, we will have achieved these aims.

Our Ethos

We are a medium-sized primary school; within this context children and families are well-known by the staff and relationships are strong.

As a village school we make good use of a range of very local community facilities to enrich the curriculum.

Everything we do as a school is to ensure that the children achieve their very best.