

# **Welcome to our School**

Thank you for showing an interest in applying for a position at our school.

St Dennis Primary Academy is a happy, creative and exciting place to be.

Our children enjoy coming to school and committed staff ensure that it is a place where learning and fun go hand in hand by providing many opportunities to explore, investigate, be creative and achieve.

Central to our provision is an incredibly positive ethos of high expectations and respect for one another. We pride ourselves on our caring, nurturing and engaging environment, in which every child can thrive, feel safe and achieve. Because of this, our children feel good about themselves, are happy and love coming to school. Relationships are central to this, so we value working together with our families and the local community.

We have six core values that are at the very heart of all we do: aspiration, courage, achievement, teamwork, responsibility and friendship.

The school caters for children between the ages of 2 and 11 with an onsite nursery in a purpose-built building providing opportunities for younger children. We currently have 190 pupils on roll and offer a rich and diverse curriculum, as well as a full programme of before and after-school activities.











#### **Our Curriculum**

At St Dennis Primary Academy, we are passionate about ensuring our curriculum is designed to broaden horizons. We intend to provide a wealth of opportunities and engage and motivate our children so that by the time they leave, they have the greatest number of choices and options open to them.

Our curriculum reflects our key values, which have personal development at their core. These weave through every aspect of our curriculum along with spiritual, moral, social and cultural development.

We have identified key drivers that are based around factors we have considered - how we can make the most of our local and regional location, how can we best champion the culture and climate we value, and what backgrounds and previous experiences our pupils have. These drivers are real-life experiences, oracy, environment, community and wellbeing and they help to ensure that every child, irrespective of their starting point, achieves at the very highest standards, develops life-long skills such as independence, confidence, resilience along with the virtues of empathy, kindness and respect.

#### **Our School Structure**

St Dennis Primary Academy has a Headteacher, a Deputy Headteacher who teaches half the week, and a part-time SENCo. We also have five full-time teachers, two part-time teachers, a Nursery Manager and a part-time librarian. In addition, we have sixteen teaching assistants, many of whom are also HLTAs. Every member of staff is key to our teaching and learning team.

All teachers and one of our HLTAs have responsibility for at least one subject area within our rich and diverse curriculum.

We also have a School Secretary and School Administrator.

We are strongly committed to staff development and learning.

### **OFSTED**

Our school was inspected by OFSTED on 2nd February 2023 and was graded as GOOD. Our reports can be viewed on the OFSTED website: <u>St Dennis Primary Academy OFSTED Reports.</u>

### **TPAT**

We are proud to be part of Truro and Penwith Academy Trust (TPAT) and enjoy working collaboratively with our partner schools.

# Safeguarding

TPAT is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff, workers, volunteers, governors and trustees to share this commitment.

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